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| **Constructing options on where the capacities should live: Policy Leadership** | |
| **Capacity** | **Guiding Question: At the state level, should this capacity be coordinated or centralized for all ECEC services?** |
| Set & maintain statewide vision, goals, and priorities. |  |
| Set quality and early learning standards and guidelines. |  |
| Develop and implement system policies, rules, and regulations (including budget) based on family, community, and provider perspectives and needs in response to gaps. |  |
| Engage policymakers. |  |
| Partner and coordinate with other child- and family-serving state agencies and ECEC system advisory bodies. |  |

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| **Constructing options on where the capacities should live: Funding & Oversight** | |
| **Capacity** | **Guiding Question: At the state level, should this capacity be coordinated or centralized for all ECEC services?** |
| Use data and community perspectives to inform the budgeting process. |  |
| Make funding allocation decisions. |  |
| Administer funding distribution. |  |
| Conduct monitoring and compliance oversight. |  |

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| **Constructing options on where the capacities should live: Infrastructure** | |
| **Capacity** | **Guiding Question: At the state level, should this capacity be coordinated or centralized for all ECEC services?** |
| Develop leadership capacity to implement improvements to the ECEC system. |  |
| Manage accountability process to ensure high quality programs. |  |
| Collect, analyze, and evaluate systemwide data. |  |
| Manage system level continuous quality improvement​. |  |
| Administer professional development and workforce development. |  |

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| **Constructing options on where the capacities should live: Communications** | |
| **Capacity** | **Guiding Question: At the state level, should this capacity be coordinated or centralized for all ECEC services?** |
| Report systemwide data |  |
| Provide stakeholders with clear information. |  |
| Engage stakeholders in ongoing work of management and oversight. |  |
| Create opportunities for input from families and providers. |  |

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| **Constructing options on where the capacities should live: M&O Key Questions** | |
| **Management & Oversight Key Question** | **Guiding Question: At the state level, should this capacity be coordinated or centralized for all ECEC services?** |
| Who sets the vision and maintains and updates policies and priorities for the overall ECEC system in Illinois? |  |
| Who allocates funds and distributes them? |  |
| Who holds recipients accountable for what they do with funding? |  |