

BDAI's Annual Legislative Advocacy Day

At the Illinois State Capitol

Sunday April 22 - Monday April 23, 2018



As many of you may know, this year our Statewide Family Education Weekend will be taking place in Springfield, Illinois. What better opportunity than to take full advantage of our time in the state capitol and stand up for bleeding disorders. All are welcome to join us on April 22nd – 23rd for our 2018 Advocacy Days.

If you are already attending Statewide, please let us know if you would like to stay for this event and we will book you for another night at the hotel. Please note that you DO NOT need to attend Statewide to participate in our Advocacy Days. You can just come down on Sunday for training and the Capitol visits on Monday.

BDAI's annual Legislative Advocacy Day empowers individuals in the Illinois bleeding disorders community to impact the legislative process. Join us to:

- Meet face-to-face with lawmakers and staff who shape statewide healthcare policy
- Become more informed on critical issues that affect your continued access to quality care
- Learn effective grassroots advocacy techniques

We will be discussing what it means to lobby a legislator or representative and then practice a meeting before we actually make our legislative visits – in groups, not by yourself. You will be educated and provided with materials about key issues. You will understand these points and be given the information you need so that you can comfortably and effectively share this information with legislators.

Please plan to wear business attire, although a suit is not required, and refrain from wearing clothing with company logos. Bring anything you have used to explain bleeding disorders in less than 5 minutes to legislators, i.e. personal stories, photos, etc. Children are a great way to personalize your story and are more than welcome at this event.

RSVP with BDAI to be take part in this empowering event!
*All participants **MUST** attend the training on Sunday night*

Tentative Agenda

Sunday, April 22, 2018

For those of you attending Statewide, we will arrange a fun activity before training begins.

3:00PM – Arrive at Northfield Inn & Suites

4:00 PM – Welcome and Overview

4:00 PM – Legislative Advocacy Training

6:00 PM – Dinner

Monday, April 23, 2018

7:30 AM – Breakfast

8:30 AM – Depart to Capitol

9:00 AM – Arrive At Team Meeting Room

9:15 AM – Legislative Visits

12:00 PM - Re-group At Team Meeting Room for Group Photo

12:30 PM – Observation of Legislature in Session

1:00 PM – Depart Springfield

Rooms will be available at the:

Northfield Inn & Suites
3280 Northfield Dr
Springfield, IL 62702

Please RSVP by calling
312-427-1495 by March 28th.
BDAI staff will make hotel
reservations and provide you
with a confirmation number.