

# Local Interagency Councils (LICs)

## *Systems Development Initiative*

### Overview

Through contracts with the Early Intervention Program's Child and Family Connections (CFC) offices, Local Interagency Councils (LICs) have been established throughout Illinois to coordinate, design, and implement child find and public awareness activities, recruit Early Intervention providers, and develop collaborative agreements related to transition. Specific duties are written in the EI statute and include the following

- Assist in the development of collaborative agreements between local service providers, diagnostic and other agencies providing additional services to the child and family;
- Assist in conducting local needs assessments and planning efforts;
- Identify and resolve local access issues;
- Conduct collaborative child find activities;
- Coordinate public awareness initiatives;
- Coordinate local planning and evaluation;
- Assist in the recruitment of specialty personnel;
- Develop plans for facilitating transition and integration of eligible children and families into the community;
- Facilitate conflict resolution at the local level; and
- Report annually to the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention

### Community Partnership Structure

Each CFC is responsible for staffing at least one Local Interagency Council within its designated region. Some CFC regions have multiple LICs.

All stakeholders at the local level are invited to participate in the LICs. Participants must include parents, representatives from coordination and advocacy service providers, local education agencies, other local public and private service providers, and representatives from State agencies at the local level and may include Early Intervention service providers, early childhood programs, health care professionals, as well other interested parties.

The current list of LICs is available here: <http://www.wiu.edu/ProviderConnections/links/LICList.html> as well as at [www.partnerplanact.org/programinventory](http://www.partnerplanact.org/programinventory)

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