

Pieces of the Puzzle: Understanding the Early Childhood System

The early childhood system is complex and consists of different programs and funding streams. Sometimes, it can be hard to know what is available for families with young children and how to connect them to the right services. With the generous support of the Boeing Company, Illinois Action for Children created a series of eight videos to help individuals that work with families gain more knowledge about the early childhood system so they can make better referrals and connections for families.

Early Childhood Videos

Visit the Partner Plan Act website to view each of the two minute videos:

<http://partnerplanact.org/ecevideos>

Each video provides a brief overview of the following programs that make up the early childhood system:

1. Early Head Start/Head Start
2. Early Intervention
3. Child Care Assistance Program
4. Child Welfare
5. Home Visiting programs
6. Preschool
7. Special Education
8. TANF, (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), and Family Case Management

Factsheets about the Early Childhood System

Each video is accompanied with a factsheet that details more information about the program, including information on the eligibility process, additional resources, and how to find programs in your community. Download program factsheets at: <http://partnerplanact.org/ecevideos>

Questions?

If you would like to know more about this project or have questions, contact:

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