

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

State Affiliate Report Form for 2012-2013

Name of Organization ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches In Action

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Highlights of Legislative Activity

Testified and lobbied against the transportation, sampling, exhibits, and contests for homemade, fermented beverages at private residences or on licensed premises. Testified and lobbied against several bills to expand video gambling in social clubs, OTB Parlors, and create exemptions for alcohol establishments located closer than 100 feet from a church or school. Lobbied against a massive expansion of gambling that included Internet gambling and 13 more casinos. Opposed the legalization of marijuana as medicine.

Highlights of Educational Activity

Exhibited educational materials at denominational conferences and Wellness Fairs. Sponsored an Alcohol Awareness Month Poster Contest and the Interfaith Youth Prevention Retreat. Provided educational information and resources to community activists, Pastors, and municipal officials about the harm of video gambling. E-mailed articles about the harm of alcohol, marijuana and gambling to State Legislators and the Governor. Wrote letters and sent packets of information to Mayors and Aldermen in support of a retaining a ban on video gambling machines and banning video gambling parlors.

Other Highlights

(Major emphasis, special projects and/or noteworthy events)

Set up a display in the State Capitol in April for Alcohol Awareness Month. Displayed winning entries from the Alcohol Awareness Month Poster Contest and educational brochure, stickers, and key chains with the message, "Don't Drink Drugs, Alcohol is a Drug".

Listing of Original Materials Produced

(Books, pamphlets, AV's etc.; list item, description, price)

ILCAAAP NEWS; Video Gambling: A Bad Bet brochure; A New Kind of Casino; Action Alerts on alcohol, marijuana, and gambling issues. Wrote Letters to the Editor and Op-Ed pieces for publication in 100+ newspapers.

Areas of Expertise

(Technical assistance you can share with ACAP affiliates)

Expertise on gambling issues, youth, and parents.