

Early Childhood Resources

Illinois Early Learning Guidelines For Children Birth to Age Three

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/el-guidelines-0-3.pdf>

Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/early_learning_standards.pdf

Illinois State Board of Education

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (ECSE)

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Early-Childhood-Special-Education-Services.aspx>

Developmental Delays & Early Childhood Support Services (Locally)

Districts 153 & 161 provides free regularly scheduled screenings for district residents whose children are three to five years of age. The screening assesses the following skill areas: speech and language, gross/fine motor, self-help, vision/hearing, and cognition. All screenings are done by appointment.

Please reach out to District 153 to schedule a Preschool Screening (Homewood School District)

https://willow.hsd153.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1135764&type=d&pREC_ID=1402772

Please reach out to District 161 to schedule a Preschool Screening (Flossmoor School District)

<https://www.sd161.org/page/preschool>

South Suburban Special Recreation Association (SSSRA)

South Suburban Special Recreation Association (SSSRA) is a therapeutic recreation program that is an extension of seven park districts and three recreation and parks departments. It is organized to provide individuals with disabilities or special needs, the opportunity to be involved in year-round recreation.

<https://sssra.org/>

Illinois Department of Humans Services – Early Intervention Information

Early Intervention is a statewide program that provides supports and services for families to help their children under age 3 meet developmental milestones. <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32004>

How Do I Learn More?

For more information or to refer your child to the Illinois EI Program, call your local CFC office. To find your local CFC office, please visit the IDHS Office Locator at: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12>

Parenting Tips: The 1-2-3 Magic Program

America's Simplest Parenting Program™

The 1-2-3 Magic Program continues to offer parents, pediatricians, mental health professionals, grandparents, teachers and even babysitters a simple and gentle-but-firm approach to managing the behavior of 2 to 12-year-olds, whether they are average kids or special-needs children. [Click Here](#)

Got Questions About Behavior?

Use this interactive tool to help guide you through best practices. Enter your role and the behaviors you need help with.

<https://www.understood.org/en/hub>

The Illinois Early Learning Project:

The Illinois Early Learning Project is a source of evidence-based, reliable information on early care and education for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children in Illinois.

Funded by the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (ISBE).

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org/resources/tipsheets/tipsheets-graphic/>

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org/resources/videos/videos-parenting/>

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org/resources/blogs/dll/>

StarNet:

Illinois STAR NET envisions a future where early childhood professionals and families have the supports needed to provide all children with a high quality, equitable education in inclusive environments. STAR NET's mission is to promote:

- evidence-based inclusive practices for young children with disabilities.
- professional development to support educators and families.
- meaningful child outcomes through innovative and engaging learning experiences.

<https://www.swccase.org/starnet>

https://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/CHP/EI_Workbook/Transitions.pdf

<https://www.eclre.org/course/understanding-inclusion/>

CDC Important Milestones: Your Child By Five Years

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-30mo.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-3yr.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-4yr.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-5yr.html>

CDC Milestones Moments: Booklet

https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/booklets/Milestone-Moments-Booklet21_Eng_Sng_FNL-508.pdf

Getting Ready For Kindergarten:

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/readykindergarten/>

<https://collab4kids.org/transition-to-kindergarten/>

<https://agesandstages.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/How-Parents-of-Preschoolers-Can-Support-Social-Emotional-Development-2.pdf>

National Association for the Education of Young Children

https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/books/all?sort_by=field_publication_date&sort_order=DESC

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families>

https://www.naeyc.org/resources/blog?f%5B0%5D=field_topics%3A179