

Illinois

Early Childhood Development

FEDERAL INVESTMENT ACROSS PROGRAMS:

\$3,133,000,000
Since FY2009



STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- In July 2013, Illinois launched the ExceleRate Illinois Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for child care centers, Early Head Start and Head Start programs, Preschool for All programs, and center-based prevention initiative programs.
- Five hundred and ninety-two Quality Counts QRIS programs transitioned to dual enrollment in ExceleRate Illinois, 276 at the Silver Circle, and 316 at the Gold Circle of Quality.
- In 2014, childhood obesity prevention practices and the practice of limiting screen time were addressed with changes in licensing standards.
- A law was enacted which requires school-based preschool teachers, working with children whose home language is not English, to hold a specialized English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual endorsement.
- In 2013, Illinois exceeded its goal by increasing the number of entitled institutions of higher education from 45 to 49.

CUMULATIVE FEDERAL FUNDING PER PROGRAM

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (FY14)	\$18,135,729
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (FY10-14) ¹	\$31,084,686
State Advisory Councils (FY10-13)	\$3,723,503
Race To the Top Early Learning Challenge (FY12-14) ²	\$52,498,043
Preschool Development Grants (FY14-15) ^{3,4}	\$40,000,000
Child Care and Development Fund (FY09-13)	\$1,110,235,710
Head Start (FY09-14)	\$1,877,000,000

DEMOGRAPHICS: CHILDREN UNDER 6 (2013)

941,163

Total number of children

68.2%

Live in households where the parents present are working

22.4%

Live below the Federal Poverty Level (poverty)

43.3%

Live below 200% of poverty

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HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

76

Number of HS grantees, FY13

48

Number of EHS grantees, FY13

6

Number of Migrant/Seasonal grantees, FY13



36%

Increase in the number of teachers with BA or higher in ECE or related field, FY09-14

40,898

Total enrollment, FY14



19%

Percent of HS-eligible children who were enrolled in EHS/HS, FY13

\$18 M



Funding awarded for 4 EHS-CC Partnership Grants

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

\$1,753 M

Total State and Federal Investment, FY09-FY13

53,200



Number of children served, avg. monthly FY13

\$1,110 M

Federal Investment Only, FY09-FY13

\$258 M

Quality Investment, Federal and State, FY09-13

6%



Increase in children served in licensed/regulated center-based care from FY09-14

10%

Percent of federally eligible children who received subsidized care through CCDF, average month in FY11

RACE TO THE TOP -- EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC)⁵

Designed and launched a **public-facing Web site** for ExceleRate Illinois that includes information about all licensed child care centers, Preschool for All, school-based programs, and HS/EHS programs.

Early Childhood Innovation Zones across the State are implementing innovative practices to serve the highest need children.

80,000

Early childhood educators served by the expansion of the Gateways Professional Development Registry.

659

In-person training sessions provided on ExceleRate Illinois topics.

MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV)⁶

12,586



Home visits performed, FY14



924

Families served, FY14



1,799

Parents and children served, FY14



7%

Percent of counties in Illinois where MIECHV is available

¹ Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/>.

² Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge flyer. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2013-early-learning-challenge-flyer.pdf>.

³ U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services award \$237M in early education grants to 18 States [Press release]. <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-departments-education-and-health-and-human-services-award-237m-early-education-grants-18-states>.

⁴ What are preschool development grants? [Fact sheet]. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/pdofactsheet81115.pdf>.

⁵ Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge 2014 annual performance report: Illinois. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/2014apr/ilapr2014.pdf>.

⁶ Home visiting helps at-risk families across the U.S. [Web page]. <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/states/index.html>.