



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

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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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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

Economic support for families

Health care

Early intervention & special ed

By 2021,
80% of all children will be fully ready for kindergarten

Mental health services

Child welfare

Basic community services

Illinois' Preschool Expansion

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



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IL Birth Through Third Grade (B-3) Continuity



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Community Processes

Develop a strategic plan for the B-3 Initiative

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



Access Resources & Learn More!

CSEP Newsletter

<http://education.illinoisstate.edu/csep/b3/>

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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)



Thank you for joining us!

QUESTIONS?

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