



## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**

### **WHAT IS ICAN!?**

ICAN! stands for Illinois Contraceptive Access Now, a 5-year statewide initiative to advance reproductive equity by improving the quality and coverage of contraceptive care at community health centers. ICAN! is working to close the contraceptive coverage gap in Illinois by supporting federal qualify health centers to become Quality Hubs that provide high-quality, patient-centered contraceptive care at low or no cost. The ICAN! initiative is currently completing its Demonstration Year (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021).

### **WHAT IS THE ICAN! COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD?**

The ICAN! Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a group of community members who provide community information and guidance to the ICAN! team. The CAB informs the ICAN! team about issues and concerns within the community around improving the quality of contraceptive care to members of the ICAN! focus population. The ICAN! CAB is made up of individuals who are passionate about health equity and contraceptive access. Youth and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 represent 50% of the CAB membership.

### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE ICAN! COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD?**

The CAB serves as a liaison between the community and the ICAN! team by providing vital insights into the specific reproductive and sexual needs and concerns of communities. CAB members also provide ICAN! with key community insights around the design and implementation of the ICAN! initiative. CAB members bring the following expertise:

1. Share their community's unique history around reproductive and sexual health care and access. Offer critical perspectives around quality contraceptive care, in particular.
2. Informs the ICAN! team of important community values and norms.
3. Is a critical voice and provides an important community perspective.
4. Helps inform decisions of the ICAN! team about the ICAN! initiative.
5. Enthusiastically promotes the ICAN! initiative within their community through regular sharing on social networks and through word of mouth.
6. Represents the needs and concerns of the community.

### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME AN ICAN! CAB MEMBER?**

CAB members are required to make a one-year commitment to being an ICAN! Community Advisory Board member. After one year, there is an opportunity for CAB members to continue their role through invitation from the Community Engagement Director. The ICAN! Community Advisory Board meets monthly. All CAB members are required to attend a foundational webinar on the Reproductive Justice theory and framework. As an ICAN! CAB member, you will have access to a wealth of educational opportunities.

ICAN! believes community members make an invaluable contribution to the initiative. In appreciation for your participation, ICAN! CAB members receive an honorarium of \$600 for their participation.

Additional CAB member tasks include:

- Review and providing key input on educational and training materials.
- Participating in periodic patient evaluation initiatives.
- Review updates to the ICAN! website and other social media.
- Providing feedback on various other aspects of the ICAN! initiative.

CAB members must make a commitment to support the project from the beginning to the end of their term on the Community Advisory Board. CAB members are also asked to:

- Help recruit future CAB members from within the communities they represent.
- Assist in sharing information with their community by regularly sharing updates and news about ICAN! via their social media networks and through word of mouth.
- Get the community informed and excited about expanding access to quality contraceptive care across Illinois.
- Complete an exit survey of their experience on the CAB after completing their term.

If you are interested in serving on the ICAN! Community Advisory Board [click here](#) to complete and submit your application online. For more information, please contact Dr. Toni M. Bond, ICAN! Community Engagement Director at: [tbond@alliancechicago.org](mailto:tbond@alliancechicago.org).