Center for Language and Early Child Development: Alignment and Integration
Illinois Early Childhood Vision:
Illinois will ensure that each and every child enters kindergarten safe, healthy, ready to succeed and eager to learn.

Our Strategic Emphasis
As we move toward achieving our vision, we will emphasize increasing access to highly intensive and effective services for the most at-risk children—those with multiple High-Needs characteristics

College and Career Readiness
Ensure that students make progress each year and graduate from school prepared to succeed in school and at work and build a strong future for themselves and the country.
“The next stage of our journey will require coordinated reform efforts in all the states, and their 15,000 school districts, together with federal agencies—efforts focused on laying the foundations for far more widespread and equitable opportunities for students throughout the nation. Out of many efforts, one united effort can create the opportunity that should be the birthright of each and every American child…

- **Early Childhood Education** with an academic focus, to narrow the disparities in readiness when kids reach kindergarten;

- **Mitigating Poverty’s Effects** with broad access not only to early childhood education, but also to a range of support services necessary to promote student success and family engagement in school; effective measures to improve outcomes for student groups especially likely to be left behind—including English-language learners”

Why Align Birth to 3rd Grade?

- Improve transitions for children and families and improve educational outcomes
- Reduce “fade out” with a coherent set of high-quality learning experiences
- Maximize impact of early childhood investments

Alignment Efforts Will Improve Transitions
Our approach...

**Targeted**
Programs, supports, initiatives, interventions focused on and appropriate for the population being served

**Integrated & Aligned**
Supported by and embedded into general and special education and agency-wide initiatives
Alignment and Integration Apply Across All Aspects of Programs

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