



Appendix A: *We Choose Health* Letter of Intent

General Instructions

If you intend to submit a grant application under the *We Choose Health* program, you must first submit this Letter of Intent (LOI). Organizations failing to submit the LOI form by the deadline are ineligible to apply for funding. Note that submitting this form does not obligate you to submit a completed application.

Please fill out **all three** pages completely using Adobe Reader and submit by email to DPH.WeChooseHealth@Illinois.gov, no later than 5 p.m. CDT on Friday, May 18, 2012. You will receive a confirmation via e-mail within two business days. If you do not receive a confirmation, IDPH has not received your Letter of Intent.

Section I: Contact Information

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Type of applicant (check for primary applicant only; may check more than one if applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Health Department | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public School System | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Private School System | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Government | <input type="checkbox"/> University | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Government | | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Organization |
- Specify: _____
- ☐ Hospital or Hospital System
☐ Health Care Foundation
☐ Community Health Care Centers

Section II: About Your Potential Application

1. The proposed project takes place and impacts communities in Illinois *excluding* Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, and Kane counties

☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: If you answered "no," your project is ineligible for this funding opportunity.

2. Please indicate which strategies you are considering for your application. Each menu option applies to one or more categories: Healthy Eating and Active Living; Smoke-free Living; Healthy and Safe Built Environments and Social and Emotional Wellness. Applicants must choose at least one strategy addressing Healthy Eating and Active Living and at least one strategy addressing Smoke-Free Living.

Healthy Eating and Active Living
(must choose at least one)

- ☒ Coordinated School Health
(includes Social & Emotional Wellness)
☐ Baby Friendly Hospitals
☐ Worksite Wellness

Smoke-free Living
(must choose at least one)

- ☐ Smoke-free Multi-unit Housing
☒ Smoke-free Public Places

Healthy and Safe Built Environments

- ☐ Safe Routes to School
☐ Complete Streets
☐ Joint Use Agreements

3. Briefly describe the geographic area your proposed project will impact.

About the Special Education Cooperative: Vermilion Association for Special Education, VASE, is a special education cooperative that serves eleven school districts within Vermilion County. According to Illinois Interactive Report Card, districts are put into categories that describe their urban or rural setting. Six of the districts served are classified as Rural, Distant which is defined as rural territory that is more than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is more than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster. Three of the districts served are considered Rural, Fringe which is defined as rural territory that is less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster. The remaining two district are categorized as Suburb, Small which is defined as territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population less than 100,000. VASE provides a variety of services to students within the districts which include, but are not limited to, Social Work Services, Counseling, and Social Emotional and Behavior Supports. Below is additional information about the students that are served within the member districts.

School District	Total Enrollment	% of students with Disability	% of low income students
Armstrong Ellis #61	92	14.1%	37%
Armstrong Township #225	161	16.1%	30%
Bismarck Henning #1	925	10.1%	29%
Catlin #5	513	11.5%	13%
Georgetown-Ridge Farm #4	1,129	18.5%	62%
Hoopeston #11	1,355	17.9%	61%
Jamaica #12	410	13.9%	39%
Oakwood #76	1,125	10.9%	41%
Potomac #10	159	27.0%	52%
Rossville-Alvin #7	275	25.1%	47%
Westville #2	1,281	20.9%	56%

Description of Vermilion County: Danville is the most urban city within the county with a population of 33,027 according to the U.S. Census Bureau of 2010. In 2009, the American Community Survey the total population Vermilion County was 80,067 (70% urban, 30% rural). According to the Data from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics which was last updated on May 11, 2012, within Vermilion County, the unemployment rate is 9.7%. This county is faced with many factors that impact wellness and wellbeing for the existing population. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services reports that within Vermilion County 31.8% of people are obese, 9% have diabetes, 29.2% of people have high blood pressure, 26% of residents are smokers, 31.2% of people get no exercise, and 84.3% of people eat few fruits or vegetables.


4. IDPH is encouraging applications reflecting broad-based regional collaboration, and will post information about received Letters of Intent on the *We Choose Health* website to help potential partners identify each other. Check this box ONLY if you DO NOT wish information about your Letter of Intent posted: ☐

Note: Even if you check this box, IDPH reserves the right to privately contact you and potential collaborators to encourage joint proposals.

Section III: Authorization

Please include a signature by a member of the applicant organization's executive staff. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

"I hereby authorize my organization to submit this Letter of Intent. I understand that this Letter of Intent in no way obligates my organization to submit a completed proposal."

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Organization	Vermilion Association of Special Education
Signature	
Date	5/15/2012