



Improving How Illinoisans Use and Access Birth to Three Services (with a Focus on Early Intervention)

The Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC) is working with ChiByDesign to understand the barriers families face when trying to get early intervention services for children from birth to age three. This work will help us suggest policies that make it easier for children and families across Illinois to get the support they need.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- 1 Identifying the challenges that make it hard for underserved children to receive early intervention services.
- 2 Co-designing ways to better support access and delivery of early intervention services to underserved children and families.
- 3 Providing recommendations to IDEC to improve early intervention services and help more families get access to them.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

People with personal or professional experience in early intervention to take part in one-on-one interviews to help the IDEC better understand the needs and barriers involved in receiving and delivering early intervention services. We're inviting parents and caregivers who have engaged with birth to three services within the past three years, as well as intermediaries and providers (early intervention, early education, and healthcare) who live in or work with communities in the following Chicago neighborhoods or Illinois counties:

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS

Auburn Gresham
West Garfield Park
South Austin

ILLINOIS COUNTIES

Henry
Stark
Peoria
Tazewell
Woodford





PARTICIPATION DATES

JUNE - OCTOBER

DATES WILL VARY

Participants will be provided with a variety of date and time options to ensure flexibility. You'll be able to select a session that best fits your availability.



INTERVIEW LOCATION

VIRTUAL

(1-hour Conversation)

Interviews will be conducted virtually and will take place on zoom and will last about one hour.



INTERPRETATION SERVICES

Language interpretation services will be provided if needed.



COMPENSATION

Parents, caregivers, and home care providers who participate will receive compensation for their time. Although we won't be able to compensate our other stakeholders, we do truly value their input and contributions to creating a more equitable early childhood system for families across Illinois.

\$50/HR



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If you have any questions,
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EARLY INTERVENTION:

A collection of services to help children between the ages of birth to three with disabilities or delays, to learn and grow.