# Technical Assistance for Communities

Support for Early Childhood Block Grant FY19 Re-competition

December 2017

# Agenda

10am Welcome and Introductions; Review of the agenda;

Housekeeping

Overview of RFP submission details and components: PFA

and PFAE

**Prevention Initiative** 

11am Budget and program structure

11:45am Collaborative planning and community systems

12:30 Lunch – secure lunch to eat during the next work session

Risk and Reach: IECAM

1pm Risk and Reach: IECAM

1:30pm Topical Breakout Sessions

3pm Team Time/Individual Questions

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# RFP Details: PFA and PFAE

- Due January 12<sup>th</sup>, by 4pm
- Hard copy submission, with the complete application on a USB drive included in the envelope
- RFP submission requires you complete the notice of intent, the link for which is found on isbe.net, under each RFP type
- Ensure you are using all files related to the submission: the RFP, the attachments PDF, the rubric.
- ISBE Technical Assistance webinars: view the recorded ISBE webinars for more details on the application process

# RFP Details: PFA and PFAE

- Five year grant cycle
- Grant period will begin no sooner than July 1, 2018, extend from start until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Years two through four contingent on funding
- There is no expectation of another grant competition in the five years of this grant making cycle – apply now if you want to deliver these services
- Funding amounts:
  - PFA
  - PFAE
- Requirements related to GATA, DUNS and SAM are found on page 2-3 of the RFP document

### Purpose of the PFA/PFAE Grant

- Preschool for All (PFA) and Preschool for All Expansion (PFAE) focus on providing high-quality educational programs for children who are determined to be at risk of academic failure
- The competitive grant is for programs to implement Preschool for All or Preschool for All Expansion beginning in FY 19
- The grant period will begin no sooner than July 1, 2018, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2019
- Funding in the four subsequent years will be contingent upon state grantmaking rules, a sufficient appropriation for the program, and satisfactory progress in the preceding grant period

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# **ECBG Funding Priorities**

- Prioritizing high-need communities
- Serving more children from priority populations
- Increasing the number of slots that meet the Preschool Expansion model (full-day, comprehensive services)
- Encouraging/supporting community collaborations
- Building birth to third-grade continuum of highquality services



### **Funding Priorities**

- First priority: Applicants that propose to serve primarily children who have been identified as being at risk of academic failure
- For purposes of this RFP, "programs serving primarily at risk children" are defined as those programs which:
  - Have 80% or more of the enrolled children identified as at risk;
  - Prioritize at risk students over those not at risk when making enrollment decisions; and
  - Have taken specific, proactive measures to ensure that parents/guardians of potentially at risk children in the community are aware of the opportunity for preschool education through the program.



# Program Specifics

#### **PFA**

 Minimum of 165 student attendance days per year

#### PFAE

- Minimum of 165 student attendance days per year
- 75% or more of the children who are enrolled must be 4 years old by September 1st and at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

  Children have multiple risk factors or 1 highest priority selection factor.
- The highest priority selection factors for the program are:
  - Homelessness, child welfare involvement, disability (child has Individual Education Plan [IEP] for more than itinerant speech services or has been referred for special education evaluation), and family income at or below 50% of the FPL.
  - Remaining children are 3 or 4 years old and are prioritized by the highest risk factors.

### PFAE Grant - Additional Required Components

- Full day and full school year (1st grade equivalent)
- Qualified staff and salary parity
- Recruitment of the most at-risk
- Birth to 3rd Grade alignment
- Comprehensive services
  - Medical and Dental Homes
  - Collaborative Partnerships
  - Mental Health Services

- Instructional leadership
- Family Support
  - Family assessment
  - Resource Referral
  - Goal Setting
  - Follow-up and documentation
- Family Engagement
  - Parent Advisory Council
  - Family Education Opportunities



# RFP Narrative and Program Components

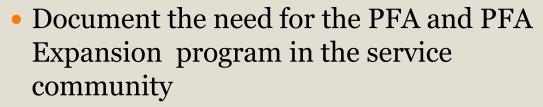
With Reference to Attachments for Submission

# Review Rubric Component 1: Population to be Served

#### Statement of Need (PFA/E: Attachment 6, PI: Attachment 2A

- Use IECAM data:
  - Applicants must refer to the Community Demographics and Ranking Document found on the Early Childhood Division RFP webpage under FY 19 RFP resources before developing and submitting proposals. This document must be used when referring to "Population to be Served."
- Community Characteristics: Consider the list of potential community characteristics to cover in the Statement of Need.
- Head Start: Discuss need for PFA or PFAE in relation to Head Start or other similar services in the community. Also include the number of children served by HS and how the services will not be duplicated.
- Priority Populations: Demonstrate how you are serving priority populations, as defined in the RFP

#### Statement of Need



- Need must be based on current statistical, demographic, or descriptive information regarding the community in which the families and children reside
- A list of possible community characteristics to be used in the description are listed in the RFP



# **ISBE Priority Populations**

# **Highest Priority Populations:**

- Children from homeless families
- Children involved in the child welfare system
- Children with developmental delays and disabilities
- Children from families below 50% FPL

#### **Additional Priority Populations:**

- Children from families below 100% FPL
- Primary caregiver did not complete high school/No GED
- Teen parent at birth of first child
- Child was born outside of the United States or has one or more parent or caregiver born outside of the United States
- Parent or caregiver primarily speaks a language other than English at home
- Active duty military family
- Screening indicates delays in development but no referral to special education at this time
- Child has not previously participated in a formal early learning program

Communities may identify additional risk factors to apply to their weighted eligibility criteria.



Review Rubric Component 1: Population to be Served

# **Population to be Served** (PFA/E Attachment 7, PI Attachment 2B)

- Comprehensive recruitment strategy
- Estimated number of children to be served
- Specific geographic areas served

PFAE must specifically address:

Seeking out and serving children with special needs

# Review Rubric Component 2: Quality of Proposed Program

### Preschool for All/Expansion (PFA/E):

- RFP Program Components 1-4 & 7
- Attachments for Submission 8-11 & 14

### Prevention Initiative (PI):

- RFP Program Components 1-7
- Attachments for Submission 3-9

# Review Rubric Component 2: Quality of Proposed Program

# **Screening to determine risk status** (Program Component 1, PFA/E Attachment 8, PI Attachment 3)

· Goal: Illinois' neediest children will be identified and served.

#### Meets Standards (Both PFA/E):

- Criteria on research based screening instrument to determine "at-risk"
- Family interview, in native language, to obtain a summary of the child's health history and social development and may include questions about the parent's education level, employment, income and age; the number of children in the household; and the number of school-aged siblings experiencing academic difficulty.
- Vision and hearing screening
- Process for written parental permission & sharing info with families
- Home language survey (SDs only)
- Teaching staff involved and screening results available to teaching staff
- Weighted eligibility criteria addressing priority populations and community based risk factors
- No exclusion for not being toilet trained
- Actively seek out and enroll children with special needs.

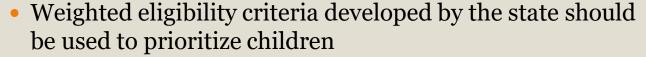
# Screening

PFA Expansion applicants must provide a description of the procedures to be used to screen all children and their families to determine their need for services. Must include:

- Research based screening instrument
- Parent interview
- Vision and hearing screening
- Parental permission
- Home language survey
- Teaching staff involved and screening results available to teaching staff
- Community based risk factors
- No exclusion for not being toilet trained



# Screening



- Additional factors selected should reflect the community to be served
- Children must have multiple risk factors or one highest priority selection factor;
- Proof of family income to determine eligibility and priority points
- Actively seek out and enroll children with special needs.



# Review Rubric Component 2: Quality of Proposed Program

#### Educational Program (PFA/E Program Component 2, Attachment 9)

• Goal: Preschool children will show gains in all developmental areas, including literacy, cognitive, social, and emotional development.

#### Meets Standards (Both PFA/E):

- □ Facility information
- □ Aligned with COMPREHENSIVE IELDS (don't restate standards)
- □ Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- □ Individualized assessment
- Transition plans
- □ Daily schedule
- Special education & inclusion model
- □Approach to serving homeless children
- □Approach to supporting ELLs
- Strategies to eliminate suspension and expulsion (MH consult., etc.)
- □ B-3<sup>rd</sup> continuum (at least 1 component)

#### Meets Standards (PFAE ONLY):

- □ Rationale for determining hours (Must be full day, full year, mirroring 1<sup>st</sup> grade of the district)
- □ Universal and targeted social emotional supports & curric.
- □ 60 mins daily physical activity
- □ Comprehensive services (medical, dental, mental health)
- □ Process for ensuring dental and health screening
- ☐ How mental health services are provided to child and family
- Mental health screening
- □ IEP services in the classroom

# Educational Program, PFA and PFAE comparison

#### PFA

- Must meet at a minimum 2.5 hours, 5 days per week
- Minimize interruptions to the balanced schedule
- Children with disabilities participate
- Native language material provided
- Transportation provided for children from homeless families
- Minimal pulling students out of classroom
- No charges or fees to families

#### **PFAE**

- Must be full-day program, meeting 5 days per week
- Minimize interruptions to the balanced schedule
- Children with disabilities participate
- Native language material provided
- Transportation provided for children from homeless families
- Minimal pulling students out of classroom
- No charges or fees to families
- Program follows a social-emotional model or curriculum
- Daily schedule includes at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- The program provides a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack for participating children, at no cost to families
- Comprehensive services are provided to support the development of the whole child, including in the areas of medical, dental and mental health
  - Each child receives a dental and health screening.
  - Mental health services are provided to children and families through a contracted, qualified mental health provider or consultant. The program ensures that each child receives a mental health screening.
- IEP services are provided to children within the classroom setting

# **Educational Program**

- Language and literacy component
- Collaboration with community
- 1 adult to 10 children
- 20 children max per class
- Individualized assessment profile
- 7 developmental domains addressed

- Language development support for English learners
- Progress assessed over time
- Parents aware of progress
- Individual student files maintained



### **Educational Program**

#### ADDITIONAL EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS

- The program meets for a full day equivalent to a first grade classroom, and no less than five hours per day
- Program follows a social-emotional model or curriculum
- Daily schedule includes at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day
- The program provides a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack for participating children, at no cost to families

- Comprehensive services are provided to support the development of the whole child, including in the areas of medical, dental and mental health
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# Review Rubric Component 2: Quality of Proposed Program

#### Family (Parent/Guardian) Involvement (Program

Component 3, Attachment 10 Parent Education and Involvement)

• **Goal:** Families will be involved in their children's educational process and will gain knowledge and skills in parenting.

#### Meets Standards (Both PFA/E):

- ☐ Two-way, meaningful, communication in native language
- □ Parenting skills education
- ☐ Family role in assisting student learning
- □ Families as partners in decisionmaking
- ☐ Family activities (workshops, field trips and child/family events, etc.)
- ☐ Mission statement represents shared beliefs
- Provide information re: rights of those experiencing homelessness

#### Meets Standards (PFAE ONLY):

- □ Family educator on staff describe job description roles and responsibilities (See p. 15-16 in PFAE RFP)
- □Connections to medical and dental home
- □ Resources, referrals, and follow-up to ensure family needs are met
- □Signed MOU specifying referral process with health, mental health, and dental partners
- □ Workshops related to health, mental wellness, and healthy lifestyles
- ☐ How families are educated and engaged in creating a Kinder transition plan
- □Aligns to <u>ISBE Family Engagement Framework</u>
- □ Parent Advisory Council

### Family Education and Involvement

- Communication between home and the Preschool for All Expansion program should be two-way, meaningful, and when appropriate, in the families' native language. Parenting skills are promoted and supported
- Opportunities for family education are provided
- Families play an integral role in assisting student learning
- Families are welcome in the program and their support and involvement are sought. Families are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom
- Family activities such as workshops, field trips and child/family events are provided to engage in cultural and social enrichment

- Families are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families
- Families, staff members, and community representatives cooperatively develop a mission statement based on shared beliefs
- The program establishes partnerships with families to promote the development of children and their families
- The program provides information to families on the educational rights of their children experiencing homelessness



### Family Education and Involvement

#### ADDITIONAL EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS

- Hire Family Educator to support parent engagement
- Program staff works with families to provide referrals, resources and services that address the needs of families
- Workshops and trainings are offered to families on a regular basis
- Families educated about kindergarten transition
- Align to the components of the ISBE Family Engagement Framework and the Head Start Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework
- Parent Advisory Council formed that encourages parents to participate.



#### Review Rubric Component 2: Quality of Proposed Program

# Community Collaboration (Program Component 4, Attachment 11)

• Goal: Children and families will receive all services needed through a seamless and unduplicated system.

#### Meets Standards (Both PFA/E):

- ■Comprehensive written plan outlining collaboration with other child and family serving agencies
- ■Written agreement with local Head Start, if applicable

#### Meets Standards (PFAE ONLY):

- Partnership with the local Head Start, regular communication, coordination, joint activities
- □ Role and participation in local collaboration groups
- ☐ Active partnership and regular communication with regional DCFS and McKinney-Vento liaisons to enroll homeless families and those in the child welfare system
- □ Program maintains active linkages to COMPREHENSIVE community social service resources

### **Community Collaboration**

- Written plan with members of community
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Head Start
- MOU should be attached with the application
- Written transition plan for into and out of the program

# ADDITIONAL EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS

- Partnership with the local Head Start
- Program actively participates in local collaboration groups
- Program has an active partnership and regular communication with regional DCFS and McKinney-Vento liaisons
- Program maintains active linkages to community social service resources



Rubric Component Number 2: Quality of Proposed Program

### **Evaluation** (Program Component 7, Attachment 14)

• **Goal:** The evaluation will provide critical data and information that is used for continuous program improvement.

#### Evaluation

PFA Expansion Programs must have a written, annual program evaluation and continuous quality improvement plan that meets the following requirements:

- Provides measurable outcomes for participating children's development using appropriate screening, the IELDS and authentic assessment
- Includes measurable outcomes for parent and family participation
- Includes assessment of the effectiveness of native and English language instruction



#### Rubric Component Number 3: Experience and Qualifications

### Staff Requirements (Program Component 5, Attachment 9)

• Goal: Staff will have the knowledge and skills needed to assist children in reaching their full potential as learners.

# **Staff Requirements**

- Teachers hold a Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsed in early childhood education
- Blended teachers must hold a current PEL with ECE endorsement and ECSE approval
- Paraprofessionals hold an approval for paraprofessional educator
- English Learners are provided instruction by a teacher with the proper licensure
- Child care center directors must hold a child development or early childhood education bachelor degree or equivalent and an Illinois Director Credential Level II or III
- Administrators must hold a PEL endorsed for principal or general administration



# **Staff Requirements**

#### ADDITIONAL EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS

- Teaching staff salaries comparable to local K-12 teaching staff salaries
- Employ at least one Instructional Leader
- Employ at least one Family Educator
- Classroom teachers and school/center-level leadership participate on the Parent Advisory Council



Rubric Component Number 3: Experience and Qualifications

#### Professional Development (Program Component 6, Attachment 10)

• Goal: Staff will continue to gain skills and knowledge, based on current research and best practices, to improve outcomes for children and families.

# **Professional Development**

- Needs and interests for each staff member determined
- Annual written plan of professional needs for each staff member
- Plans created collaboratively
- Ongoing professional development activities provided



# Professional Development

#### **ADDITIONAL EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Teaching staff members receive training annually on screening tools, curriculum, and assessment tool
- Instructional leader provides embedded professional development



# Prevention Initiative FY19

Prevention Initiative goal: providing early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive evidence-based child development and family support services to help families prepare their young children for later school success.

# Review Rubric Component 1: Population to Be Served

Statement of Need (Attachment 2A) Population to be Served (Attachment 2B)

### Prevention Initiative (PI):

- RFP Program Components 1-7
- Attachments for Submission 3-9

# Program Component 1 Screening to Determine Program Eligibility (PI Attachment 3)

Goal 1: Illinois' neediest children will be identified and served.

- Criteria on research based screening instrument to determine "at-risk"
- Outreach and recruitment processes designed to reach the families determined to be most at-risk.
- Family interview, in native language, to obtain a summary of the child's health history and social development and questions about the parent's education level, employment, income and age, and home language
- Vision and hearing screening for children 3 months or over
- Process for written parental permission & sharing info with families
- Teaching staff involved and screening results available to teaching staff
- Weighted eligibility criteria addressing priority populations and community based risk factors

# Program Component 2 Evidence-Based Program Model and Research-Based Curricula (PI Attachment 4)

**Goal 2:** Families will receive intensive, research-based, and comprehensive prevention services.

- Select PI Framework: home visiting, center-based or family literacy
- Home visiting: select an evidence-based program model (IL models in use PAT, HF, Baby TALK and EHS; see DHHS resource for other models)
- Center-based (or Family Literacy) must include: home visiting and center-based services
  - Select and implement a home visiting model
  - · Choose an evidence-based HV model:
    - · Baby TALK
    - · Early Head Start
    - · Healthy Families America
    - · Parents as Teachers
- Year-round programming is preferred
- · All programs must implement a research-based curricula

- Children will be enrolled in a Prevention Initiative program that is between  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to five hours long five days a week.
- The program structure should be similar to a Preschool For All program in a child care center, including set PI program hours.
- The program must be embedded in a child care center that is licensed and meets all of the licensing standards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for center-based child care.
- Maintain <u>ExceleRate</u> Illinois
  - PI Rubric Silver (Compliance) or
  - PI Rubric Gold (Exemplary) Circle of Quality.
- All center-based programs must maintain at least ExceleRate Gold Circle of Quality for adult/child ratios.
- Early Head Start requirements, when applicable

Staff/Child Ratio Chart	Early Head Start		ExceleRate GOLD	
AGE	Ratio	Group Size	Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks – 12 months	1:4	8	1:4	8
12-24 months	1:4	8	1:4	12
24-36 months	1:4	8	1:6	12

- Maintain the ability to access funds that are reimbursable by the IL Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance Program.
- The program needs to serve the children most at risk in the community not the most at risk at the center. This means that some children may only need PI services while others may need PI and CCAP funding.
- The program must provide a snack, in the case of a half-day program, or a meal, in the case of a full-day program, for participating children. The program will provide food service as applicable.
  - Food and beverages provided in programs located in a licensed child care center or other community setting shall meet DCFS standards set forth at 89 Ill. Adm. Code 407.330 (Nutrition and Meal Service).

- Implement a research-based, child-centered curriculum and assessment.
  - Creative Curriculum
  - High Scope
- Implement a research-based parent/family-centered curriculum and assessment.
  - Parents as Teachers
  - Baby TALK

### Program Component 3 Developmental Monitoring (PI Attachment 5)

**Goal 3:** Children's developmental progress will be regularly monitored to inform education and to ensure identification of any developmental delays or disabilities.

- Describes methods and the sources of information that will be used to regularly monitor children's development to inform instruction and the IFGP and communicate with parents
- Research-based screening instrument(s) used for child developmental monitoring for every child three months or older then every six months thereafter; must be comprehensive cover all developmental domains as well as vision and hearing
- · Describe how program works with CFC when further assessment is needed
- Child's health history (which includes well child visits and immunizations) is completed (if applicable) near the time of screening then annually
- Describe the research-based tool used to assess the parent and child interactions and state how often it will be implemented (at least twice within the fiscal year).
- Use all info gathered to guide education and IFGP
- Procedures for partnering with parents to observe child's development and communicating all screening information

## Program Component 4 Individual Family Goal Plan (PI Attachment 6)

Goal 4: Families will receive services that address their identified goals, strengths, and needs.

- Describe the policies and procedures that guide implementation of an IFGP and Family Centered Assessment;
- The program provides a description of the published research-based Family Center Assessment (FCA) implemented;
- The FCA is initiated within 60 days of enrollment and is updated at least every six months;
- FAC should include information on parenting, family relationships, education, health, medical, housing, and food security
- The program provides a clear description of the components of the IFGP;
- The program involves parents in the development of the IFGP; and
- The IFGP is initiated within 60 days of enrollment and updated at least every six months.

### Program Component 5 Case Management Services (PI Attachment 7)

**Goal 5:** Families will receive comprehensive, integrated, and continuous support services through a seamless and unduplicated system.

- Describe how the program will provide comprehensive services and coordinate IFGP with any other service plans family may have
- Describe policies and procedures that guide creation and implementation of case management services including:
- · The referral and follow-up system
- Transition plans into and out of the program and transition services provided
- How program partners will work with families to develop written transition plans and implement them,
- How the program works with other providers in the service area to reduce or eliminate duplication of services
- List of Collaboration and/or MOU agreements with other service providers in the service area and a brief description of the purpose of the collaboration/coordination efforts

## **Program Component 6 Family and Community Partnerships** (PI Attachment 8)

**Goal 6:** Families will be engaged in the program, and community systems for infants and toddlers will be strengthened.

- · Written family engagement plan, that will be reviewed and updated annually
- How you orient families, engage them in services, ensure they are partners in decisions related to their child and family, communicate with families, focus on parenting skills and gather their input
- Describe the intensity of services you deliver and why
- Community collaboration plan: coordinate with service providers, other EC providers, reduce duplication, coordinate family service plans (local CSD?)
- Align with ISBE Family Engagement Framework and Head Start Parent,
   Family and Community Engagement Framework

## **Program Component 7 Data Collection and Evaluation** (PI Attachment 9)

Goal 7: The evaluation will provide critical data and information that are used for continuous program improvement.

- Evaluation and continuous quality improvement
- Written framework, a plan and involve written evaluation after completing the process
- Cover data and information collected, measures to use, self assessment procedures (annual program self-assessment)
- How will what you gather inform program improvement in an ongoing manner?

### Review Rubric Component 3: Experience and Qualifications

# Program Component 8 Qualified Staff and Organizational Capacity (PI Attachment 10)

**Goal 8:** Staff will have the knowledge and skills needed to create partnerships to support the development of infants and children.

- Home Visiting program: Must have 3 FTE total, no home visitor less than .5 FTE
- Center-based/Family Literacy: meet DCFS licensing requirements and ExceleRate Silver (by 2024, staff must meet Gold, PEL or IT level 5)
- All programs:
  - Must have a supervisor consider your staff to supervisor ratio (exemplary practice 1 FTE PI Supervisor to 6 FTE PI staff)
  - Ensure staff are registered in Gateways to Opportunities (if they do not hold professional educator licensure)
  - · Adhere to IL Mandated Reporting Laws

### Review Rubric Component 3: Experience and Qualifications

### Program Component 9 Professional Development (PI Attachment 11)

**Goal 9:** Staff will continue to gain skills and knowledge based on current research and best practices to improve outcomes for families.12

- Provide staff with both:
  - Administrative Supervision
  - Reflective Supervision
- Assess staff professional development needs and have individualized plans for staff PD
- Annually train on screening, assessment and curriculum used by program
- Pre-service and in-service

# Program Structure and Budget

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### Reminders

- Use ISBE budget forms, PFA/PFAE Attachments 15, 16 and 17 and PI Attachments 12, 13, and 14
- Form 18 is for amendments and is not to be used at this point
- Review Bidders Conference and RFP for all additional details on program structure and budget expectations
- Review all the GATA requirements throughout the materials
- Access more information on the fiscal requirements through the ISBE Fiscal Procedures Handbook

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/fiscal\_procedure \_handbk.pdf

# Budget Summary

- PFA/E Attachment 15 and PI Attachment 12 is the summary sheet
- One year, 12 month, budget
- Annual totals for each of the Object areas, of a Function
- Involves breaking down the budget into your anticipated payment schedule
  - Staffing costs should be spread evenly
  - Supplies and other expenditures should be linked to the month they will occur, to the best of your planning

# Structure and Budget

- Develop a simple org chart, particularly if you are writing for PFA, PFAE, and/or PI
  - How are you building a cohesive system across these? Avoiding silos?
- How does what you are seeking in your program structure/ budget:
  - Advance quality?
  - Determine the type of services you deliver?
  - Link to serving the most at-risk families?
- Budget amount (request per child) should be logical and show linkage with:
  - Statement of Need and Target Population
  - Education Program (services delivered)
  - Staffing
  - Program Structure (how the program(s) will be run and how all of the requirements will be met)

# Structure and Budget

- Consider all the positions that are required and those you need to run your program
  - Instructional Lead (PFAE)
  - Family Educator (PFAE)
  - Principal/Manager/Director not required but a necessity in running early childhood programs
  - Administrative Support don't limit how you consider this role and the work they actually do
- How will you cover the costs associated with other quality aspects? Some required, some not
  - Cost of comprehensive services (PFAE)
  - Parent trainings/workshops
  - Parent Advisory Council (PFAE)
  - Mental Health Consultation

# Admin and Indirect Limits

- From ISBE webinar:
  - Indirect and administrative costs are limited so maximum amount possible to program activities can be provided
- Administrative and general expenses are capped at 5%
- Indirect rate
  - Districts can use their negotiated indirect
  - Or use the state-wide average indirect cost rate (from ISBE)
  - Rate is 3.15%
- Using the Indirect rate
  - Requires detailed information about the expenditures (Att 17)

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# **Birth-to-Third Grade Pipeline**

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







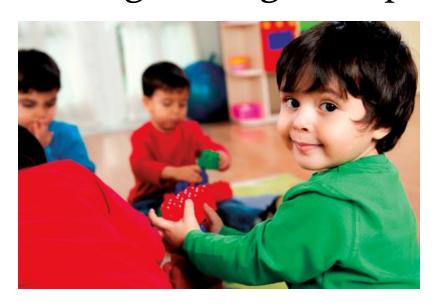
# IL Birth Through Third Grade (B-3) Continuity

# Pipeline linking services from Birth to Age 8

- Curriculum alignment between early childhood and elementary schools
- Sustained, high-level parent engagement activities
- Assessment of children by using KIDS and sharing data across the age continuum and partners

# Vision of a Seamless Learning Continuum

A coherent set of educational experiences and supports for **students**, **families and the professionals and organizations** that serve them, that begins at birth and continues through college completion and beyond.<sup>1</sup>





<sup>1</sup>Ounce of Prevention Fund and The University of Chicago Urban Education Institute, 2014.

# **B-3 Strategies**



# **B-3 Continuity Project**

# Summary of Tips for RFP Narratives

- The provided rubrics should be closely followed.
- When considering ways to ensure your communities
   B-3 Pipeline is present in your narrative, the
  following includes tips that are intersections with the
  outlined B-3 strategies.
- Responses from the presented questions and suggested content should be considered for inclusion.



# **Proposal Abstract**

- Where applicable, ensure that inclusive language of the B-3 Continuum is included.
  - –Consider touchpoints along continuum (Birth to Age 8)
  - —Are there intersections of your services that are enhanced by collaboration?

# **Data-Driven Improvements**

- Establish systemic partnerships focused on child outcomes
- Drive instruction and identify achievement gaps

#### Data Can...



- Informative across multiple levels (child, program, district community)
- Determine allocation of resources & PD needs



# **Project Need**

- Have conversations been held to agree upon community needs?
  - —Are there established & agreed upon at-risk factors?
  - —What process was used to determine community needs? Where community partners involved?



# Population to be Served

- •Effective Community Outreach requires collaboration
- Consider what community providers also serve targeted families, how are these stakeholders working together?

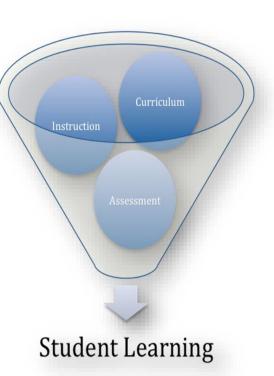


# **Screening Process**

- "Conducted on a community-wide basis" consider ways that stakeholders are working together
- Describe how existing pipeline works
  - –Are consistent tools used between providers?
  - –Needs of children should be holistically be considered - do partnerships exist to help with non-educational needs?

# Aligned Curriculum/Instruction/Assessments

- Shared expectations of student growth
- Focus on both academic & socialemotional skills
- Aligned with the science of child development
- Reflective of children & families' cultures
- KIDS Assessment as a link between preschool (0-5) & Kindergarten
- Vertical & horizontal assessment articulation across grades, buildings and programs



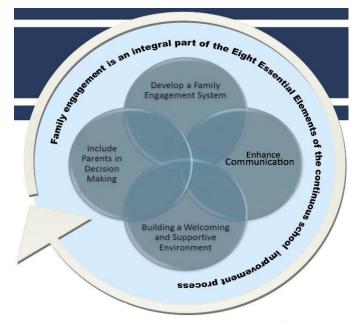


# **Appropriate Educational Program**

- Show "collaboration with other services and resources available in the community"
  - Review B-3 strategies for alignment
  - -How is development of the whole child supported?
- Does your mission statement reflect student inclusion and community supports?
- Show alignment with Early Learning & Development Standards
- What efforts exist to support alignment of curriculum, instruction and assessments both vertically and horizontally? (articulation across grades, buildings and programs)

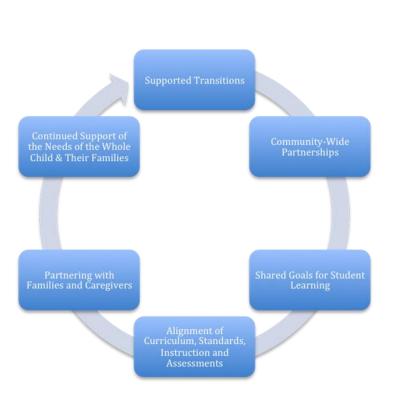
# Family Engagement & Parent Leadership

- Schools & families partner in children's education.
- School and parent communications are two-way.
- Parents are involved in school decision-making.
- Environments are safe, welcoming, and culturally sensitive.
- Family engagement & outreach is done at a systems level.



Illinois State Board of Education Family Engagement Framework

# **Supported Transitions**



- Increased access to early childhood programs & smooth transitions
- Established partnerships to facilitate conversations between different settings, ages and grades
- Supports are targeted to both children AND families

# **Comprehensive Services**

- Families have access to comprehensive services
- Established roles for connecting families to services

Services connected across systems







Mental Health



Social Services

Family Engagement







# **Parent Education & Involvement**

- Consideration of comprehensive services available to meet identified family needs
  - -What referral/pipeline (Birth to Age 8) connections exist?
  - —How do partnerships move beyond MOU's to support families
  - Transitions are critical supports to both children and families
  - Are conversations between different settings, ages and grades to ensure consistency for families?
  - What structures exist to ensure that parents are included in program planning and leadership?

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





# **Community Collaboration**

- Tie together collaborative partners from across different narratives - highlight any local collaboration entity
- Are there community goals set for Kindergarten Readiness or Early Childhood?
  - When applicable, provide examples beyond an MOU how do regular community, coordination of services & joint activities occur?
  - What does the pipeline (Birth-3rd Grade) of services look like
     including outreach, intake and transitions?
  - Are any relationships bi-directional? (e.g. referrals made to local dental clinic and clinic also referrals to pre-k services)

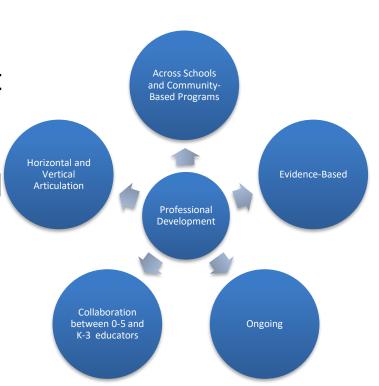
# Joint Professional Development

Aligned from birth-to-third grade

 Grounded in child development & effective instructional practices

Partnerships across schools and community-based programs

 Opportunities for educators to learn with those teaching levels both below & above them





# **Professional Development**

- Grounded child development & effective instructional practices
- Aligned from birth-to-third grade (educators learning with those above and below them)
- Reflective of children & families cultures
- Partnerships across schools and community-based programs



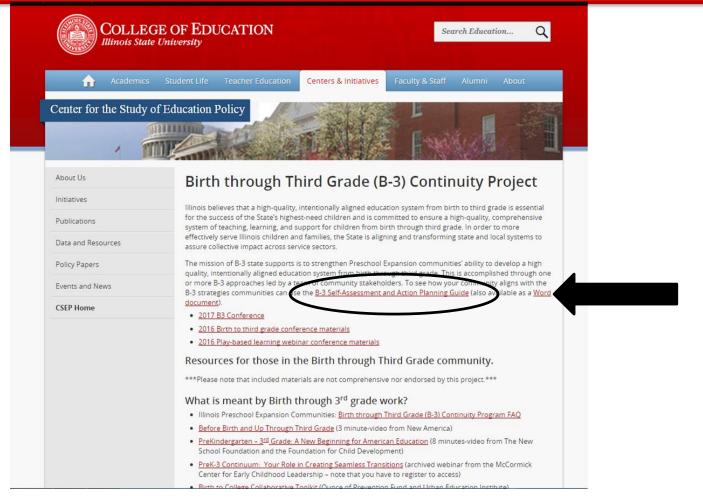
# **Evaluation**

- Consider ways that Developmentally Appropriate Practices can enhance assessments
- Are you utilizing KIDS to its full capacity?
- How do your assessment practices reflect children and families' cultures as well as native languages?
- Ensure that family participation is reflected

# **Moving Beyond the RFP**

- Take Inventory of your existing B-3 Pipeline
- Does your needs statement show areas that community stakeholders should be working to improve?
  - Leverage community conversations about the data
- Review gaps that need to be build up before implementation
- Get started identify some partnership goals and seek out resources for implementing strategies

# B-3 Self-Assessment & Action Planning Guide



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



# **Access Resources & Learn More!**

**B-3 Continuity Project Website** 

https://education.illinoisstate.edu/csep/b3/

**CSEP** Exchange Newsletter

http://education.illinoisstate.edu





Risk and Reach – Using Data to Build Your Case and Target Your Services

# Components in the RFP where IECAM DATA will be used:

## 1. Population to be Served

- Statement of Need- Community Demographics and Ranking Document
- Priority Populations
- Community and Local Risk Factors
- Number of Head Start and other EC programs in same geographic location identified; ensure there is no duplication of services.

# 2. Screening to Determine Risk Status

- Identification of risk factors to be used that reflect the community to be served (environmental, economic and demographic information).
- Establish eligibility criteria to identify children who are atrisk of academic failure.

# Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

### Dawn V Thomas, PhD

Director, Early Childhood and Parenting Collaborative

### IECAM is intended to:

- Assist policy makers and legislators in allocating resources for early care and education programs;
- Make public resource allocation transparent by showing the changes in funding of services from year to year;
- Provide a one-stop source for early learning and demographic data.

### IECAM is funded by:

- ❖ Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
- Periodic funding by Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Fund (IDHS)



iecam.Illinois.edu

# Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

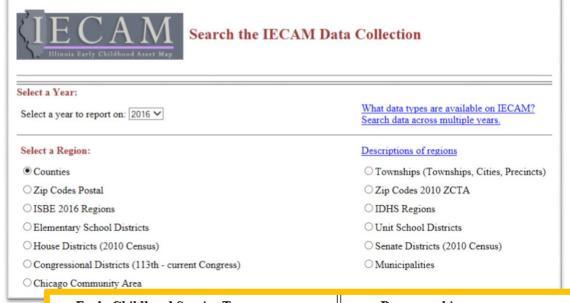
### **Types of Data**

Early Childhood Data:

- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Preschool for All
- Child Care
- Prevention Initiative
- Home-visiting
- MIECHV (in preparation...)

### Demographic Data:

- Population
- Race/Ethnicity
- Poverty
- Language
- Working Families
- Child and Family Characteristics and Risk Factors



### Early Childhood Service Type:

- All data
- ISBE PreK/PFA
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- □ Licensed Child Care Centers
- ☐ License-Exempt Child Care Centers

### Demographics:

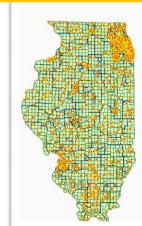
- All data
- Population number of children <1, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years</p>
- ☐ Population 6-12
- Population by Race/Ethnicity number of children <1, 1, 2, 3, and 4 years</p>
- 50% Federal Poverty Level children <50% FPL</p>

### **Regions of Data**

State through ZCTA (zip code)

### **Formats**

❖ Tables & Maps

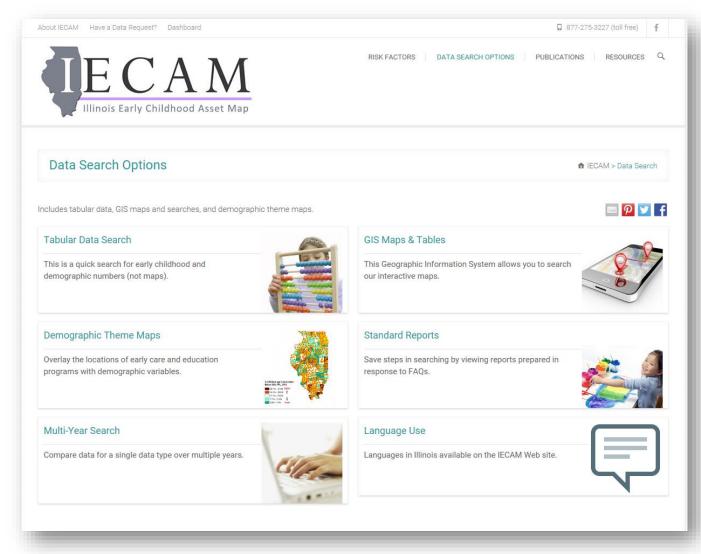




# Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

Users can search and get **data** in various formats:

- Tabular Data Search
- GIS Interactive Maps
- Demographic Theme Maps
- Standard Reports
- Multi-Year Search
- Language Use



# Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

IECAM offers data on **child and family characteristics** impacting young children and families.

- Employment
- Education
- Health Care and Health
- Demographics
- Early Care and Education Services
- Other Social and Economic Factors

Check out our Interactive State Comparison Maps! How does Illinois rank in comparison with other states in the nation?

### Social and Economic Factors

Includes societal factors such as child abuse and neglect, foster care, and refugee populations.



### Early Care and Education Services

Includes variables related to early childhood programming and children's characteristics.



### **Demographics**

Includes population variables such as poverty, race/ethnicity, and language use.



### **Education Variables**

Includes ISAT data and data on mother's and parents' education levels.



### **Health Care and Health**

Includes variables related to children's health and development, such as birth defects, teen births, and teen parents.



### **Employment**

Includes variables related to employment and family working conditions.



### Language Use

Data on languages spoken in Illinois as well as linguistic isolation.



### Interactive State Comparison Maps

See how Illinois compares with other states regarding particular risk factors.

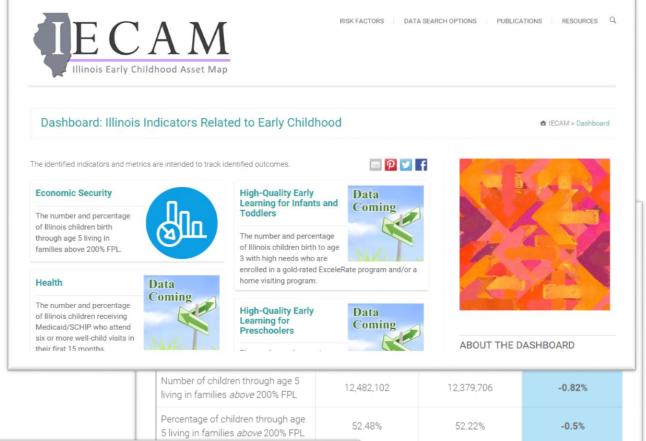


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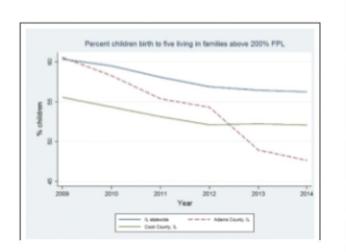
### IECAM is now the home of the **Early Childhood Dashboard!**

Six primary metrics or indicators that will track identified outcomes for young children

- **Economic Security**
- Health
- High Quality Early Learning for Infants and Toddlers (enrolled in a gold-rated ExceleRate program and/or home visiting program)
- High Quality Early Learning for Preschoolers (enrolled in a gold-rated ExceleRate program and/or home visiting program)
- Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)
- **Coordinated Community Systems**



	Number of children through age 5 living in families <i>above</i> 200% FPL	12,482,102	12,379,706	-0.82%
	Percentage of children through age 5 living in families <i>above</i> 200% FPL	52.48%	52.22%	-0.5%



ached these numbers and real life examples.

# Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

# Data in service to the state of Illinois...

IECAM provides data for programs responding to **ISBE's RFP** for PFA and PI grants.

- EC and demographic data
- School District data
- Concentrated Disadvantage data

IECAM provides data to the Illinois Early Learning Council committee structure, the Children's Cabinet, state agencies, the OECD, and advocacy organizations.

IECAM collaborates with various committees, subcommittees, and work groups (e.g., Data, Research, and Evaluation subcommittee, All Families Served subcommittee).

IECAM works in concert with the **Illinois Longitudinal Data System** at Northern Illinois University, particularly in populating the Dashboard.

IECAM provides customized data and maps based on user requests.

### Resources for ECBG FY18 Planning

Users will be able to find much of the data needed to complete the

Statement of Need for the PFA and PI grant competitions in these various types of reports and resources. Links to resources will open in a new browser window to allow you to easily return to this page.



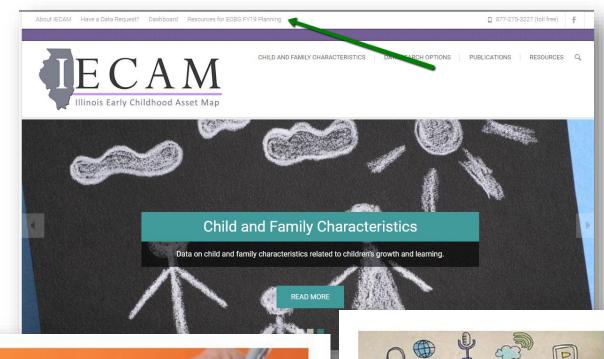
For questions and information related to the RFP process, please email: earlychi@isbe.net



# Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM)

IECAM offers those submitting PFA and PI grants data that will assist them in writing their statement of need

- Response to PFA and PI Request for Proposals Standard Report
- School District Standard Report
- Community and Demographic Ranking Documents
- Concentrated
   Disadvantage Area
   Materials
- Links to Additional Resources
- My Data Checklist





### My Data Checklist

Putting together a PFA/PI grant can be a daunting task. Here is a quick checklist to help make sure that you have collected all the data you need to complete your grant application.



This webinar, from February 24th, highlights the data and resources available on IECAM that you can use in responding to ISBE's request for proposals.

# Resources for ECBG **FY19 Planning**

### **Start Here:**

- Response to PFA and PI **Request for Proposals Standard Report**
- District Profile Standard Report

### **Next Steps:**

- Community Demographics and Ranking (3-5)
- Community Demographics and Ranking (0-3)
- High School/Secondary School District Demographics and Ranking
- Concentrated Disadvantaged Materials

### **Links to Additional Resources:**

Extra links to other areas on IECAM and other data sources

### Resources for ECBG FY19 Planning

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### Start Here

We recommend using both Standard Reports (listed below) in order to get the most accurate early childhood counts. For example, if you are only looking at the School District Profile, you may miss Head Start slots that are funded for programs outside of that particular school district.

· Response to PFA and PI Request for Proposals Standard Report

Use this Standard Report for the most recent data that will be helpful for your Statement of Need. This report allows users to choose from a variety of geographic regions, such as county, townships, school districts, and municipalities. We recommend using this Standard Report first as it provides ECE and demographic data and information for more geographic regions.

District Profile Standard Report

Use this Standard Report to get the most recent data from elementary and unit school districts for your Statement of Need. Includes data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Illinois School Report Card, ISBE, and IDHS (e.g., race/ethnicity, language, student and teacher characteristics, poverty, etc). We recommend you also use the Response to PFA and PI Request for Proposals Standard Report to get the most accurate picture of all ECE and demographic data outside of your school district.

SEE ALSO.



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### **Next Steps**

### Links to Additional Resources

### Education levels of parents

- 1. In the Risk Factor section of the IECAM Web site are pages on Parents' Education Level and Mothers' Education Level. These pages provide census-based data on the education level (at 24 different levels) of parents and mothers who are living with their children. Data are presented by the region of PUMA (Public Use Microdata Area; an explanation of this region is included in the pages).
- 2. Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Among other variables, it includes educational level of the population. Steps: Choose Round = "round 5 (2010-2014)"; topic = "Demographics"; and County = your county; click "Go" to retrieve data.

### **Employment conditions**

- 1. Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Among other variables, it includes employment status.
- 2. In the Risk Factor section of the IECAM Web site is a page on unemployment rate for Illinois counties, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- 3. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics This page contains various resources related to unemployment. One of these is the list of links to state summaries

in the right-hand sidebar. 🔄 Steps: If you click on the graph icon to the right of Illinois, you will go to a page of graphs and tables on unemployment in Illinois. Second, you can scroll down to the section "Tables and Maps Created by BLS," and the subsection Monthly / County Data. Click on the link for a text version of the County Data table. This provides a table of labor force data, not seasonally adjusted, for every county in the country for approximately the previous year. (You'll have to scroll down to the Illinois data.) Third, you can scroll down to the section "Tables and Maps Created by BLS," and the subsection Annual Average / County Data. Click on a link for labor force data by county. This provides a table of labor force data, annual average, for every county in the country for the year selected. (You'll have to scroll down to the Illinois data.)