

About the Program Inventory

Introduction

The *Illinois Early Childhood Program Inventory* provides a comprehensive list of programs that support Illinois' children (from birth through age 8) and their families. The Program Inventory provides an overview of Illinois' Early Childhood System including programs offered by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

The Community Systems Development Subcommittee of the Illinois Early Learning Council identified the need for a resource that captured the full breadth of early childhood/family support system at the state level. The Subcommittee, along with various other stakeholders, helped to identify and provide information on the various programs based on a previous version of the Inventory completed by the Ounce of Prevention Fund in 2011 as part of its Birth to Five Project.

This version of the *Program Inventory* has been developed as a resource for community and program leaders to understand the early childhood system at the state level and provide guidance for identifying the full range of state system actors at the local level. This inventory is not intended as a direct referral source, but we hope that the information presented can point you towards local resources for your community as you build strong local systems for children and families.

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Additional information may be added to the inventory as it is shared with state and local stakeholders. Recommendations, corrections, and feedback on the inventory can be e-mailed to partnerplanact@actforchildren.org.