



Administrators' Back to School Tips: Early Childhood

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) provides support to children and their families during this critical time through Prevention Initiative Birth to 3 and Preschool for All 3-5 state-funded grant programs. The Early Childhood Division at ISBE also provides program support for Early Childhood Special Education, as well as resources and guidance for best practices in kindergarten.

Prevention Initiative - Birth to 3 and Preschool for All 3-5:

- Check** your program's status at Grantee Status Report. All GATA requirements must be completed and approved before grants will gain final approval.
- Explain or correct** all items addressed in the "Review Checklist" so your grant can gain final approval.

Special Education:

- Provide** Early Childhood/Inclusion teachers with copies of each child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- Ensure** Early Childhood/Inclusion teachers are aware of each child's IEP goals.
- Complete or update** Early Childhood Outcomes for each child receiving EC services.

Kindergarten:

- Provide** all kindergarten teachers with access to the Illinois Learning Standards - Kindergarten packet.
- Train** all teachers and administrators so they are ready to implement the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) in the fall of fiscal year 2018.

Related Resources:

- [ISBE Early Childhood Education Page](#)
- [Grantee Status Report](#)
- [Early Childhood Block Grant Prevention Initiative Compliance Checklist](#)
- [Early Childhood Block Grant 3-5 Compliance Checklist](#)
- [ISBE's Early Childhood Website](#)
 - [PI webpage](#)

- The Preschool for All (PFA) compliance checklist and other monitoring resources and information can be found under Accountability: Monitoring and Continuous Quality Improvement at [PFA webpage](#).
- [Early Childhood Block Grant/PFA and PI Funding Information with Budget Worksheets](#)
- [Prevention Initiative Implementation Manual](#)
- [Prevention Initiative Monitoring and Compliance Information](#)
- [Preschool for All Implementation Manual](#)
- [Early Childhood Outcomes System Webpage](#)
- [Early Childhood Education Special Education Services Webpage](#)
- [ISBE's Kindergarten Corner Webpage](#)
- [Illinois Learning Standards - Kindergarten](#)
- [Illinois KIDS Website](#)
- To get more information about KIDS trainings or to find out about scheduling a training, you can call or email Lynsay Alexander at lalexan@wested.org or (630) 652-7420.
- If you have questions about Early Childhood services in the State of Illinois, please feel free to contact the Early Childhood Division at (217) 524-4835.