

# COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRASSROOTS

# ADVOCACY DAY

EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, ALBANY, NY | MARCH 4, 2013



## ADVOCACY DAY INSTRUCTIONS

### WHOM TO VISIT FIRST

- Senators and Assemblymembers representing your community, homeless or migrant health center(s)
- Legislators from the area where you live

You must arrange your appointments with your legislators in advance in order to ensure that you will be seen by them.

### WHAT TO DO

- If you don't have an appointment, ask if it is possible to see the legislator.
- If the legislator is not available, ask to meet with the staff in charge of health issues.

### WHAT TO SAY

1. Start with introductions - your name, where you live and the name of the health center(s) you represent.
2. Say you are here for the Community Health Center Grassroots Advocacy Day.
3. Thank the legislator for his/her past support.
4. Explain why your health center is important to you (sharing your personal story may be the most important tool you can use to get support from a legislator).
5. Refer to the "Talking Points" sheet in your packet for important issues to highlight during your meetings.
6. Leave behind a legislative packet.
7. End by thanking him/her for meeting with you!

**ADDITIONAL: If you have time, please drop by and leave information with these offices:**

### THE LEADERS' OFFICES

Assembly	Room	Senate	Room
Speaker, Sheldon Silver (D)	LOB 932	Majority Leader, Dean Skelos (R)	LOB 909
Majority Leader, TBD	LOB 926	Minority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D)	LOB 615
Health Comm. Chair, Dick Gottfried (D)	LOB 822	Health Comm. Chair, Kemp Hannon (R)	CAP 420
Mental Health Comm. Chair, Felix Ortiz (D)	LOB 826	Finance Comm. Chair, John DeFrancisco (R)	CAP 416
Ways and Means Chair, Denny Farrell (D)	LOB 923	Insurance Comm. Chair, James Seward (R)	CAP 430
Insurance Comm. Chair, Joseph Morelle (D)	LOB 716		

- Sign your name in the guest book and write "Support community health centers."

### FINAL NOTES

- Fill out your Constituent Visit Report Form and return it to CHCANYS Staff at the Registration table.
- Remember that part of our success is BEING SEEN! Be sure to place your sticker or button prominently.
- BE FRIENDLY, even on the crowded elevators. (You can always use the stairs).
- Enjoy yourself and remember - the Legislators are here to represent YOU!