



# Illinois State Board of Education

## Early Childhood Updates

Early Learning Council – Exec Meeting  
February 6, 2023

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# Preschool Development Grant B-5

\$4M Planning Grant to Support and Strengthen our Early Childhood Systems in 5 Activities:

1. Updating Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment
2. Updating the Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan
3. Maximize Parent & Family Engagement in the B-5 System
4. Support the B-5 Workforce & Disseminate Best Practices
5. Support Program Quality Improvement



# Prevention Initiative Home Visiting

## Supplemental Doula Services

- Doula Informational Held December 2022
- 40 providers participated
- 13 providers requested doula funding
- 46 Doulas within the PI Home Visiting Program

# FY24 ECBG RFP Listening Sessions

## Guiding Questions:

- What do you feel are some obstacles for applicants in completing the Request for Proposals application?
  - Application reads in School District Language
  - Lengthy & Repetitive Questions in the application
- How would you like to see ISBE address the workforce challenges in the RFP?
  - Salary requirements for teachers
  - Keep Level 5 Gateway credential allowances for PFA/PFAE teachers
- How should funding that might remain available after the current programs are sustained and new slots are awarded be spent?
  - Increase in award amounts for grantees
  - Continued Support for IECHMH consultation



# Request for Proposals

- The FY24 ECBG RFP for PFA, PFAE and PI are being finalized.
- Community Systems Development RFSP
- FY 24 Preschool for All/Preschool for All Expansion Training and Technical Assistance Request for Proposal-Released **the application close date is March 3, 4:00 p.m.**



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# QUESTIONS

