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Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS):

The mission of DCFS is to: 1). Protect children who are reported to be abused or neglected and to increase their families' capacity to safely care for them; 2). Provide for the well-being of children in DCFS care; 3). Provide appropriate, permanent families as quickly as possible for those children who cannot safely return home; 4). Support early intervention and child abuse prevention activities; and 5). Work in partnerships with communities to fulfill this mission. DCFS is divided into four geographic regions. Early childhood programs described in this inventory fall within various administrative divisions within the agency.

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Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS):

IDHS' mission is to assist its customers to achieve maximum self-sufficiency, independence and health through the provision of seamless, integrated services for individuals, families and communities. IDHS is divided into five regional divisions as well as six administrative divisions. Most IDHS services for young children and families are within the *Division of Family and Community Services*.

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