

Illinois Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Advocacy Day 2024

Duration: 180 minutes w/ Q & A

Date: Thursday April 11, 2023

Program Description:

Join your public policy team for a virtual Advocacy Day for updates on current nutrition policy that can directly affect you and your profession. Learn how you can play a supporting role in moving nutrition policy through state legislation, and be the best policy advocate for you, your peers and your profession.

Learning Objectives:

- Members will be able to define the different levels of policy, and how the National and State academy affiliates support members in different policy levels.
- Members will become familiar with Grassroots policy and will be able to identify important Illinois state legislation that directly impacts the Dietetics profession.
- Members will know how to effectively answer the Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Policy Call of Action, Action Alerts when necessary.
- Members will gain knowledge on the status of our current State Licensure Law, telehealth law, and proposed/current legislation and how to support advocacy.
- Members will be able to demonstrate skills in meeting with state representatives.

Performance Indicators:

3.2.1 Advocates for, and participates in, activities that support advancement of the profession.

3.2.2 Participates in professional and personal development activities for career growth and skill enhancement.

3.2.3 Pursues and embraces opportunities to advance practice.

3.2.5 Educates the employer and the public on the role and the benefits of receiving care or services from an RDN and NDTR.

3.2.6 Communicates with policymakers to influence decisions that impact advancement of the profession.

3.2.7 Contributes to the development and revision of government policies.

4.1.3 Aligns work with organization policies, strategic plan and mission statement.

12.1.3 Collaborates with community partners and stakeholders in promoting nutritional health and disease prevention.

Agenda:

9:00-9:10 AM (10 minutes)

- Welcome Message
 - Speaker: Charlyn Fargo Ware, IAND President

9:10-10:00 AM (49 minutes)

Introduction of Public Policy Panel

- Public Policy Coordinators
 - Speaker: Amy Moore
 - Overview of the Positions role in the Public Policy Panel
 - Federal Policy and Key Issues
 - ANDPAC
- House of Delegates
 - Speaker: Amy Moore
 - Overview of the positions role on the Public Policy Panel.
- State Policy Representatives
 - Speakers: Rebecca Ilic
 - Grassroots Policy
 - Overview of the positions role on the Public Policy Panel.
- Consumer Protection Coordinators
 - Speaker: Amy Moore
 - Overview of the positions role on the Public Policy Panel.
- State Regulatory Specialists
 - Speaker: Amy Moore
 - Overview of the positions role on the Public Policy Panel.
- Nutrition Services Payment Specialists
 - Speaker: Amy Moore
 - Overview of the positions role on the Public Policy Panel.

10:00-10:30 AM (30 minutes)

- Q & A session with our lobbyist partners.
 - Speakers: David Ormsby and Andrew Kretschmar

10:30-10:45 AM (15 minutes)

- Break

11:00-11:50 AM (50 minutes)

- Federal Update, MNT Act, and the implications for Illinois.
 - Speaker: Lisa Eaton Wright

11:30-11:50 AM (20 minutes)

- Illinois State Licensure

- Current Proposed Legislation examples
- Advocacy Resources and Key State Policy issues
- Resources to meet with your representatives
 - Speaker: Rebecca Ilic

11:50-12:00 PM (10 minutes)

- Q & A Panel/ Closing Statements
 - Panelist: Rebecca Ilic, Lisa Eaton Wright, Amy Moore, David Ormsby, and Andrew Kretschmar

Speaker Bios:

Amy Moore MS RDN LDN CLS

Amy Moore is a Clinical Dietitian and Certified Lactation Specialist who is currently employed with Cook County Health and Hospital Systems working with Mothers, Babies, and Children in the Neonatal ICU, Pediatric ICU, and Perinatal Unit. She has recently completed her Master's Degree in Applied Nutrition through Northeastern University in Boston focusing on Business and Entrepreneur in Nutrition. Amy previously held a management role as a Site Supervisor with the CEDA WIC and Family Case Management program, educating low-income, high-risk families about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Amy is an active member of the Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics currently volunteering as the Co-Public Policy Coordinator, and is the Chicago Academy's President. Amy was also recognized by IAND as the 2019 Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year award.

Rebecca Ilic, MS RD LDN

Rebecca Ilic has been a dietitian for 18 years, is currently the Director of Clinical Nutrition at the University of Chicago Medicine. She has been in leadership for 12 years, received her undergraduate at The Ohio State University in Medical Dietetics and her Masters in Clinical Nutrition from Rush University. Rebecca grew up in the Northwest Chicago suburbs with a passion for improving accessibility and quality of healthcare. She has served as both Regional and System Clinical Nutrition Manager roles mentoring other hospital leadership teams. A few of her successes have been improving patient satisfaction scores through the nutrition and quality of food served, improving the identification of malnutrition, developing pressure injury/wound, and ERAS protocols. She has been an active member of IAND, participating in Advocacy Day and Public Policy week. She is excited to be continuing her fourth year volunteering as the State Public Policy Representative.

Charlyn Fargo Ware, MS, RDN, LDN

Charlyn Fargo Ware is a registered dietitian in the Culinary Medicine Department and General Internal Medicine Department at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She received her master's degree in Nutrition from Eastern Illinois University and two bachelor's degrees (food and communication) from the University of Illinois-Champaign. She enjoys teaching nutrition at the University of Illinois-Springfield and Lincoln Land Community College as well as in the community. She is president of the FBI Springfield Citizens Academy, on the board for the U of I College of ACES (Urbana-Champaign) representing Region 5, secretary-treasurer for the Illinois Association of County Fairs which represents 103 county fairs in the state and CPI board member of IAND. She grew up on a farm in central Illinois. She and her husband, Brad, have two children and a 1-year-old grandson.

Lisa Eaton Wright, MS, RD, LDN

Lisa Eaton Wright is the Director of Consumer Protection and Licensure at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Her experiences range from clinician to adjunct professor to wellness and Wellbeing manager to content expert for WebMD.