



Early Childhood Special Education New Teacher Orientation

The trainings listed below are suggestions to help orient new early childhood special education teachers. The priority trainings offer background information on early childhood requirements. The secondary trainings enhance classroom practices. Finally, general resources are provided.

Priority Trainings to Take Early in the Year

Inclusion

[Understanding Inclusion Modules](#)

[Determining Preschool Environment Codes](#)

Early Childhood Outcomes

[Early Childhood Outcomes in Illinois Modules](#)

Early Childhood Transition

[Transition from Early Intervention to Early Childhood Special Education: Roles and Responsibilities live training](#)

Secondary Trainings to Take Throughout the Year

[Early Childhood Recommended Practices Modules](#)

Identify needs and have trainings and resources to support those needs.

Professional Development and Resources

[STAR NET](#) provides professional development and technical assistance on topics related to early childhood special education and aligns to the DEC Recommended Practices.

[Early CHOICES](#) provides professional development and technical assistance related to preschool inclusion.

[The Child Find Project of Illinois](#) develops and disseminates informational education materials and resource and service information to Illinois school districts, early intervention providers, health care providers, families, child care providers, educators, families, and the general public.

[The Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Special Education Webpage](#) has resources related to preschool inclusion, early childhood outcomes, and transition from early intervention to early childhood special education.