

Project Connect

Professional development for kindergarten teachers through a learning partnership between Erikson Institute and the Illinois State Board of Education



The pandemic has impacted children's early care and education experiences across Illinois. We know schools are looking for new ways to support very young children in their transition to academic learning in kindergarten.

The goal of Project Connect is to strengthen kindergarten teachers' ability to observe, document, and interpret children's behavior and thinking to better plan classroom opportunities that can take students' learning to the next level.

Through a variety of engaging formats, district-wide teams of kindergarten teachers will:

- Explore the relationship between social and emotional development and academic learning
- Deepen their knowledge of developmental trajectories in math and language/literacy, including dual language learning
- Increase use of formative assessment through the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)
- Work collaboratively with colleagues and an Erikson Institute content specialist to analyze child data

“Connect” with Erikson today to learn more.

We look forward to telling you more about this unique professional learning opportunity.



Read more about the program [here](#).



For more information, complete the form on our [website](#) and a member of our team will reach out.



You can also contact us directly at projectconnect@erikson.edu

Teachers will earn professional development hours and get practical resources for their classroom while learning new ways to assess and address the needs of the “whole child.”

Underwritten by a grant, Project Connect is affordable for schools and districts.



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