



2004 Award Winner

Innovative Training and Technical Assistance

Illinois Board of Education Springfield, Illinois

Preparing institutions for pre-operational visits and assisting current institutions with meeting program requirements was the goal of our 2004 award winner for “Innovative Training and Technical Assistance.”

Each month, the agency offers free training to prospective and existing institutions at locations throughout the state.

Institutions are encouraged to include any staff member who actively manages their Program. Additionally, institutions that fail to comply with program requirements, as evidenced by an administrative review finding, or who have been designated seriously deficient in their management of the Program are required to attend.

Implementing a flexible training schedule with an online registration process has enabled attendees to participate in trainings at their convenience. The sessions emphasize that institutions must be viable, capable, and accountable. In particular, participants study: Household Income Eligibility, application approval, menu planning and meal patterns, the seriously deficient process, and record keeping.

The 2004 award for “Innovative Training and Technical Assistance” is presented to the Illinois Board of Education.