

Bensenville Early Learning Collaborative (BELS)

Established: 2014

Target Population:

Birth to 5

Affiliations:

Not applicable

Areas Served:

Bensenville School
District 2

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Website:
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Current Mission, Vision, and/or Purpose Statement

The Bensenville Early Childhood Collaborative partners together to ensure awareness and access to quality early childhood services for all Bensenville families – especially those at risk.

Governance, Staffing and Funding

The Collaborative's administrative home is within Bensenville School District 2. Two co-chairs lead out the work. Staffing includes an Early Childhood Coordinator and Social Worker for the district. The Collaborative is governed through bylaws and agreements. There is no dedicated funding for this initiative.

Partners and Participants

Participants include representatives from: health, family and youth services, libraries, park districts, Early Intervention, school districts, higher education, and other community based agencies. The Collaborative also works with the Child Care Resource and Referral, Regional Office of Education, and Local Interagency Council.

Primary Activities and Strategies

The Collaborative works to increase enrollment in the Birth through 5 population.

Below is a general list of the collaboration's activities and strategies.

- Community event planning
- Outreach to communities and family members
- Increasing referrals across programs
- Committing resources to family leadership development
- Identifying and filling service gaps
- Increasing enrollment of high need priority population

Collaboration Accomplishments

The collaboration is proud of its outreach to the community.