



## **Illinois Alliance for Sound AIDS Policy (Illinois ASAP) 2018 Application** **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING**

### **About IL ASAP**

Illinois Alliance for Sound AIDS Policy (IL ASAP) is a project of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) to develop, nurture, and support statewide policy and advocacy leaders in Illinois.

IL ASAP exists to increase the number of people involved in HIV advocacy, and build stronger bonds within and between every region of the state. Through IL ASAP, AFC increases AIDS advocacy on behalf of people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS at the local, state and national levels. It is important for our community to enhance relationships with our elected and appointed officials as well as the media so that we may speak truth to power in intelligent, strategic, and effective ways.

Individuals are selected from each region of the state. Participants will be selected based on the answers provided in this application and interviews conducted by AFC staff and IL ASAP members. IL ASAP consists of a diverse group of individuals. All are encouraged to apply regardless of geography, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and mode of HIV transmission.

Participants will be eligible to attend AIDS Watch in Washington, DC, (Spring 2019) where they will get a chance to lobby Congress and their staff about important HIV/AIDS issues at the federal level; they will also participate in a two-day in-person training session in late September 2018 and take part in the 2019 Illinois HIV/AIDS Lobby Days and the 'Speak Up!' Campaign.

### **IL ASAP Requirements**

IL ASAP applicants may be HIV-positive or HIV-negative. Selected participants will not be required to disclose their status to anyone; however they must be willing to engage in outreach and media activities in their area of the state to educate people about HIV/AIDS policy issues and foster advocacy. Participants must have access to and be comfortable with using the internet and email; most IL ASAP communication is done electronically. They must participate in monthly teleconferences and communicate IL ASAP activities to AFC.

### **IL ASAP Benefits to Participants**

Participants of IL ASAP will have a chance to learn about HIV/AIDS policy issues and develop their advocacy and leadership skills. They will leverage their training to speak boldly and powerfully on behalf of other people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS in their region in order to advance sound HIV/AIDS policy and programs.

### **IL ASAP Expectations**

Full participation in all IL ASAP activities is required. Members must commit to a minimum of 8 of 10 monthly phone conference calls. They must agree to use their HIV/AIDS networks to garner participation from consumers, service providers, and other allies to advance sound policy and strive to build the network of local HIV/AIDS advocates. They must attend a two-day training session in September 2018 and commit to at least one of the 2019 Illinois HIV/AIDS Spring Lobby Days. A select group will be invited to attend the 2019 AIDS Watch in Washington, DC in the spring. As representatives of the HIV/AIDS community, participants must always conduct themselves professionally.

**2018 Application Form**

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENATION FROM AN AFFILIATED AGENCY TO COLEMAN GOODE [cgoode@aidschicago.org](mailto:cgoode@aidschicago.org) or fax to (312) 922-0909 by **5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. You may e-mail or call Coleman at (312) 334-0934 with any questions.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am living with HIV (Y N). Number of years: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: This information will be kept confidential)

How open are you about your HIV-status?

- Publicly open (media, speaking engagements)     Open in smaller group discussions  
 Open to friends and family only                       Not open at all

Do you own a computer with internet? Y N

If not, how many days per week do you have access to one? \_\_\_ days per week

Gender: M F Trans Genderqueer Other

Race/Ethnicity (optional): African American Latino White Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: Under 20    20-29    30-39    40-49    50-59    60+

HIV Care/Prevention region (if outside Chicago area): \_\_\_\_\_

Agency affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

I am a (select one or more)     staff member     consumer  
    Board member     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I commit to attend a two-day, in-person training in late September 2018

I commit to attend at least one of the 2019 Illinois HIV/AIDS Lobby Days in Springfield

I commit to participate in conference calls and other Illinois ASAP activities as required.

I commit to spread the knowledge I learn and build advocacy efforts in my region.

I commit to spend a minimum of four hours per month on IL ASAP activities, and commit to report back on those activities to AFC.

I understand that a select group of IL ASAP participants will be invited to attend AIDSWatch in Washington DC (Spring 2019).

I commit to conduct my IL ASAP responsibilities with the utmost professionalism, respect, and courtesy for others.

**Please answer the following questions. Use additional space as needed.**

Please list advocacy activities in which you have participated, such as Springfield HIV/AIDS Lobby Days, AIDSWatch, or any media or public speaking engagements:

Please list HIV community planning groups in which you participate or have participated, and years involved (such as the state prevention community planning group, Ryan White planning council, an agency advisory board, community advisory board, etc.):

Why are you interested in joining IL ASAP?

In your opinion, what is the greatest HIV service need in your community and why?

What unique skills, qualities, or experiences would you bring to IL ASAP?

How would you share the information and skills you learn from IL ASAP?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Completed applications should be emailed to Coleman Goode at AFC no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> at [cgoode@aidschicago.org](mailto:cgoode@aidschicago.org).***