

**Illinois Birth Through Third Grade Continuity Conference  
June 13, 14 & 15, 2016**

**Bone Student Center at Illinois State University**

**MONDAY, JUNE 13**

- 1:00 PM      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Kelley Washington, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development  
Cindy Zumwalt, Division Administrator, Early Childhood Division, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- 1:15 PM      **Birth Through Third Grade (B-3) Alignment in Illinois Communities**  
Bryan Stokes, Preschool Expansion Policy Director, Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development; and Jenny Metcalf, Principal Consultant, ISBE  
*Overview:* Genesis of B-3 priority areas and position within the state
- 1:30 PM      **Embracing the Birth Through Third Grade Learning Continuum**  
Elizabeth Rothkopf, Birth Through Third Grade Director, Center for the Study of Education Policy (CSEP), Illinois State University (ISU)  
*Overview:* Conference goals, introductions, and discussion of the common B-3 approaches
- 2:30 PM      **Break**
- 2:45 PM      **IL State Supports for Community Systems Development**  
Joanna Su, Community Systems and Capacity Building Manager, Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development  
*Overview:* State's community systems development efforts across funding streams and their relation to B-3 work
- 3:30 PM      **Self-Study for B-3 Continuity**  
Elizabeth Rothkopf, Birth Through Third Grade Director, CSEP and B-3 Team  
*Overview:* Explore ways that B-3 work relates to your program, school or community wide goals and those of local early childhood collaborations
- 4:30 PM      **Reflections**
- 5:00 PM      **Join us for Happy Hour (cash bar) at the Marriott followed by dinner on your own**  
(list of recommended restaurants in folder)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 14

- 8:30 AM      **Supported Transitions for Children and Families: World Café Style**  
Kristy Seibert, CPC Coordinator, Sugar Creek Elementary School, Normal and Ericka Williams, Early Childhood Program Manager, Catholic Charities Head Start, Joliet  
*Overview:* Strategies for supporting transitions for across the early learning continuum for children and families
- 9:30 AM      **Community Partnerships for Comprehensive Services**  
Melissa Mitchell, Executive Director, IL Federation for Community Schools and Trish Rooney, Director of SPARK Aurora Early Childhood Collaboration  
*Overview:* Relationship building between schools, programs, and service providers to marshal assets, expertise and partnerships
- 10:30 AM      **Break**
- 10:45 AM      **Observational Assessments and the KIDS**  
Phyllis Bliven, Principal Consultant, and Lynn Burgett, KIDS Implementation Consultant, ISBE; and Amanda Dykstra, PreK-5 Math and Science Coordinator, Valley View School District 365  
*Overview:* The case for formative assessment as an authentic measure of student growth and strategies for alignment across multiple grade levels
- 12:00 PM      **Lunch on Your Own at Bone Center** (list of restaurants in folder)  
***Lunch for new participants and arrival/registration of returning B-3 teams***
- 1:00 PM      **Welcome, Overview and Introduction for Returning B-3 teams**  
Elizabeth Rothkopf, Birth Through Third Grade Director, CSEP and B-3 Team
- 1:15 PM      **KEYNOTE: Pottstown Early Action for Kindergarten Readiness (PEAK) as a B-3 Model**  
Dr. Jeff Sparagana, Superintendent, Pottstown PA
- 2:15 PM      **Parent Leadership: Schools and Programs Ready for Children and Families**  
Jeff Sparagana; Tracy Occomy and Graciela Suarez, Senior Organizers, Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) & Nohemi Perez, COFI Parent Leader; Sarai Coba, Researcher in Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
*Overview:* Providing a meaningful and supported environment that supports parents as leaders; strategies for supported transitions between programs and schools
- 3:15 PM      **Wrap Up & Review**
- 3:30 PM      ***Departure of new participants***
- 3:45 PM      **Self-Study for B-3 Collaborations**  
B-3 State Support Team facilitates structured work time for returning B-3 teams
- 4:45 PM      **Reflections**
- 5:30 PM      **Join us for Happy Hour (cash bar) at the Marriott followed by dinner on your own** (list of recommended restaurants in folder)

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15**

### **8:30 AM Play-Based Learning in the Early Grades**

Peggy Ondera, Early Learning Director, U-46; Julie Kallenbach, KIDS Implementation Consultant, ISBE

*Overview:* Strategies for aligning ambitious standards, curriculum, instruction and assessments so that they create an engaging early learning curriculum

### **9:30 AM Data Driven Improvement Across the B-3 Continuum**

Andy Krugly, Vice President of Education and Program Operations, Chicago Commons and Amanda Stein, Senior Research Associate, Ounce of Prevention Fund

*Overview:* Creating systems and environments where student data is regularly and openly discussed to both guide student learning and in the aggregate to improve community outcomes

### **10:30 AM Break**

### **10:45 AM Planning for Joint Professional Development of Staff**

Linda Hamburg, Professional Development Coordinator, and Anna Jerabak, Professional Development Facilitator, Erikson Institute; and Diana Rosenbrock, Professional Development Coordinator, Collaboration for Early Childhood

*Overview:* The value of bringing staff from different grades and disciplines together for learning and planning; strategies for creating B-3 learning hubs

### **12:00 PM Lunch on Your Own at Bone Center (list of restaurants in folder)**

### **1:00 PM Community Team Share-Outs, Problem of Practice, Planning**

### **2:30 PM Wrap-up & Review**

### **3:00 PM *Departure of B-3 teams***