



CCR&R System Advocacy and Education Do's and Don'ts

How you can help!

Any CCR&R staff member paid through the support of the Illinois Department of Human services funds or any other public source cannot participate in general advocacy activities on agency time. The following chart shows some of the things that you can and cannot do.

| You Can . . . | You Cannot . . . |
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| Offer Action for Children's Public Policy and Advocacy Program contact information to parents or providers who say that they are concerned about child care issues and want to do something about the problems. | Offer information to parents or providers who did not ask for it. |
| Inform parents or providers that registering to and actually casting their vote is the best way to make a difference. | Tell parents or providers for whom or what to vote. |
| Tell parents and providers to write a letter to their legislator thanking them for their work, or telling them about a problem. You can also provide them with a resource to get their legislators' names and addresses. | Tell parents and providers what to say. |
| Advocate by responding to Action for Children's or other advocacy organizations' "Fax Alerts," making phone calls or writing letters on your own time (on breaks, before or after work) as long as you do not use IDHS materials (use a cell phone, your own paper and postage, etc.) | Advocate during work hours or by using IDHS materials (phone, paper, postage). |
| Forward advocacy information to your family and friends or your own child care provider during your non-work time. | Send advocacy information during work hours or by using IDHS materials (phone, paper, postage, etc.) |

For more information about advocating for high quality child care, contact:

Action for Children Public Policy and Advocacy Program

<http://www.actforchildren.org>