

Every Child Ready Chicago

Early Childhood Town Hall

November 13, 2024

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"This Strategic Framework is about building a future where **EVERY child** has the resources needed to thrive, and their families are supported by well-resourced communities and comprehensive, high-quality programs.

Together, we can transform Chicago into a city where equity and opportunity are the bedrock of our children's growth and success. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you as we continue our efforts to build a better, stronger, safer Chicago for every child and family."



Mayor Brandon JohnsonCity of Chicago



Today's Agenda

Opening Remarks

ECRC Strategic Framework

Early Childhood Updates

Q & A

Closing



Every Child Ready Chicago Strategic Framework

Our Values

Accountability

Equity

Diversity & Inclusiveness

Transformation
Transparency



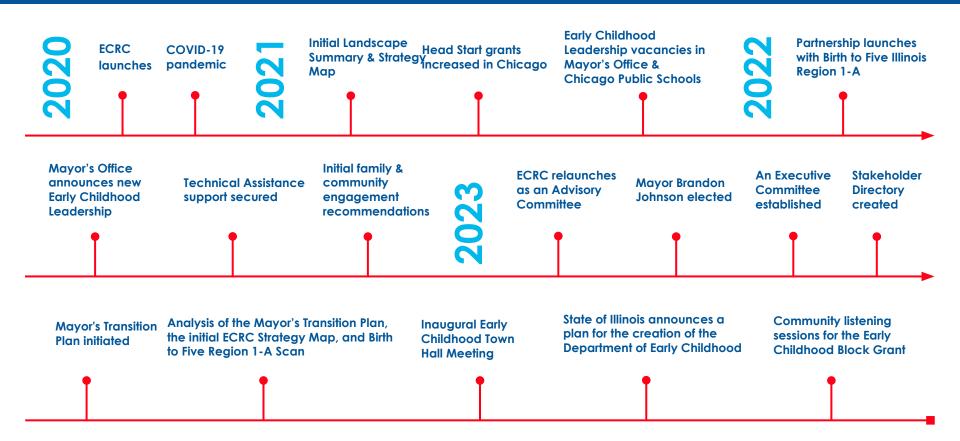
Our Mission

Build a coherent prenatal to five system that provides equitable access to the supports and services families need

Our Vision

Promote equitable access to early childhood programs for all Chicago families by expanding the availability of seats and enhancing support services

Our Journey So Far





Anita Andrews-Hutchinson ITAV Family of Schools



Candace Moore Chicago Mayor's Office



Carie Bires Start Early



Carmen Garcia Irving Harris Foundation



Dr. Carrie Comer-Yates Chicago Public Schools



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Ruth Kimble Austin Childhood Providers' Network ECE



Talibah Moore



View the ECRC Strategic Framework here...



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Strategic Framework Development Process

- Initial Landscape Analysis (July 2021)
 Established strategic foundation for ECRC
- Community-Facing Events (Jan 2023 Jan 2024)
 Refined the strategic direction through engagement
- Committee Review Process (Feb Jun 2024)
 Executive and Advisory Committees refined priorities,
 leading to our strategic priorities for the next 3 years
- Internal Review Process (Jul 2024 Now)
 City leadership review and approval

Enhance Funding Equity & Local Systems Governance

Increase Access to Early Childhood System Data

Bolster Family & Community Engagement

Strengthen State-City
Collaboration & Alignment

Advance Quality Early
Childhood Training & Tools

Enhance Funding Equity & Local Systems Governance

- Create a revised cost model for Chicago that accurately reflects the true cost of delivering high-quality programs and services to families, as well as ensuring favorable working conditions for early childhood providers to inform more equitable funding allocation and assist in planning for the sustainability and growth of the workforce pipeline
- Map the financial resource flow at the city level and create strategic
 recommendations for the City to improve funding transparency for the community
- Research local early childhood system governance models and identify implications for Chicago

2 Increase Access to Early Childhood System Data

- Expand data literacy training, resources, and related tools to educate families, system leaders, and communities on the early childhood data ecosystem
- Establish standardized data collection and reporting norms, encompassing indicators, terms, metrics, and equity considerations, to unify reporting on the city's children across sectors

Strengthen State-City Collaboration & Alignment

- Collaborate with designated State Agencies to establish bidirectional sharing of information and updates with the ECRC network
- Generate recommendations for City and State systems enhancement and alignment

4

Bolster Family & Community Engagement

- Identify engagement strategies to effectively center and elevate family and community voice within ECRC
- Build bridges with parent and community groups to ensure ongoing bidirectional communication and partnership for shared decision-making

5 Advance Quality Early Childhood Training & Tools

- Establish a repository of up-to-date resources and information for providers in key areas to better serve families
- Create a training series for families on early childhood system topics that are tailored to their needs
- Produce tools, trainings, and events to educate community members and leaders about the early childhood ecosystem

Interested in Getting Involved?



Governance & Funding Work Group

Purpose: Strengthen the local early childhood system's governance by enhancing collaboration with state and city partners to improve alignment, increase access to information, and share recommendations for advancing funding equity.

2 Data Work Group

Purpose: Enhance community data literacy and establish consistent data standards across organizations to unify data structure and improve accessibility.

3 Family & Community Engagement Work Group

Purpose: Implement a strategic engagement plan that includes development opportunities for providers, families, and leaders to amplify community voice and deepen understanding of the early childhood ecosystem.

What's next for ECRC Work Groups!



<u>TIMELINE</u>

- → Dec 2024 Application opens
- → Dec 10, 2024 Info Session
- → Jan 2025 Member selection
- → Feb 2025 Member notification
- → Mar 2025 Work Group first meetings

Are in you interested in joining an ECRC Work Group, or have questions about the Strategic Framework?



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Questions?

We will dive deeper into Strategic Framework details during our first Advisory Committee of 2025.

Join us for the conversation! Join the ECRC Advisory Committee by sharing your interest with the email address below.

Email: ECRC@cityofchicago.org

Website: bit.ly/EveryChild-ReadyChicago



CELFE

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Center for Early Learning Funding Equity

The Center for Early Learning Funding Equity (CELFE) builds capacity for assessing and ensuring adequacy and equity in early learning funding systems through research and transformative partnerships. We create innovative approaches and funding mechanisms that support the diverse needs of children and families.







celfe.org



Project Overview and Timeline

1

Cost Model

2

Fiscal Map

3

Leverage Data

Build a cost model 'engine' to estimate cost of care, including a model Salary Scale Leverage existing funding data to create a more detailed funding equity map

Understand who participates in Chicago's early learning programs

November 2024









June 2025





ECRC Executive Committee

Working Collaboratively

Connecting Directly with Programs

Focus Groups in 2025: Pressure Tests



Communicate Updates as the Project Progresses

Thank you!

CELFE Team

Questions? nnyman@niu.edu





CECIDS & EC-REACH

Serah Fatani & Maia Connors





ECEC DATA 101

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

A set of freely available, open-access materials designed to educate Chicago decision-makers and advocates about the current state of Chicago's early childhood data landscape.



Agency and Program Leaders



Policymakers



Advocates

With appreciation to our project sponsor...



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Understanding Data:** Data are essential for informed decision-making, identifying needs and strengths, and advocating for policy change
- Chicago ECEC Landscape: The funding and regulatory landscape is complex and influences the data collected
- **Data Interpretation:** Most data are interpreted, requiring careful analysis to understand underlying assumptions and biases
- **Compliance and Data Silos**: Compliance requirements drive data collection, leading to siloed data systems that reflect the diverse funding landscape
- **Responsible Data Use:** Define your questions, be specific, respect confidentiality, stay curious, and engage experts for complex inquiries
- **Local and State Resources:** Utilize available resources to access comprehensive ECEC data and support your decision-making processes

Chicago Early Childhood Data 101



COMING SOON!

To ecreach.org/data101











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Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship Sandy De León



GOALS

City agencies collaborated to launch the Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship (CELWS) initiative in 2018.



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- CELWS aims to support Chicagoans and the current Chicago Early Learning workforce as they pursue coursework to earn a credential, degree, endorsement, or licensure to work with young children (birth through Pre-k) and families in Chicago Early Learning programs.
- The scholarship serves an important role in Chicago's efforts to expand access to early learning across the city and build a more robust workforce that can help Chicago expand high quality early learning programs.
- CELWS provides recipients with meaningful career pathways through partnerships with Institutions of Higher Education, which also offer students personalized supports as they navigate their desired course of study.









WHY CELWS?







ECE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION STRATEGY



SERVES COMPREHENSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD













HOW DOES CELWS WORK?

How to Apply: Mid-January to February, applications can be completed on the Chicago Early Learning website. Once complete, the applicant will receive follow-up from Screening Specialist.



- Amount: The scholarship will serve as a "last dollar" scholarship, meaning it will cover everything that students' federal grants and other scholarships do not cover.
 - Tuition & eligible fees at 100%
 - Books up to \$250/course
- Scholarship advising: Every Scholar is paired with an Advisor with ECE expertise who serves as Navigator of college/university, Liaison to services at college/university, Ensures good academic standing with Holistic approach

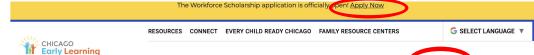








<u>3-year work commitment</u>: Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship recipients must commit to work in a Chicago Early Learning (CEL) Program (Community-based organization or CPS birth through Pre-K program) for a minimum of three years after completion of their degree or approved academic program.



How To Apply Programs Locations Community-Based FAQ Scholarships About





PROGRAM IMPACT: 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

- 572 Scholars Engaged
- **178 new** Scholars awarded
- 23 I total scholarships awarded
- I 44 degrees and/or academic pathways have been earned or completed
- 23 Transfer awardees began Bachelor's degree
- 56 Professional Educator License (PEL)
 Earners

Graduations/completions: Degrees/Academic Pathways		
Associate Degree	34	24%
Bachelor's Degree – Non-licensure	20	14%
Bachelor's Degree – Licensure	22	15%
College Certificate	7	5%
Alternative Licensure Program	34	24%
Coursework-only	21	15%
Endorsement	6	4%
Total	144	

Scholar community - Historical through summer '24

Approximately 96% identify as Non-White

- 86% identify as Black/African-American or Hispanic/Latin@xe
- Average age is 39
- 93% identify as female
- 61% are Chicago Early Learning Staff
 - 69% CBO
 - 31% CPS



What's next...



Launch date: December 4, 2024

The Education Workforce Center is built through a collective impact model, utilizing existing and new resources and spacesvirtual and brick and mortar- to reimagine how we can support education professionals.

A one-stop shop providing academic support, mentorship, community, professional development, and socio-emotional support tailored to each stage of the Education Professional's trajectory—
From community member to student through employment and career growth & development

Inspiration & Proof of concept for EWC













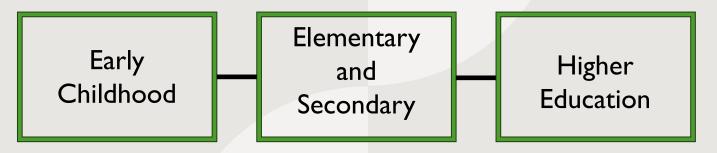




Our Vision

The Education Workforce Center (EWC) was designed to support Early Childhood, Elementary/Secondary, and Higher Education through a collective impact model. Existing resources have been pooled together and new services identified to support each of these entities

Our vision is to become the hub of education across all sectors, for the City of Chicago



To achieve our vision, we will bring together educators, higher education institutions, community partners, and employers to convene as a professional learning community



















THANK YOU!



Sandy De León, Executive Director

















Birth to Five Illinois Region 1-A (City of Chicago)

Edna Navarro-Vidaurre



Birth to Five Illinois Region 1-A (City of Chicago)

What is Birth to Five Illinois?

- Help bridge the gaps that exist between families, caregivers, Early Childhood providers, and decisionmakers.
- Use quantitative data collected and qualitative data to form recommendations that will make ECEC services and supports more equitable for all children and families in the State.
- Founded in September 2021, has 39 Regions across the State and has an Action Council and Family Council in every region.





Chicago's Mixed Delivery System











Pregnant	Doula services	Home visiting			
Newborn – 3 yrs old	Family Connects Chicago	Home Visiting	Child care	Early Head Start	Early Intervention
3 yrs – 5 years	Home Visiting	Child Care	Head Start	Preschool for All	







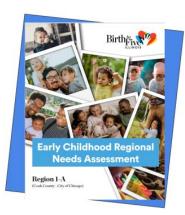


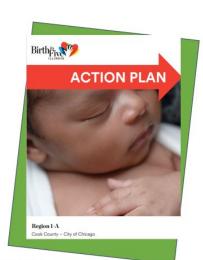




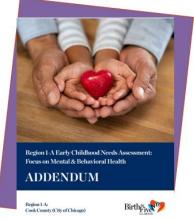


Our Work





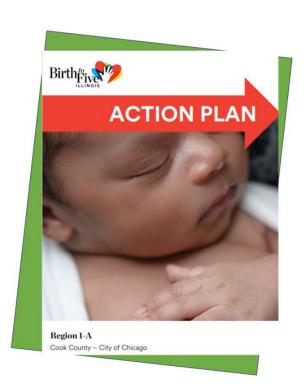




Action Plan Community Implementation









Birth to Five Illinois Region 1-A





Let's Connect!

- Save the Date: Action Plan Community Mtg
- In-person January 23, 2024 9:30AM 12:00 PM at McCormick Foundation
- Evening Virtual Option: January 23, 2024 630 PM 8:00 PM (Zoom)
- Registration information TBA

Stay in touch!

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- Sign up to receive newsletter: https://www.birthtofiveil.com/regionla/#s ubscribe
- Join our Facebook Group Birth to Five Illinois: Region
 1- A & www.birthtofiveil.com/regionla



Let's Connect!



Region 1-A: Cook County (City of Chicago)

Our work is community-driven and we want to hear from you!

Connect with our Team at local events or visit our website to learn more about Birth to Five Illinois and how to get involved!

Use the QR code below to

- Contact us
- Sign up for our Newsletter
- Join our Facebook group
- · Read our Regional reports
- And more!



WORKING TOGETHER IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN ILLINOIS TO DETERMINE WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO THRIVE

www.birthtofiveil.com/region1a







Thank You!

Partner Update Questions

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Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS)

Cerathel Burgess-Burnett



Chicago Early Learning RFP 2025



X Current funding landscape and timeline

- Current contracts across both funding sources have been extended through the following periods:
 - PFA/PI extend through 6/30/25
 - HS/EHS extend through 12/30/25
- All current delegates who receive ECBG or Federal funding from DFSS must re-compete through the upcoming RFPs



NEW RFP Funding /Contract terms

- Initial contract term for ECBG funding in new RFP will be 1 year (7/1/25-6/30/26), with up to two 1-year extensions
- Initial contract term for Federal funding in new RFP will be December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026, with up to two 1-year extensions



Who will administer the ECBG Grant

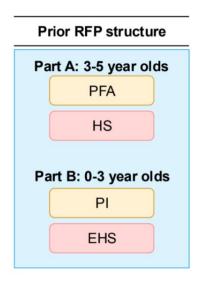
- Fiscal Year 2025-2026: DFSS Children Services Division will continue to administer the ECBG funding it receives from CPS
 - ECBG funding for PFA/PI will be included in the upcoming RFP and ALL current and new recipients must apply through the RFP.
- 2026 and beyond: Decisions on future administration of the ECBG funding will come in the near future as the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood is stood up
 - The City of Chicago is actively working with the state to align planning and support a smooth experience for providers





Previous Chicago Early Learning RFP - DFSS released one RFP in April 2019

- Included both funding sources Federal (HS/EHS/EHS CCP) and State (PFA and PI)
- Organizations who applied were required to submit one response for 4-5-year-olds and one response for 0-3-yearolds
- The RFP was complex and cumbersome therefore made it difficult for respondents to apply
- DFSS was required to complete three addenda to clarify for the respondents what different statements and sections of the RFP meant and how to respond





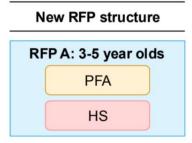
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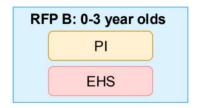
- DFSS will launch two updated RFPs in 2025. We will purposely separate the RFPs by age to ensure we clearly articulate the requirements for specific age groups and funding streams
- DFSS anticipates launching the RFPs in early January 2025 with contract start dates as follows:

ECBG: July 1, 2025

Federal: December 1, 2025

- DFSS traditionally will keep RFPs open for 4 to 6 weeks
- The duration for how long the RFP will be open will be determined closer to the launch date
- There will be a virtual webinar to take questions and answers from potential respondents





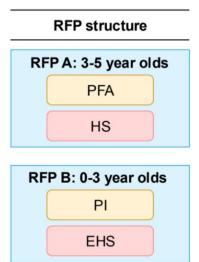


NEW - DFSS will release two separate RFPs in early 2025

- Organizations who are interested in providing programs for both 3-5-year-olds and 0-3-year-olds will need to submit a response to both RFPs
- This structure will allow DFSS to make award decisions that best balance system needs across these two age groups and funding sources

Services for ages birth-3 years old are provided until children are age eligible to transition into preschool programming (Child's 3rd birthdate must be before September 1).

Services for children ages 3-5 years old are provided until children are age eligible to transition into kindergarten. (Child's 5th birthdate must be before September 1)





Anticipated timeline (tentative)

- January 2025: RFPs released
- January-February 2025: RFPs application period, DFSS will hold virtual and in-person information sessions
- April-May 2025: Awards announced
- July 2025: PFA & PI contract term begins
- December 2025: Head Start contract term begins



What trainings will be available to organizations who wish to apply?

- DFSS will engage a support services provider to assist potential respondents in navigating the RFP process.
- Core Support Offerings will be focused on lowering / removing knowledge barriers in the following areas
 - Chicago Early Learning Standards (CELS) a review of key requirements that will shape RFQ responses and which includes planned service delivery structures
 - Partnership considerations
 - Budget Building and Considerations
 - Allowable costs
 - Non-Federal Match
 - Collaborative Governance core requirements
 - Programmatic Requirements and Considerations
 - I-Supplier Navigation, Insights and Tips



How do we plan to improve communication regarding the RFP launch and access?

- DFSS intends to utilize multiple sources, including additional sources not used in 2019 to share information about the RFPs, including the information in all state and local committees and meetings and the following channels to ensure widespread notification of the RFPs:
 - · CSD internal channels, CSD Update and CSD Alerts
 - Department of Family and Support Services website
 - Illinois Head Start Association
 - Illinois Action for Children Providers and Educators Funding Opportunities
 - Every Child Ready Chicago
 - Local news sources
 - Social Media
 - Birth-to Five Illinois
 - Listening to constituents like yourself we ask that you participate in the following poll
 - Chicago Aldermen
 - Chicago Early Learning e-blasts

x Important links

- Department of Family and Support Services Website You will find department updates including RFP's that have been launched. Keep an eye on "Most recent News"
 - https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss.html
- City of Chicago eProcurement system— You must register for access to this system to review and apply to RFPs

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dps/isupplier/login-register.html

- Questions on Registration, eProcurement, and additional technical assistance:
 - <u>CustomerSupport@cityofchicago.org</u> or 312-744-4357 (HELP)
- Online Training Materials (technical assistance materials and handouts): https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dps/isupplier/online-training-materials.html

| 🗰 | Important links

- Illinois Early Learning Project
 - https://illinoisearlylearning.org/ielg/
- Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC)
 - https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/
- Illinois State Board of Education
 - https://www.isbe.net
 - https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Early-Learning-Standards.aspx
 - https://www.isbe.net/Documents/el-guidelines-0-3.pdf



X Questions and Answers

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Chicago Public Schools (CPS)

Rebecca Parker

Office of Early Childhood Education Updates

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2025: Go Deeper and Expand Opportunities



Every student engaged in High-Quality Curriculum by 2026.



Every school conducts a meaningful instructional learning cycle.



Students with Disabilities and English Learners are prioritized in Learning Walks.



Every student takes part in student-centered programming.



Every student accesses postsecondary exposure and coursework.





The Daily Student Experience

Daily Learning Experiences









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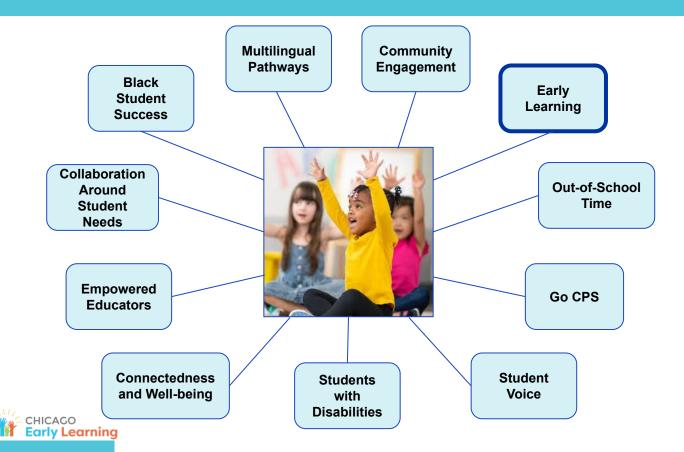
Joyful

Equitable





CPS Five Year Vision: Together We Rise



GoCPS 3.0: A Smoother Application Process

- Chicago Early Learning application for Fall 2025 will launch in April
- More user-friendly and integrated backend systems to support smoother applications and enrollment for families
- K-9th grade application launched on new platform in September





Preschool to Kindergarten Priority

- New policy would give priority to current Pre-K students to stay in the same school for Kindergarten
- Neighborhood families would still get preference for schools with boundaries
- The goal is to help more families stay in the same school for Pre-K and Kindergarten so children experience fewer transitions and more continuity
- Policy is open for public comment with expected Board vote in December





Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Jennifer Vidis

Chicago Department of Public Health

- Mission: To work with communities and partners to create an equitable, safe, resilient and Healthy Chicago.
- **Vision:** Everyone in Chicago thrives and achieves their optimal health and wellness.
- Key Program Areas:

Health Protection

- Disease Control
- Food Protection
- Immunizations
- Emergency Preparedness

Community Health

- Healthy Chicago 2025
- Environment
- Health Equity in All Policies

Maternal, Infant, Child & Adolescent Health

- Maternal & Child Health
- · Adolescent Health
- Reproductive Health

Behavioral Health

- Mental Health Clinics & Services
- · Substance Use
- Violence Prevention

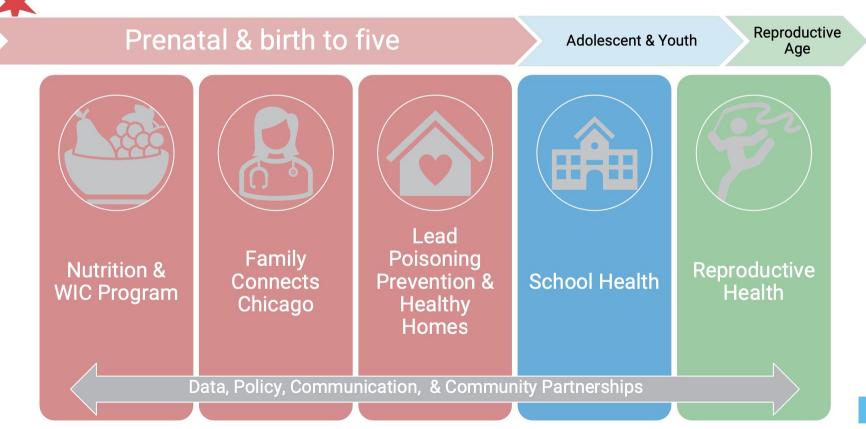
Syndemic Infectious Diseases

- HIV, AIDS & STI Resources
- Hepatitis
- Tuberculosis

Health Data

- Epidemiological Data & Reports
- Chicago Health Atlas
- · Data Requests

Bureau of Maternal, Infant, Child and Adolescent Health





Family Connects Chicago



- On track to complete home visits with ~3,000 families in 2024
 - All 77 Community Areas
 - 71% Medicaid
 - 53% Latinx, 28% Black, 9% White, 7% AAPI
- 11 birthing hospitals participating
- Focusing community alignment outreach and education activities on infant safe sleep practices and FCC participation in priority community areas
- Partnering with Connect Home Visiting Chicago to strengthen pathways to intensive home visiting programs
- 2025 goal of visiting 5,600 families







Lead Poisoning Prevention & Healthy Homes Program

- Lead poisoning prevalence in young children has dropped to 1.5 % in 2023
- Expanded services through bond funding to address more home health hazards in households with income up to 140% AMI
- On track to complete lead and healthy homes improvements in 160 households in 2024; goal of 240 homes in 2025
- Applied for funding to expand services to address severe childhood asthma

Nutrition/WIC Program

- Illinois WIC & Head Start Collaboration Office renewed MOU, expanding MOAs with EHS/HS providers
- Participating in pilot to mobilize WIC in Austin and other priority community areas
- Enhanced education on oral health and infant safe sleep
- Expanding WIC referral, recruitment and retention activities in 2025

Questions?

Save the Date!

ECRC Strengthening Inclusion Symposium Saturday, December 7, 10 am-2 pm at Malcolm X College

ECRC Working Group Information Session
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 11am-12pm via Zoom

Email: ECRC@cityofchicago.org

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