

Professional Development System Overview: Illinois



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State	Illinois	
Professional Development (PD) System	<p>Title: Illinois Gateways to Opportunity</p> <p>Web site: http://www.ilgateways.com/en/</p>	
Infrastructure/ PD System Governance	<p>Type of Governance: Statewide organization with funding from State agencies and public/private partners Gateways to Opportunity is administered by the IL Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (INCCRRA), and funded by the IL Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child Care and Development, the McCormick Foundation, and the Grand Victoria Foundation.</p> <p>Key Contact: Janet Maruna, INCCRRA, (866) 697-8278</p>	
Head Start (HS)/ Early Head Start (EHS)	<p>State HS Collaboration Director (Interim): Linda Saterfield, Linda.Saterfield@illinois.gov</p> <p>State HS Early Childhood Manager: Linda Langosch, linda.langosch@stginternational.com</p>	
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early care and education (family child care; center-based care; and relative, friend, and neighbor care), early childhood special education, early intervention, public education, family support, HS/EHS, higher education, home visiting, preK, child care resource and referral agencies, and school-age (SA) and youth programs 	
Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)	<p>Ages Included in ELGs and Alignment with K–12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth–3 years 3–5 years (or those in the 2 years before K) Align with K–12 	<p>Notes</p> <p>Title: Early Learning Guidelines for Children Birth to Age Three Examines children's development through four core developmental domains: social and emotional, physical, language, and cognitive. Web site: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/%5C/earlychi/pdf/el-guidelines-0-3.pdf</p> <p>Title: Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards: For Preschool 3 Years Old to Kindergarten Enrollment Age The IL Early Learning and Development Standards were updated to align with the IL Early Learning Guidelines for Children Birth to Age Three, the IL Kindergarten Standards, and the Common Core State Standards for Kindergarten. Web site: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/%5C/earlychi/pdf/early_learning_standards.pdf</p> <p>Information on State ELGs references to dual language learners is available at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/center/state-guidelines/dll_guidelines.html</p>

