

## **Kathy Drea**

### **American Lung Association of Illinois**

Kathy Drea has worked for the American Lung Association of Illinois, as the Director of Public Policy, since 1997. Ms. Drea's major achievements in public policy include:

- Illinois legislation to ban self-service displays of single packs of cigarettes, effective January 1, 2005. All single packs of cigarettes must be stored behind a counter, accessible only by sales clerks.
- Coordination of an Illinois statewide campaign to increase the cigarette tax by \$.40/pack. The law was effective July 1, 2002.
- Since the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement, Ms. Drea has lobbied to allocate over \$150 million to tobacco prevention and cessation programs throughout Illinois.
- Coordination of a statewide effort to reverse the preemption clause in the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act. This was a multi-year project which passed in 2005. This new law, which took effect January 1, 2006 gave municipalities authority to regulate smoking in public places.
- Ms. Drea supported and worked in a leadership position in 60 local smoke free campaigns.
- Ms. Drea coordinated the successful 2007 statewide effort to pass the Smoke Free Illinois Act, a comprehensive smoke free workplace law including restaurants, bars, private clubs and casinos.
- Ms. Drea was the Project Director for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Tobacco Policy Change grant "Smoke Free Illinois".
- Received the Illinois Public Health Association's Excellence in Public Health Policy Award, 2006.
- Received the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors "2006 Joseph W. Cullen Award for Outstanding Contributions to Chronic Disease Prevention and Control".
- Received the "Protect Local Control 2006" award from the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights for her successful efforts to return the authority to municipalities and counties to regulate smoking in public places.
- Received the Congress of Lung Association Staff Excellence in Advocacy Award 2008.