Responding to the Preschool for All (PFA) Request for Proposals (RFP) FY2012
Sections on "Statement of Need" and "Population to Be Served"

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for funds from the Preschool for All Children program requires that proposal writers prepare sections on "Statement of Need" and "Population to Be Served" for proposals. If you are writing a proposal, information from the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) and other sources will be useful in completing these sections of your proposal.

What Information Does IECAM Provide?

This standard report provides the following data:

• Population (2008 estimates) Number of children 3 and 4 years
• 100% Federal Poverty Level (2008 estimates) number of children 3 and 4 years
• 185% Federal Poverty Level (2008 estimates) number of children 3 and 4 years
• 400% Federal Poverty Level (2008 estimates) number of children 3 and 4 years (available by county and township only)
• Number of households speaking Spanish at home that are linguistically isolated (2008 estimates)
• Number of households speaking other non-English languages at home that are linguistically isolated (2008 estimates)
• ISBE PreK/PFA (FY2010) proposed capacity
• Head Start (FY2010) funded enrollment

For the geographic area that you selected, these data are provided in the following tables.

Population and Poverty Demographics (2008)

Counties	Population: Number of children 3 and 4 years of age	100% FPL: Number of children 3 and 4 years of age	185% FPL: Number of children 3 and 4 years of age	400% FPL: Number of children 3 and 4 years of age
Champaign	4528	773	1556	3184

PFA and Head Start (FY2010)

Counties	ISBE PFA Proposed Capacity	Head Start Funded Enrollment
Champaign	1129	435

Linguistically Isolated Households (2008)

Counties	Number of households speaking Spanish at home that are linguistically isolated	Number of households speaking other non-English language at home that are linguistically isolated
Champaign	590	2857

Who Is Intended to Be Served by Preschool for All?

The first priority in awarding grants for PFA must be given to applicants that propose to serve primarily children who have been identified as being at risk of academic failure. At-risk children are those who, because of their home and community environment, are subject to such language, cultural, economic and like disadvantages that they have been determined, as a result of screening procedures, to be at risk of academic failure. A disproportionate share of all children considered to be at risk come from low-income families, including low-income working families, homeless families, families where English is not the primary language spoken in the home, or families where one or both parents are teenagers or have not completed high school. However, neither a child's membership in a certain group nor a child's family situation should determine whether that child is at risk.

Second priority in awarding grants must be given to applicants proposing to serve primarily children whose family's income is less than four times the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2) (see Appendix B for 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines). For each child whose participation is based on the family's income, the successful applicant must collect evidence of family income levels.

For purposes of the RFP, "programs serving primarily at-risk children" are defined as those programs which:
1. Have 80 percent or more of the enrolled children identified as at risk;
2. Prioritize at-risk students over non-at-risk students when making enrollment decisions; and
3. Have taken specific, proactive measures to ensure that parents of potentially at-risk children in the community are aware of the availability of the opportunity for preschool education through the program.

Applicants are asked to define the risk factors that they will address in their program, based on the needs of their communities.

What Other Information Sources Will I Need to Consult?

In addition to the information that IECAM provides, you will need information from other sources to complete these sections of your proposal. Your local public library can be helpful to you and may be able to suggest sources specific to your community. Your local or nearby Head Start program conducts a community needs assessment for its Head Start grant proposal every three years and updates it annually, and may also have additional information that you can use. Keep in mind that Illinois does not want to lose federal Head Start dollars and that PFA proposals can benefit by demonstrating awareness of and collaboration—not competition—with nearby Head Start programs.

The Web sources listed below will provide you with much of the information required in the RFP on a variety of topics.

A. Education levels of parents

1. U.S. Census Bureau. State & County QuickFacts (Illinois)

http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17000.html

This page provides data on demographic variables related to population, race, education, housing, etc. One of the sections includes data on "high school graduates" and "bachelor's degree or higher," although not specifically related to parents.

For information on a county, click on the desired county in the "Select a county" scroll list near the top left of the page.

2. Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Among other variables, includes educational level of the population:
http://app.idph.state.il.us/brfss/countydata.asp

Choose Round = "round 4 (2007-2009)"; topic = "Demographics"; and County = your county; click "Go" to retrieve data.

B. Employment conditions

1. Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

See the same link as noted in A1 above. This page, among other variables, includes employment status.

2. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Local Area Unemployment Statistics page
http://www.bls.gov/lau/

This page contains various resources related to unemployment. In the right-hand sidebar is a list of links to state summaries. In the section headed "Tables and Maps Created by BLS" is a subsection on County Data. This text file provides non-seasonally adjusted data for October 2009-November 2010 on civilian labor force, employed, unemployed level, and unemployed rate:

http://www.bls.gov/lau/laucntycur14.txt

C. Rates of infant mortality, birth trauma, low birth weight, or prematurity

1. Illinois Department of Public Health "Health Statistics"

http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/infant/infmort0507.htm

The number of Illinois infants who died before their 1st birthday and the mortality rates per 1,000 live births by state and county are contained in a table for 2005-2007.

2. Illinois Department of Public Health. Birth Defects

Birth Defects and Other Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes in Illinois 2001-2005: A Report on County-specific Incidence (PDF format). Epidemiologic Report Series 07:06 Springfield, IL:

Illinois Department of Public Health, June 2007.

http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/epi/pdf/report05.pdf

Information is provided in this report about congenital anomalies (birth defects) and other serious neonatal conditions by counties in Illinois, including low birth weight and birth defects.

3. You may also want to contact your local Public Health District office to ask if they have or can direct you to additional or more up-to-date information.

D. The district's rate of dropouts, retention, truancy, teenage pregnancies, and homeless students

1. Interactive School Report Card Web site:

http://iirc.niu.edu/default.aspx

Search by or select school district (in the lefthand sidebar). From the menu on the school district page, select "About Students" and then "Educational Environment" to find data on parental income, truancy, and dropout rates. If you plan to serve a larger area than one school district, be sure to look at the data on all the districts in the geographic area in which you are interested.

You can also search by or select regions other than school district, and you can find many other data variables besides those about students.

2. Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs.

http://app.idph.state.il.us/data/CommunitySummary.asp?menu=1

County and township level data, including high school dropout rates, are included on this site. Latest available data are for 2006.

3. Illinois Department of Public Health. "Total number of babies born to Illinois teenagers, by state and county" table.

http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/teen/teen0708.htm

This site provides information on births to teenagers by county for 2007-2008.

E. The number of families where a language other than English is spoken

1. See IECAM data on linguistically isolated households in this Standard Report.

2. U.S. Census Bureau. State & County QuickFacts (Illinois)

http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17000.html

This page provides data on demographic variables related to population, race, education, housing, etc. One of the sections includes data on "Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000."

For information on a county, click on the desired county in the "Select a county" scroll list near the top left of the page.

F. Rates of poverty, child abuse and neglect

1. See IECAM data on the number of children living in families whose income is at or below 100%, 185%, and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.

2. Child Abuse and Neglect Statistics. Fiscal Year 2010.

http://www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/CANTS2010.pdf

Look for statistics by county on page 9, Table 7.

G. The prevalence of homelessness

HUD Homelessness Data Exchange
http://hudhdx.info/
Select the menu item for "AHAR Local Reports" in the right-hand sidebar to go to the Report page for the 2007 and 2008 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). Select a state (IL), a site within the state, a year (2009), a report (e.g., "Comprehensive Report"), and an output (PDF or HTML).

H. Information regarding drug/alcohol abuse

1. Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (including alcohol-related risk) by county

http://app.idph.state.il.us/brfss/countydata.asp

Choose Round = "round 4 (2007-2009)"; topic = "Alcohol"; and County = your county; click "Go" to retrieve data.

2. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

2a. Illinois County Profiles, including drug arrests and seizures
http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=forms&metapage=CountyProfiles
Choose your county and click on "View PDF" to see the report for 2004.

2b. I-UCR Drug Arrest Rate per 100,000 People CY2008

http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/pdf/JFacts/Drug%20Trends/1999-2008/10drug%20arrests_1999-2008.pdf