

APPENDIX
ILLINOIS BIRTH TO FIVE ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS
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- [AAT-ECE](#) Associates of Arts and Teaching – Early Childhood Education. This degree fully articulates from the 2-year colleges offering them to the 4-year institutions agreeing to accept the AAT-ECE degree.
- [ABCD \(II\)](#) Assuring Better Childhood Health and Development. With funding from The Commonwealth Fund, the National Academy for State Health Policy administers the ABCD II initiative, a three-year project designed to build state capacity to deliver care that supports children’s healthy mental development.
- [AOK](#) All Our Kids Early Childhood Networks. It is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Department of Human Services (Maternal & Infant Health Bureau and Child Care Bureau), the Illinois State Board of Education, local health departments, family members, and other local agencies serving very young children and their families. It is a community-based collaboration that is committed to developing a high-quality, well-coordinated, easily-accessible system of care that will promote positive growth and development for children 0-5 and their families.
- [APORS](#) Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes Reporting System. This is a system to capture information about children with medical, congenital problems, etc, identified at birth. Children identified are then referred to the High Risk Infant Follow-up program through local health departments.
- [BUILD](#) Build strong foundations for our youngest children. A project of the Early Childhood Funders' Collaborative supporting state efforts to prepare our youngest children for success in which Illinois participates.
- [CAEYC](#) Chicago Metropolitan Association for the Education of Young Children (a.k.a. CMAEYC). CAEYC is Chicago’s local affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). CAEYC is the premiere professional development resource in the Midwest dedicated to pioneering and promoting new pathways to quality care and education for children from birth through eight years old.
- [CAPTA](#) Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This act provides federal funding to states in support of prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution, and treatment activities related to child abuse and neglect and also provides grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for demonstration programs and projects related to child abuse and neglect.
- [CCP](#) Certified Childcare Professional (Credential). Professionals exhibiting standards of excellence in child care and early childhood education are recognized by the The National Child Care Association (NCCA) through the awarding of the Certified Child Care Professional (CCP) Early Childhood Education Specialist.
- [CCDBG](#) Child Care Development Block Grant. This program, authorized by the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, and Section 418 of the Social Security Act, assists low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance, and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work or attend training/education. In Illinois, administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services.
- [CCR&R](#) Child Care Resource and Referral. This refers to agencies that provide parents with information about the child care and early education services that are available in their communities. They may provide training for early childhood professionals, recruit providers, and advocate for early childhood care and education. Generally, this is the

community source for parents to make their child care subsidy application, which can help off set the costs of their child care setting.

[CDA](#)

Child Development Associate (Credential). This is earned by an early childhood educator who has demonstrated his or her skills in working with young children by completing the credentialing process. It is administered by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition.

[CDF](#)

Children’s Defense Fund. CDF is the foremost national proponent of policies and programs that provide children with the resources they need to succeed. This organization champions policies that will lift children out of poverty; protect them from abuse and neglect; and ensure their access to health care, quality education, and a moral and spiritual foundation.

[CDHS](#)

Chicago Department of Human Services

[CDPH](#)

Chicago Department of Public Health. This is the public health department serving the city of Chicago.

[CCDPH](#)

Cook County Department of Public Health. The Cook County Department of Public Health is the state certified public health agency for suburban Cook County with the exception of Chicago, Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park, and Stickney Township. These four municipalities and 1 township have separate, state certified public health departments and are operated by the local unit of government.

[CEU](#)

Continuing Education Units. This is a measure often used to measure the amount of continuing education a licensed professional has completed, most frequently used when the profession requires licensed professionals to continue their education in order to maintain their licensure.

[CFC](#)

Child & Family Connection - Privately contracted centers that provide EI services for Illinois DHS. They provide case management, referral services, assessments, and Individualized Family Service Plans

[CFSS](#)

Children and Family Support Services (direct service department at the Ounce of Prevention Fund)

[CHA](#)

Chicago Housing Authority. CHA is currently undergoing the Plan for Transformation, the largest and most ambitious redevelopment effort of public housing in the history of the United States. As part of the Plan, CHA will redevelop or rehabilitate its entire stock of public housing.

[CISS](#)

Chicago Integrated Service System. This project is located in the Chicago Department of Public Health.

[CLASP](#)

Center on Law and Social Policy. CLASP's mission is to develop and advocate for policies at the federal, state and local levels that improve the lives of low income people. In particular, CLASP seeks policies that work to strengthen families and create pathways to education and work.

[CMAEYC](#)

Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Education of Young Children (see CAEYC)

[CPS](#)

Chicago Public Schools. CPS provides Kindergarten through 12th grade public education to children in the city of Chicago.

[CSHCN](#)

Children with Special Health Care Needs. CSHCN are defined by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) as “those who have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical,

developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.”

DCAC	Day Care Action Council now called Illinois Action for Children. Its mission is to create a common voice and vision for advancing high quality and accessible programs that foster the development, health and well-being of all Illinois children.
DCFS	Department of Children and Family Services (Illinois State Agency). The mission of DCFS is to: protect children who are reported to be abused or neglected and to increase their families' capacity to safely care for them; provide for the well-being of children in our care; provide appropriate, permanent families as quickly as possible for those children who cannot safely return home; support early intervention and child abuse prevention activities; and work in partnerships with communities to fulfill this mission.
DHS	Department of Human Services (Illinois State Agency). DHS’ mission is to assist our customers to achieve maximum self-sufficiency, independence and health through the provision of seamless, integrated services for individuals, families and communities.
DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Federal). DHHS is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.
DOPM	Directly Operated Program Managers
DOPL	Directly Operated Program Leaders
DSCC	Division of Specialized Care for Children. This state-level division is administered by the University of Illinois at Chicago and is the Illinois Title V agency that provides care coordination for families and children with special health care needs. DSCC helps children with disabilities, and those who have conditions which may lead to disabilities, grow and develop to the full extent of their abilities.
ECBG	Early Childhood Block Grant, administrated by the Illinois State Board of Education. This grant contains funding streams for Preschool For All, At Risk Pre K and Prevention Initiative, among other systemic funding.
ECC	Early Child Care
ECE	Early Childhood Education. This refers to education before a child reaches Kindergarten.
ECFC	Early Childhood Funders’ Collaborative. The ECFC is a nationwide affiliation of individuals who serve as staff at foundations or corporate giving programs that have substantial grant-making portfolios in early childhood care and education. ECFC was formed by grant-makers to provide opportunities for networking, information sharing and strategic grant-making.
EFAB	Education Funding Advisory Board (within ISBE).
EHS	Early Head Start. This is a federally funded comprehensive child development program that promotes healthy development of children 0-2 years. This program provides continuous, intensive child development and family support services on a year-round basis.
EI	Early Intervention. This is used in reference to general type of intervention, or to the State Program, EI, that delivers services to children from birth to three ranging from developmental screening to intervention services
ELC	Illinois Early Learning Council. The Council is building on recent and ongoing early

childhood planning efforts and initiatives as well as lessons learned and input from parents and local communities. Key recommendations and priorities already identified through initiatives related to families with children under five provide a foundation for the important work of the Council.

[ELI](#)

Early Learning Illinois. ELI is a statewide campaign to make the improvement and expansion of early learning services for all children, starting at birth, a top priority for Illinois policymakers

[EPSDT](#)

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services. These are services offered to children under the age of 21 enrolled in Medicaid.

[Even Start](#)

This program offers grants to support local family literacy projects that integrate early childhood education, adult literacy (adult basic and secondary-level education and instruction for English language learners), parenting education, and interactive parent and child literacy activities for low-income families, targeting children up to age 7.

[FCC Networks](#)

Family Child Care Networks. These networks are made up of organizations in the community that offer a comprehensive array of services to child care providers and help increase the number of child care slots for families in the community.

[FCM](#)

Family Case Management. This is a statewide program through the Illinois Department of Human Services run through local health departments that helps income eligible clients with a pregnant woman, infant, or young child to obtain the health care services and other assistance they may need to have a healthy pregnancy and to promote the child's healthy development.

[FQHCs](#)

Federally Qualified Health Centers. These are community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral, and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay.

[Gateways](#)

Gateways to Opportunity. Gateways is an Illinois-wide professional development network for individuals and programs who serve children, youth, and families.

[Gateways Scholarships](#)

Scholarships accessed through Gateways to Opportunity. These scholarships provide funding for early childhood practitioners earning degrees or credentials.

[Great START](#)

START stands for Strategy to Attract and Retain Teachers. This is a wage supplement program that seeks to improve early childhood services by encouraging professionals to further their education in the field. It supplements income based on the education level achieved and staying in an early childhood job.

[HF](#)

Healthy Families. This is a home visiting program based on Healthy Families America, a program of Prevent Child Abuse America.

[HFI](#)

Healthy Families Illinois. This is a network of home visiting programs in IL including Healthy Families and Parents Too Soon programs

[HFS](#)

Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid). This agency administers IL Medicaid, Medicare, TANF, food stamps, and child support, among other services.

[HIPAA](#)

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act was passed by Congress in 1996. The primary goal of the law was to make it easier for people to keep health insurance from one job to another, and help the industry control administrative costs.

<u>HS</u>	Head Start. This program provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families.
<u>HV</u>	Home Visiting. This is a voluntary in-home “parent coaching” program that starts in pregnancy and continues through the first three years of a child’s life.
<u>IAECTE</u>	Illinois Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators. Illinois affiliate of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators.
<u>IAEYC</u>	Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children. Illinois’ largest early childhood professional organization.
<u>IAI</u>	Illinois Articulation Initiative. This is a state initiative to address the problem of higher education institutions accepting credit from one another as students attempt to earn their bachelors after earning an associate degree
<u>IBHE</u>	Illinois Board of Higher Education. The IBHE is responsible for planning and coordinating the state’s system of higher education.
<u>IBTI</u>	Illinois Birth to Three Institute.
<u>IECAM</u>	Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map. This is an interactive, Web-based tool that brings together data on early care and education from state agencies.
<u>ICCB</u>	Illinois Community College Board. The ICCB is the state coordinating board for community colleges and administers the Public Community College Act.
<u>ICMHP</u>	Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership. The Partnership is committed to improving the scope, quality and access of mental health programs, services and supports for Illinois children and believes that a comprehensive, coordinated approach to healthy social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and treatment will help Illinois children and their families live healthier, happier lives with a better chance for a brighter future.
<u>IDC</u>	Illinois Director Credential. The IDC is a voluntary credential that validates the education, knowledge, and experience of early care and education administrators.
<u>I.D.E.A.</u>	Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (Federal Act). This Act governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education, and related services to children with disabilities.
<u>IDHS</u>	Illinois Department of Human Services. IDHS’s mission is to assist our customers to achieve maximum self-sufficiency, independence and health through the provision of seamless, integrated services for individuals, families and communities.
<u>IDPA</u>	Illinois Department of Public Aid. This is the Medicaid and Medicare agency whose name changed to Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services in 2005.
<u>IDPH</u>	Illinois Department of Public Health. The mission of the IDPH is to promote the health of the people of Illinois through the prevention and control of disease and injury.
<u>IEP</u>	Individualized Education Plan. This is used in reference to the process that schools, teachers, and parents create for a child, three years of age and older, who has been found eligible for special education, part of Part B of IDEA.
<u>IFSP</u>	Individual Family Service Plan. This is used in reference to the service plan that the providers and parents create when a child, from birth to three years of age, has been found eligible for early intervention services, guidelines are in Part C of IDEA.

<u>IHSA</u>	Illinois Head Start Association. The IHSA is committed to enhancing the development of children, empowering families and strengthening communities. The IHSA advocates on issues affecting children and families, provides professional development opportunities for all members, and is the statewide leader in developing partnerships and empowering members to be community leaders.
<u>ILAIMH</u>	Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health. ILAIMH is an association of professionals whose aim is to improve the mental health of infants, toddlers and their families through exchanging information, encouraging research and stimulating program and service development.
IMAP	Group centered on encouraging IDHS' Child Care department to offer training for child care centers on developmental screening
<u>IMCHC</u>	Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition. IMCHC is dedicated to promoting and improving their health and well being through advocacy, education, community empowerment and policy development.
IMH	Infant Mental Health. This is a growing field of study which focuses on the social and emotional development during an infant's first three years of life.
<u>INCCRRA</u>	Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. INCCRRA is a statewide organization which, in partnership with its 16 partner Child Care Resources and Referral (CCR&R) agencies, is a recognized leader, catalyst and resource for making high quality, affordable early care and education options available for children and families in Illinois.
<u>ISBE</u>	Illinois State Board of Education. ISBE provides leadership, assistance, resources and advocacy so that every student is prepared to succeed in careers and postsecondary education, and ISBE shares accountability for accomplishing this with districts and schools.
<u>ITC</u>	Infant Toddler Credential. The ITC is administered in Illinois as part of the Gateways to Opportunity Early Childhood Credential and career lattice.
<u>IVPA</u>	Illinois Violence Prevention Authority (State Agency). The IVPA has five main goals: the IVPA has defined five main goals: develop and implement a statewide plan for violence prevention; fund local and statewide anti-violence programs; coordinate existing violence prevention initiatives and encourage collaborative projects; evaluate and provide technical assistance for violence prevention programming; and conduct public education and awareness efforts about violence and its prevention.
<u>LHD</u>	Local Health Department. In Illinois, residents can find their local health department, or the health department in their county, by visiting the IDPH website and selecting their county.
<u>LIC</u>	Local Interagency Councils. These are mandated by the EI system. Local service providers, parents, advocates, and CFC representatives meet. The councils provide a forum for questions and concerns. Their formal purpose is to participate in child-find, increase public awareness, do community assessments, and identify service gaps. Many communities abbreviate as such: DICEI, which is DuPage Interagency Council on Early Intervention.
<u>MCHB</u>	US Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The Bureau provides leadership to both the public and private sector to build the infrastructure for the delivery of health care services to all mothers and children in the nation, especially low income and isolated populations.
<u>NAEYC</u>	National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age eight.

<u>NASHP</u>	National Academy of State Health Policy. NASHP is an independent academy of state health policymakers working together to identify emerging issues, develop policy solutions, and improve state health policy and practice. NASHP provides a forum for constructive, nonpartisan work across branches and agencies of state government on critical health issues facing states.
<u>NCSL</u>	National Conference of State Legislatures. NCSL provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues.
<u>NGA</u>	National Governors Association. The NGA is the bipartisan organization of the nation's governors, which promotes visionary state leadership, shares best practices and speaks with a unified voice on national policy.
<u>NHSA</u>	National Head Start Association. The National Head Start Association is a private not-for-profit membership organization dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of Head Start children and their families.
<u>NTI</u>	National Training Institute. NTI is part of the national organization Zero to Three and is their annual conference/training opportunity.
<u>OPF</u>	Ounce of Prevention Fund. OPF provides direct services for at-risk children from birth to age five and for their families, trains early childhood professionals across the state who work with infants and toddlers, conducts research on what works and continuously incorporate that knowledge into programs, and advocates for sound public policies and sustained funding streams with bipartisan support so that more young children have access to experiences that enhance their early development.
<u>OSEP</u>	Office of Special Education Programs. This federal department is funded and defined by IDEA which oversees implementation of special education and early intervention using federal funding.
<u>Part C</u>	It is the section of the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) that pertains to infants and toddlers. The federal government provides funding to assist States in developing and implementing a system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers. Since children under age 3 are not in a school system to be identified for screening and services, Child & Family Connection Centers are responsible for public awareness campaigns. Children can be found developmentally delayed along five categories: physical, social/emotional, communication, cognitive, and adaptive/self-help or they can have a medical diagnosis, such as autism or Downs syndrome. If children are found to be delayed then they are referred to services that are determined by their individualized family service plan.
<u>PAT</u>	Parents As Teachers. This is a birth to five home visiting program model.
<u>PCCM</u>	Primary Care Case Management. PCCM is a managed fee-for-service arrangement, utilizing a network of primary care physicians and health care providers to serve as the “medical home” for Medicaid patients.
<u>PDAC</u>	Professional Development Advisory Committee is a group of highly qualified practitioners, educators, and advocates from around the state of Illinois. PDAC’s overall strategy is to improve the stability of the early care and education workforce through increased professional development and improved opportunities for career advancement.
<u>PFA</u>	Preschool for All. This program is administered as part of the Early Childhood Block Grant through ISBE
<u>PRISM</u>	Program Review Instrument for Systems Monitoring. PRISM is used in monitoring HS and

EHS programs.

PTS	Parents Too Soon. OPF receives funding to delegate and supervise services for teens that are expecting and have become parents. OPF also provides extensive statewide training as part of running PTS.
RFP	Request for Proposal. This is a request for suppliers or providers to submit a proposal regarding their ability to provide a specific commodity or service. Selection among submitted RFPs is generally a competitive process.
RSP	Request for Service Proposal
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. RWJF's effort focuses on improving both the <i>health</i> of everyone in America and their health <i>care</i> —how it's delivered, how it's paid for, and how well it does for patients and their families.
SEC	Social Emotional Consultant. Used in IDEA Part C to observe the behavior of young children to assess their social and emotional development.
TA	Technical Assistance.
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. With the 1996 welfare reform act PRWORA, TANF replaced the existing AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) assistance program.
TPS	Teen Parent Services. This is a program administered by IDHS originally for teen parents receiving TANF benefits (not to be confused with PTS).
US DHHS	United States Department of Health and Human Services. US DHHS, or HHS, is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.
WIC	Women, Infant, & Children. This is a federally-funded program for low-income women with children up to age 5 that provides nutrition services