



B-3 Continuity Project



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Welcome

- **Jenny Metcalf**, Principal Consultant; Illinois State Board of Education
- **Lori Orr**, Preschool Expansion Policy Implementation Director; Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development

Federal Vision

TODAY, 39 STATES AND DC HAVE STATE-FUNDED PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

BUT FEWER THAN

3 IN 10 FOUR YEAR OLDS
ARE ENROLLED IN A HIGH-QUALITY
PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM



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

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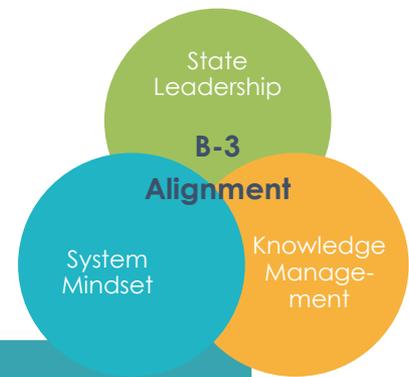
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B-3 Continuity Project: Maintaining the Momentum



B-3 CONTINUITY PROJECT – ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVERVIEW

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A state team of CSEP, ISBE and OECD staff design B-3 Continuity Project supports and draft a B-3 Community Self-Assessment Laying the foundation for the B-3 Community of Practice, the inaugural B-3 Summer Institute takes place, hosting 48 systems builders representing 7 PDG-E communities from across Illinois. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL adopted eight core strategies towards the State's goals of expanding and aligning high quality early learning and K-12 school systems <u>B-3 Continuity Project website</u> developed to house resources for each of the eight core strategies <u>B-3 Community Self-Assessment and Action Planning Guide</u> was developed to help communities develop plans around B-3 alignment Site visits to the first cohort of Expansion programs – visits helped connect local community stakeholder groups, prioritize common goals, and flag barriers for systems building efforts Networking and training worked to fill gaps between existing initiatives to address alignment across systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practices overviews developed for each of the eight B-3 strategies of focus in the project <u>B-3rd Continuity Overview webinar</u> created for use in on-boarding new communities 13 Preschool Expansion Programs received Technical assistance – Assistance included but was not limited to role creation supports, facilitation of peer mentoring and networking, strategic planning assistance One-on-one outreach and offering of TA to 24 newly funded state PFAE programs 4 professional development opportunities provided serving 474 individuals – two of these were in a webinar format and had 99 views* within three months following the original recording The <u>B-3 Continuity Project webpage hosted materials</u> and co-sponsored events to support programs in applying and re-applying for Early Childhood Block Grant funding (740 views*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP) Training webpage was developed to house materials from all DAP trainings – this includes a highly requested video recording on DAP training and complimentary training guide (357 views*) <u>Two KIDS Early Learning (EL) Instrument Crosswalk documents</u> were developed. One utilizing 14 state required measures and one demonstrating alignment for the 29 measures included in the KIDS Five Readiness Domains. 12 other professional development opportunities were offered serving 417 participants and 120 follow-up views of recorded trainings – these trainings included a webinar provided jointly with Illinois' KIDS team to provide support around the first release of statewide KIDS data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Birth-Third Grade Continuity Project: Looking Back Moving Forward</u> report (220 views*) <u>Community Self-Assessment</u> received a refresh and update of content <u>Supporting and Evaluating Developmentally Appropriate Practices (AA3021)</u>, an Administrators Academy, was developed in collaboration with the Illinois KIDS team – the academy is available in conjunction with the B-3 Continuity Conference and will be offered from KIDS coaches throughout the 2019-2020 school year A B-3 Community of Practice event hosted 129 preschool administrators and family support specialists – this event focused on the importance of family engagement and provided an opportunity for networking across the state.
B-3 Conference Attendees: 48 Communities: 10	B-3 Conference Attendees: 75 Communities: 13 Website: 201 views*	B-3 Conference Attendees: 111 Communities: 20 Website: 879 views*	B-3 Conference Attendees: 154 Communities: 24 Website: 1,692 views*	B-3 Conference Over 180 Registered
B-3 Project Website: n/a	B-3 Project Website: 324 views*	B-3 Project Website: 2,323 views*	B-3 Project Website: 3,712 views*	
Communities receiving funding and eligible for B-3 Continuity Project Supports				
PDG-E: 25	PDG-E: 25	PDG-E: 25 PFAE: 24 Total: 49	PDG-E: 29 PFAE: 54 Total: 83	PDG-E: 29 PFAE: 61 Total: 90
*The number of page views represents the unique number of views a page had during the indicated calendar year.				



Birth-Through-Third Grade (B-3) Continuity Project & Conference Overview

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B-3 Strategies



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A photograph of a child reading a book, overlaid with a teal semi-transparent banner. The book's pages are visible, showing colorful illustrations and text. The child's legs in blue pants and a red and white checkered shirt are also visible. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

BIRTH-TO-THIRD GRADE CONTINUITY PROJECT: LOOKING BACK MOVING FORWARD

REFLECTING ON THE FIRST FOUR YEARS

<https://education.illinoisstate.edu/csep/b3/B3-Report.php>

Conference Goals

- Celebrate the many accomplishments
- Explore resources across the field
- Network with peers
- Go deep with your team to carry the work forward



Conference Announcements

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