

ILLINOIS PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY AGENDA & COALITION

"Illinois will become the best state in the nation for families raising young children."

- JB Pritzker, Illinois Governor

PROBLEM TO SOLVE

- The science is clear that **the first three years of life are the most critical** for development, setting a child up for lifelong success, or lifelong challenges.
- Infants and toddlers see the **greatest disparities** in funding. Our children are shortchanged **exactly when the potential benefit is greatest.**

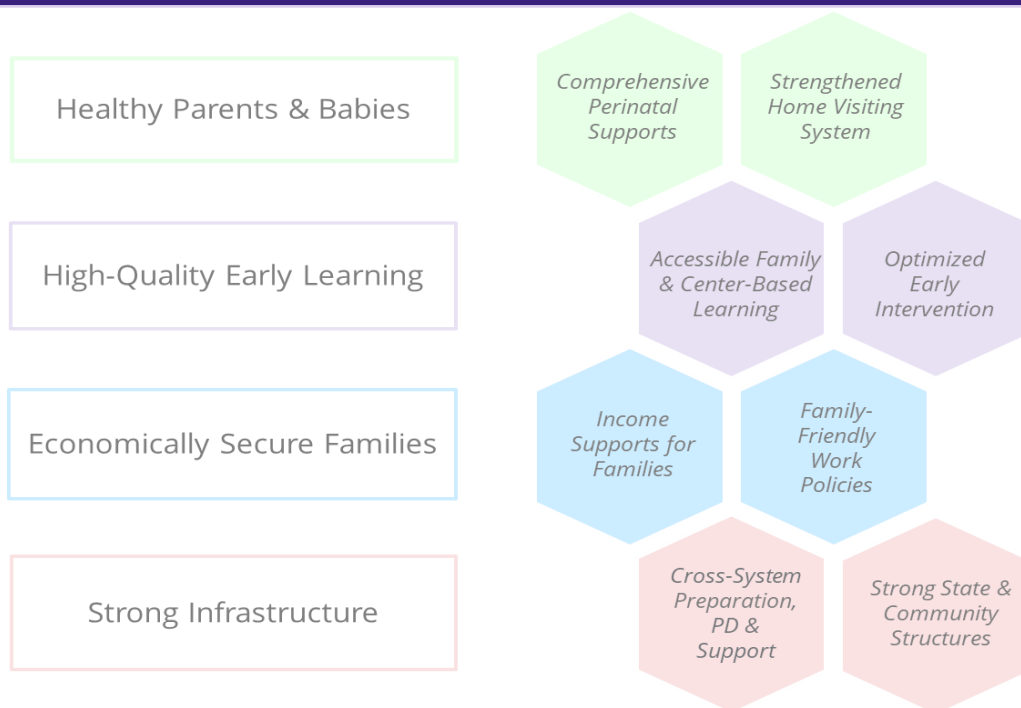
In Illinois, the impacts of this crisis are acute, as noted in the 2019 IFF Report:

- **Only 25% of infants and toddlers have access to licensed child care**, with many communities experiencing access rates of less than 10%.
- **Only 5% of infants and toddlers have access to high-quality care**, in ExceleRate Gold Circle of Quality rated programs.

PN3 AGENDA & COALITION

- Last fiscal year, we convened a broad group of 100+ diverse stakeholders to create a **bold, ambitious PN3 Agenda** for Illinois.
- The vision is to **close the opportunity gap with our earliest learners** so that every expecting family and child in Illinois has the care and learning they need during their most formative years to create the strongest foundation for success in life.
- PN3 Coalition is the **collective effort** to implement the PN3 Agenda.
- We are part of a **national movement** of 15 states funded by Pritzker Children's Initiative (PCI) to move PN3 work forward.
- The Ounce of Prevention Fund, together with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development (GOECD) will lead the PN3 Coalition as a **public – private partnership.**

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GOAL: *Healthy Parents & Babies*

STRATEGY: Comprehensive Perinatal Supports

Expansion of Services	1. Voluntary Universal Newborn Supports
Expansion of Services	2. Voluntary Universal Prenatal Supports
Expansion of Services	3. Intrapartum Care
Expansion of Services	4. Developmental Screenings
Policy Change	5. Extended Postpartum Health Care Coverage and Supports
Policy Change	6. Statewide Taskforce
Policy Change	7. Illinois Perinatal Rating
Investment	8. Funding for Community-Based Perinatal Support
Investment	9. Funding for Universal Newborn Supports
Investment	10. Funding for Doulas
Workforce	11. Recruit and Retain Workforce
Workforce	12. Professional Development
Awareness	13. Public Awareness Campaign
Cohesion	14. Cohesive Approach

STRATEGY: Strengthened Home Visiting System

Expansion of Services	15. Equitable Expansion
Expansion of Services	16. Local Capacity
Expansion of Services	17. Expand Successful Innovations
Investment	18. Increase State and Federal Funding
Investment	19. New Financing Mechanisms
Workforce	20. Increase Compensation
Workforce	21. Recruit and Retain Workforce
Workforce	22. Professional Development
Data Use	23. Align and Improve Data Systems
Awareness	24. Public Awareness
Cohesion	25. Streamline Processes
Cohesion	26. Coordinated Intake

GOAL: *High-Quality Early Learning*

STRATEGY: Accessible Family & Center-Based Care and Learning

Expansion of Services	27. <i>Equitable Expansion</i>
Expansion of Services	28. <i>Local Capacity</i>
Expansion of Services	29. <i>Family Child Care Networks</i>
Expansion of Services	30. <i>Early Head Start</i>
Policy Change	31. <i>Tiered Funding for QRIS</i>
Policy Change	32. <i>CCAP Contracts</i>
Policy Change	33. <i>Licensing Alignment</i>
Investment	34. <i>Increase State and Federal Funding</i>
Investment	35. <i>Support for Quality Improvement</i>
Investment	36. <i>Expand Facilities</i>
Investment	37. <i>Workforce Supports</i>
Workforce	38. <i>Representative Workforce</i>
Workforce	39. <i>Compensation</i>
Awareness	40. <i>Develop a Roadmap</i>
STRATEGY: Optimized Early Intervention	
Expansion of Services	41. <i>Increase Children Served under Existing Eligibility Criteria</i>
Expansion of Services	42. <i>Decrease Service Delays</i>
Expansion of Services	43. <i>Remove Barriers</i>
Policy Change	44. <i>Revise Eligibility Criteria</i>
Policy Change	45. <i>Revise Billing to Facilitate Collaboration</i>
Investment	46. <i>Increase State and Federal Funding</i>
Investment	47. <i>Rate Increase</i>
Workforce	48. <i>Recruitment and Retention of Workforce</i>
Workforce	49. <i>Professional Development</i>
Workforce	50. <i>Decrease Service Coordinator Caseloads</i>
Data Use	51. <i>Online Data Management System</i>
Awareness	52. <i>Launch Public Awareness Campaign</i>
Awareness	53. <i>Parent Engagement</i>
GOAL: Economically Secure Families	
STRATEGY: Income Supports for Families	
Policy Change	54. <i>Paid Family and Sick Leave</i>
Policy Change	55. <i>Job Search</i>
Policy Change	56. <i>Stable Work Hours</i>
Workforce	57. <i>Access to Jobs</i>
Cohesion	58. <i>Cross-System Linkages</i>
STRATEGY: Family-Friendly Work Policies	
Expansion of Services	59. <i>Increase Benefits Usage</i>
Expansion of Services	60. <i>Mitigate Impact of Public Charge</i>
Expansion of Services	61. <i>Increase Access to WIC</i>
Policy Change	62. <i>Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</i>
Investment	63. <i>Accurate Counts</i>
Investment	64. <i>Universal Basic Income</i>
Cohesion	65. <i>Cross-Program Collaboration</i>
GOAL: Strong Infrastructure	
STRATEGY: Strong State & Community Structures	
Expansion of Services	66. <i>Administrative Capacity</i>
Data Use	67. <i>Align and Improve Data Systems</i>
Cohesion	68. <i>Referral and Service Integration</i>
Cohesion	69. <i>Establish Statewide System of Community Collaboration</i>
Cohesion	70. <i>Develop an Integrated, Cross-System Developmental Screening</i>
Cohesion	71. <i>Priority Populations</i>
STRATEGY: Cross-System Preparation, PD & Support	
Expansion of Services	72. <i>Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation</i>
Workforce	73. <i>Professional Development Integration</i>
Workforce	74. <i>Pipeline and Pathways</i>