



## Illinois State Board of Education

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### Nutrition and Wellness Division Listserv

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#### **Award Opportunities -- Health and Wellness for Children**

##### **Robin A. Orr Community Partnership Award**

The Illinois Interagency Nutrition Council (INC) will honor a variety of programs/activities that work with youth Preschool to 6th Grade in public or non-public schools or afterschool settings, such as:

- Head Start/Child Care programs
- Positive in classroom activities
- School Wellness Initiatives
- Afterschool programs
- School Garden Activities
- School Meal Enhancements

If you are interested in applying, please send one photograph per class/program that promotes healthy eating, physical activity and wellness. The council would also like to receive a written description of your program, including information related to program goals, activities or education, and impact of the program. Limit the description to one page total and submit only one submission per school district. Please include the following information:

- Name of the program
- Contact person name, email address and phone number
- Age of those served by your program

E-mail the photo, 1 page description and contact information to: Mary Warren at [maryellenihc@yahoo.com](mailto:maryellenihc@yahoo.com), by March 20, 2015.

##### **Smart from the Start Awards**

The Smart from the Start Awards are designed to encourage preschool teachers to create practical, long-term improvements in nutrition and physical activity at their preschool.

Explain how you plan on promoting lifelong healthy habits at your preschool or Head Start Center and you could win cash grants and more!

## Grand Prize

- \$20,000 grant for the preschool
- Prize pack of books

## 10 Runners-Up

- \$2,500 grant
- Prize pack of books

Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2015 at 7pm CST.

Please click here to apply: <http://www.togethercounts.com/sfts/awards>. Also, available in Spanish: <http://es.togethercounts.com/>.