

Illinois Prenatal to Three Initiative

Illinois vision: We envision Illinois as a place where every young child—regardless of race, ethnicity, income, language, geography, ability, immigration status, or other circumstance—receives the strongest possible start to life so that they grow up safe, healthy, happy, ready to succeed and eager to learn.

The Illinois Prenatal to Three Initiative goals: (1) Increase the number of families and children prenatal to age three who are connected to essential and high-quality healthy, development, and social-emotional support services and (2) increase the availability of affordable, high-quality child care for infants and toddlers across diverse settings.

Initiative targets: The initiative will result in improved access to high-quality services for 50,000 Illinois infants and toddlers in families earning under 200% FPL by 2023 and 100,000 Illinois infants and toddlers in families earning under 200% FPL by 2025. All strategies identified should result in a projected increase in the number of children and families served; strategies can include efforts to expand existing services (new slots, etc.), improve enrollment in/accessibility of existing services, improve quality of existing services, or create new or different services and supports.

Topic Area:

Strategy	Indicators	Activities
<p>A strategy is an approach used to achieve a goal.</p> <p><i>Example: Expand the use of evidence-based home visiting.</i></p>	<p>Indicators are metrics used to measure progress toward a goal. Most strategies will have multiple associated indicators.</p> <p><i>Example: State funding for home visiting is increased by 50%.</i></p> <p><i>Example: Enrollment of expectant parents prenatally into home visiting programs increased by 25%.</i></p>	<p>Activities are steps needed to implement a strategy. Most strategies will have multiple associated activities.</p> <p><i>Example: Advocate for increased funding for Parents Too Soon and Healthy Families with General Assembly.</i></p> <p><i>Example: Engage prenatal medical providers to develop a recruitment strategy.</i></p>

