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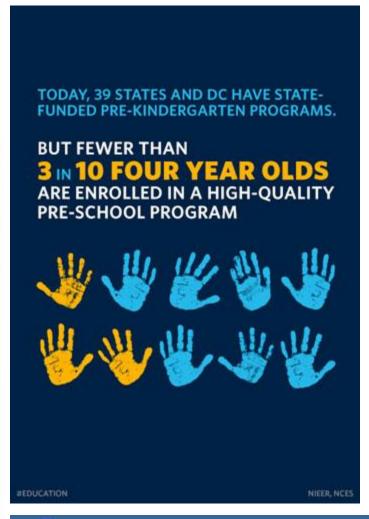
#### Birth Through Third Grade (B-3) Alignment in Illinois

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#### **Federal Vision**



- PDG strengthens state capacity to develop and expand highquality preschool programs
- Aligns to federal goal to serve all four-year olds from lowand moderate-income families nationwide
- Part of a comprehensive approach with EHS, HS and CCDBG



### Illinois Early Learning Priorities

Of children with high needs, by 2016:

•65% have at least 1 yr high quality\* early learning services

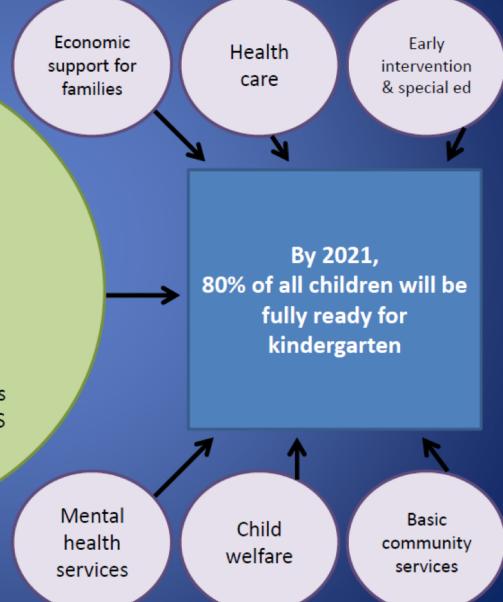
- •40% have at least 2 yrs
- •10% have 5 full years

\*Gold Circle in ExceleRate Illinois

#### AND

•50% of all licensed child care centers achieve above Licensed Circle in QRIS

•25% achieve Gold Circle



#### Illinois' Preschool Expansion

- Illinois will receive an \$80 million federal investment over four years
- 25 grantees statewide
- State match requirement





#### IL Birth Through Third Grade (B-3) Continuity







Develop a strategic plan for the B-3 Initiative

# **Community Processes**

Engage community stakeholders or partner with existing partnerships

Conduct an environmental scan and community needs assessment

Design vision and mission statements for the B-3 Initiative

Set B-3 goals and outcomes

Identify B-3 Strategies to achieve set goals



#### **B-3 Strategies**



## **B-3 Continuity Project**

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#### **CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Community Self-Assessment**

- Community Level Collaborative Capacity
  - Who is doing B-3/Early Learning work in your community?
- Community Status
  - What does data say about your community?
- Status of B-3 Strategies
  - Strategies both within primary organization and community-wide
- Action Plan
  - Prioritization of strategies
  - Defined measures
  - Existing Communities Due 8/15/17 (online)

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#### Thank you for joining us!

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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