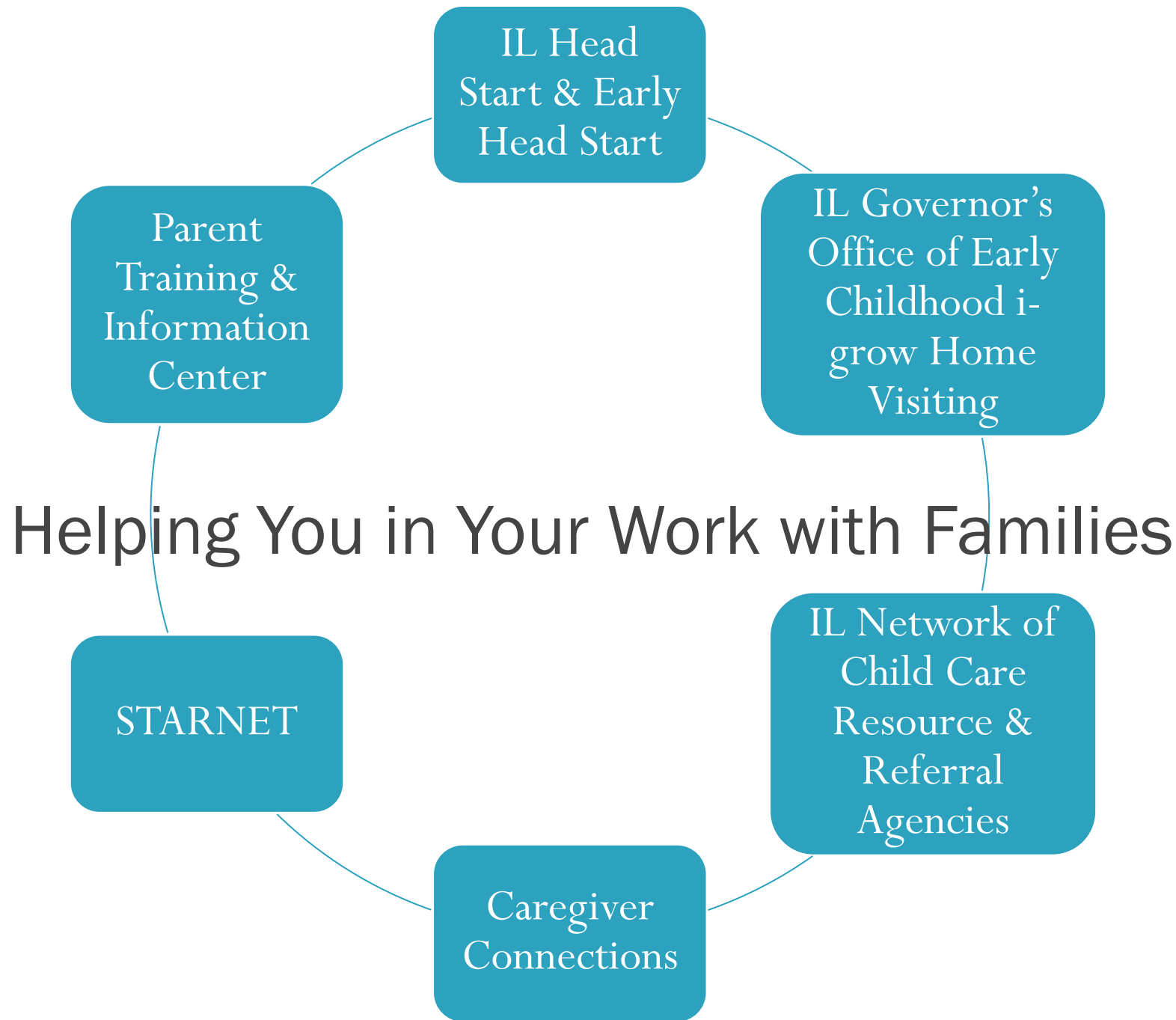
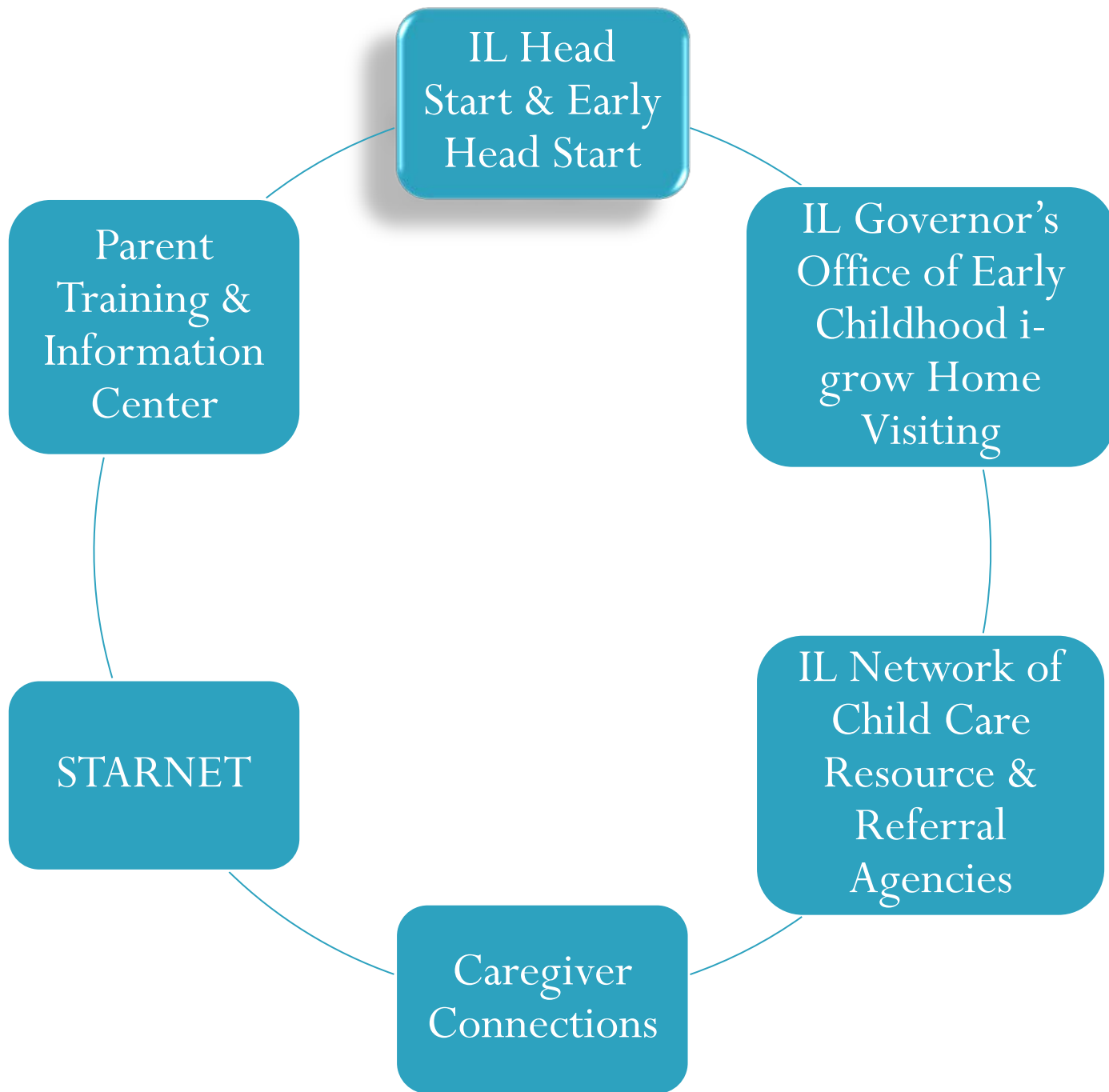


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Illinois Head Start Association (IHSA)



The IHSA represents the Head Start and Early Head Start (EHS) programs in Illinois.

Our Mission—to mobilize and strengthen the membership by creating a passion for leadership and advocacy in the interest of our most vulnerable children and families.

The IHSA will be able to assist you in finding a Head Start or EHS program in your area if needed.

What Head Start/EHS Does

Comprehensive Education, Health and Family Supports

Head Start/Early Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of the whole child and family. This two generation approach supports stability and long-term success for families who are most at risk. Thanks to Head Start's comprehensive services, by the end of the year children have received education, health and nutrition services. Families have been referred to needed resources.

Eligibility Requirements for Head Start and Early Head Start

- A pregnant woman or a child, aged birth to 5 years old, is eligible if:
 - The family's income is equal to or below the poverty line; or,
 - The family is eligible for or, in the absence of child care, would be potentially eligible for public assistance; including TANF child-only payments, or,
 - The child is homeless, or,
 - The child is in foster care.

Head Start/EHS Program Options

- EHS serves Prenatal and Birth to 3 families
- Head Start serves 3 to 5 year olds and their families
- Program options include:
 - Center based, half day or full day
 - Home based, one home visit per week and twice monthly socializations for parents and children
- Of our 52 IL Head Start and EHS programs, 37 offer EHS services (about 71%)
- Of the 37 EHS programs, 32 offer the home visiting model. Of the 42 Head Start-only programs, 18 offer home visiting as well as center based.

Ideas to Share about HS/EHS

- Head Start and EHS services are free of charge.
- At least 10% of every program's enrollment is allotted for children with special needs.
- 10% of enrollment may be for families over the Federal Poverty Guideline.
- Programs are racially diverse and support both home language development and ELL.
- Parent engagement is the foundation of the program. Parents become decision-makers in the program and advocates for their children.

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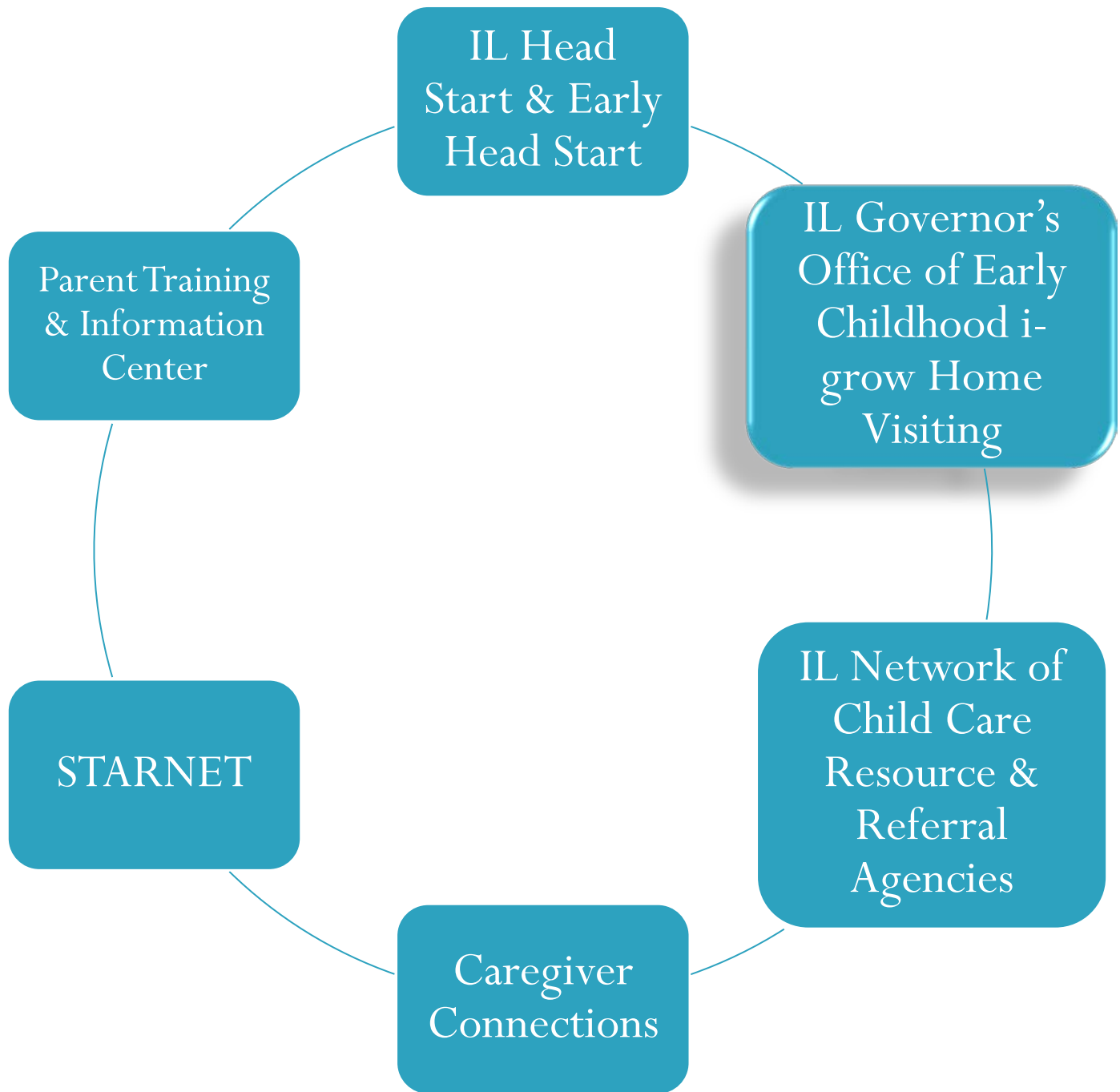
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What We Do

Home visiting

- voluntary service
- trained professionals to provide evidence-based family support and parent coaching
- during pregnancy and throughout their child's early years of life.
- families learn how to improve their family's health and provide better opportunities for their children

Benefits

- Increasing breastfeeding rates,
- Increasing inter-partum intervals (particularly among teen parents),
- Helping families establish medical homes
- Ensuring that children are routinely screened for potential developmental delays.

Ideas to Share...

- How can systems become aligned and more efficient for referral to home visiting services for children identified with developmental delays that do not meet the threshold for early intervention services, or after services have ended?

Can we improve our process for home visiting providers to refer for early intervention services, including feedback and efforts for seamless transitions?

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Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development

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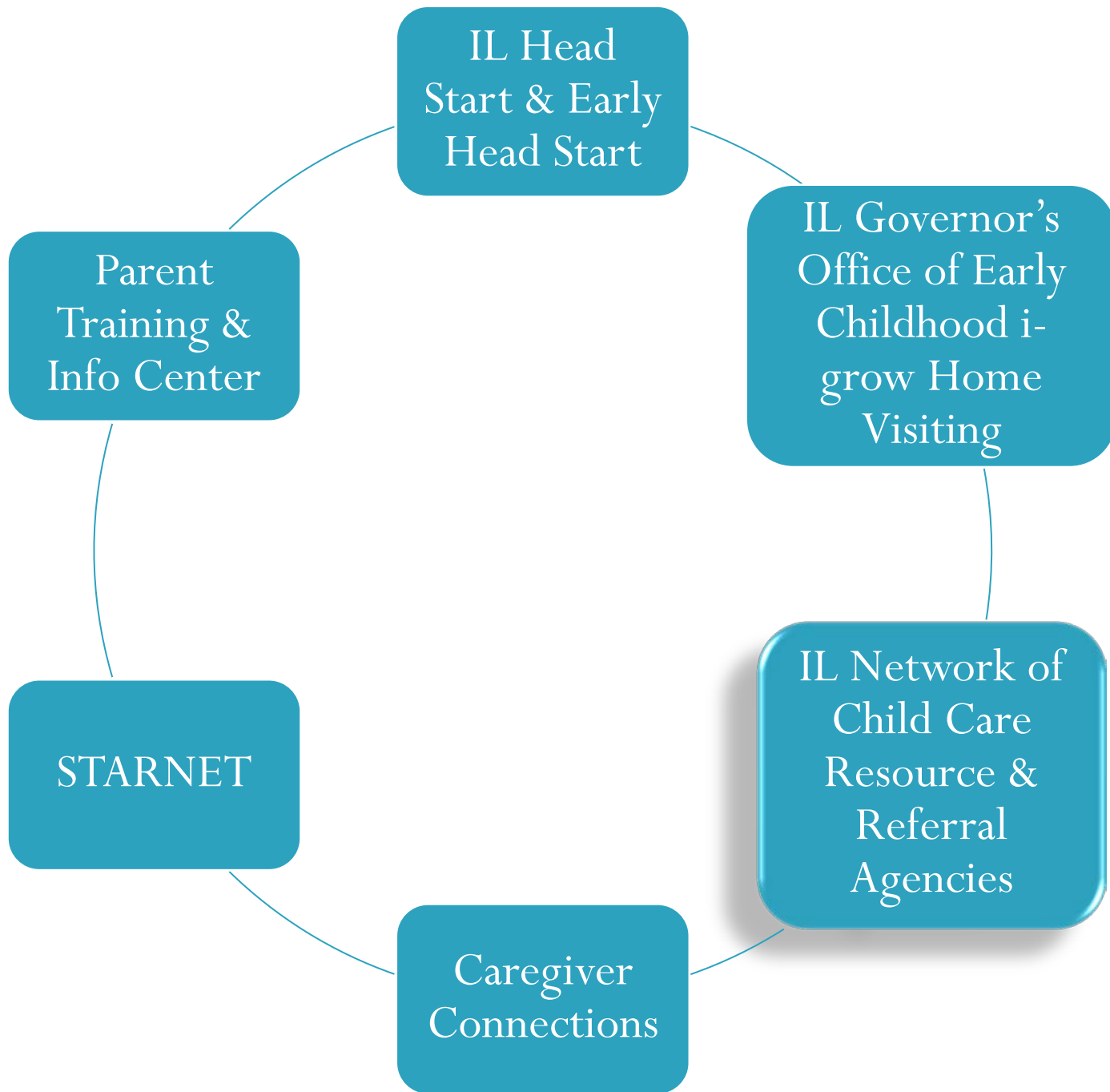
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- Licensed Child Care Centers
- Licensed Family/Group Child Care Homes
- School Based Preschool Programs
- Head Start/Early Head Start

High Standards for Circles of Quality

Connect Early Intervention with ExceleRate Illinois

Standards for **Gold Circle of Quality** Programs

1. Child Screening annually (and within 60 days of entry to the program)
2. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with local Child and Family Connections
3. Supports for IEP and IFSPs
4. Facilitate transitions from Early Intervention to School District Special Education Programs

High Standards for Circles of Quality Connect Early Intervention with ExceleRate Illinois

Standards for **Gold and Silver Circles of Quality** Programs

1. Child Find and Screenings annually
2. Strong partnerships with families
3. Referral to Child and Family Connections for further evaluations

ExceleRate Illinois is dedicated to high quality care for Illinois families



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Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&R)

- Referrals to local child care services including:
 - Family/Group Home Child Care
 - Child Care Centers
 - School-Age Care
- CCR&R Agencies offer financial support for families needing child care through the **State Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**
- CCR&R Agencies can work together with families with services from:
 - Mental Health Specialists
 - Infant and Toddler Specialists
 - Nurse consultants (not available at all CCR&R's)

Finding your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency is easy...

Go to: <http://www.excelerateillinois.com/contact-us->

Find Your Local CCR&R

Child care resource and referral services are available in all Illinois communities through a local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agency. Each CCR&R represents a grouping of counties in the state, referred to as a service delivery area (SDA). To find your local CCR&R, please choose one of the options below.

Option 1:

Zip Code:

Option 2:

Select a county to search in:

Option 3:

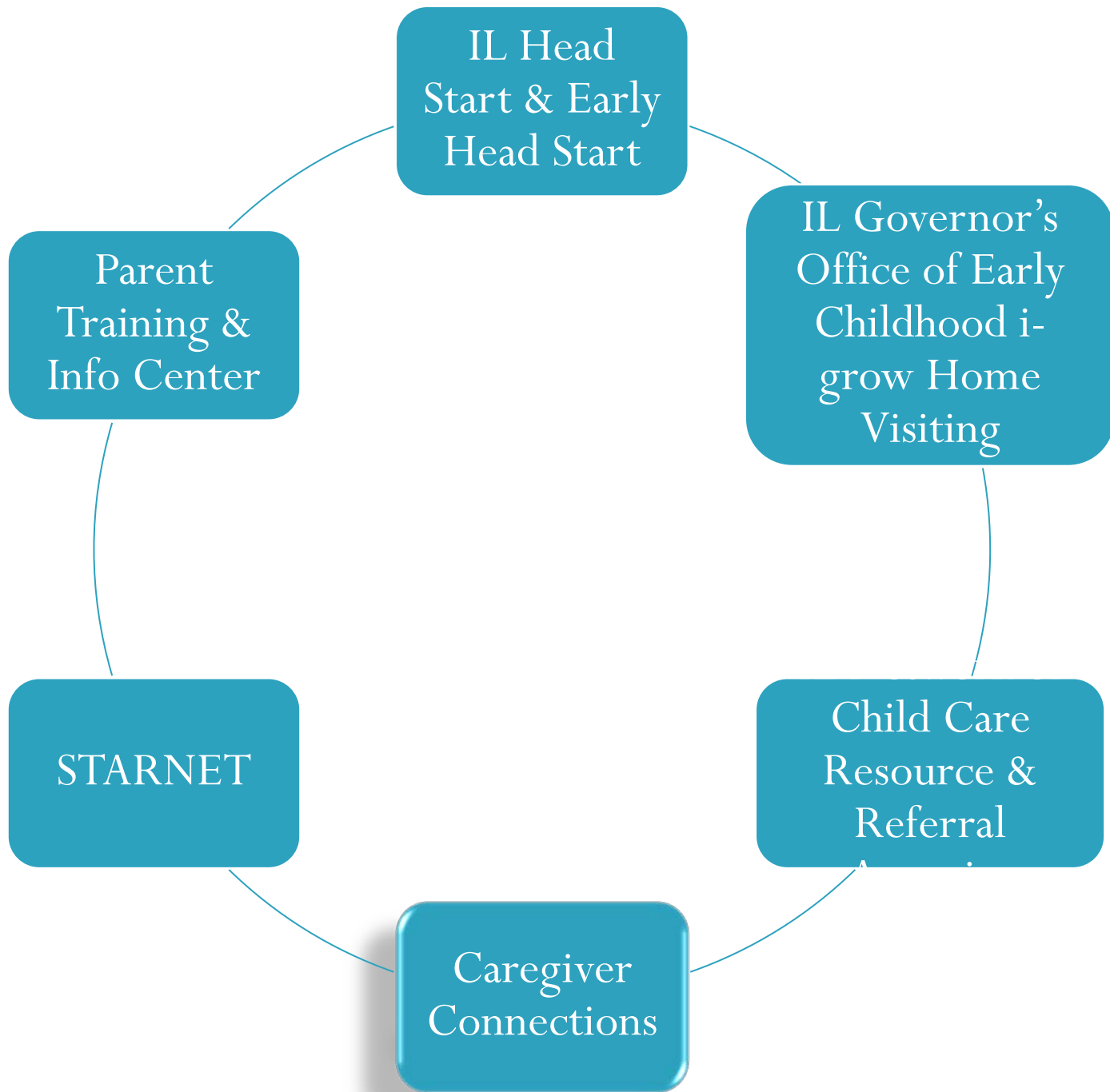
Click on your county on the map:



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Resource & Referral Agencies can work together
to make quality care a reality for
ALL Illinois children**

For more information go to
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Caregiver Connections

- Established 2003 through a grant from DHS – Department of Human Services
- Director – John Roope, M.Ed
- Office Location: Chaddock: 205 S. 24th Street, Quincy, IL, 62301
- Phone: 231-0500, 222-0034 ext. 315
- Website: www.caregiverconnections.org

Mission Statement

A photograph of two women, likely educators, sitting at a table covered with a yellow cloth in a classroom. They are both wearing red shirts and appear to be engaged in a conversation or activity. The background shows a brick wall, a white shelving unit with various items, and a red fire extinguisher on the wall.

Caregiver Connections increases the knowledge and competencies of early childhood teachers and caregivers to promote the social emotional health of young children and families

Purpose of Caregiver Connections:

- This unique support program helps child care providers recognize, understand, and respond, to the social and emotional needs of children in their care.
- Targeted Population: Children Birth to Five
- Master's level early childhood professionals (Mental Health Consultants) are located throughout the State of Illinois and cover every county in the State.



- We believe that the core relationship between a child and a caring adult is the crucial ingredient in the child's healthy development.

Our Goals:

- *To increase the knowledge and competencies of early childhood teachers and caregivers regarding social and emotional development of young children
- *To increase the retention and stability of young children in child care
- *To promote mental health by helping families access community resources

So, how do we do this?

- Our MHC's provide consultation services in-person or by phone.
- They offer providers new ideas that can help children develop appropriate social and emotional skills.
- They complete various types of screenings that help identify developmental problems early.
- They provide referrals for further evaluations

We also provide:

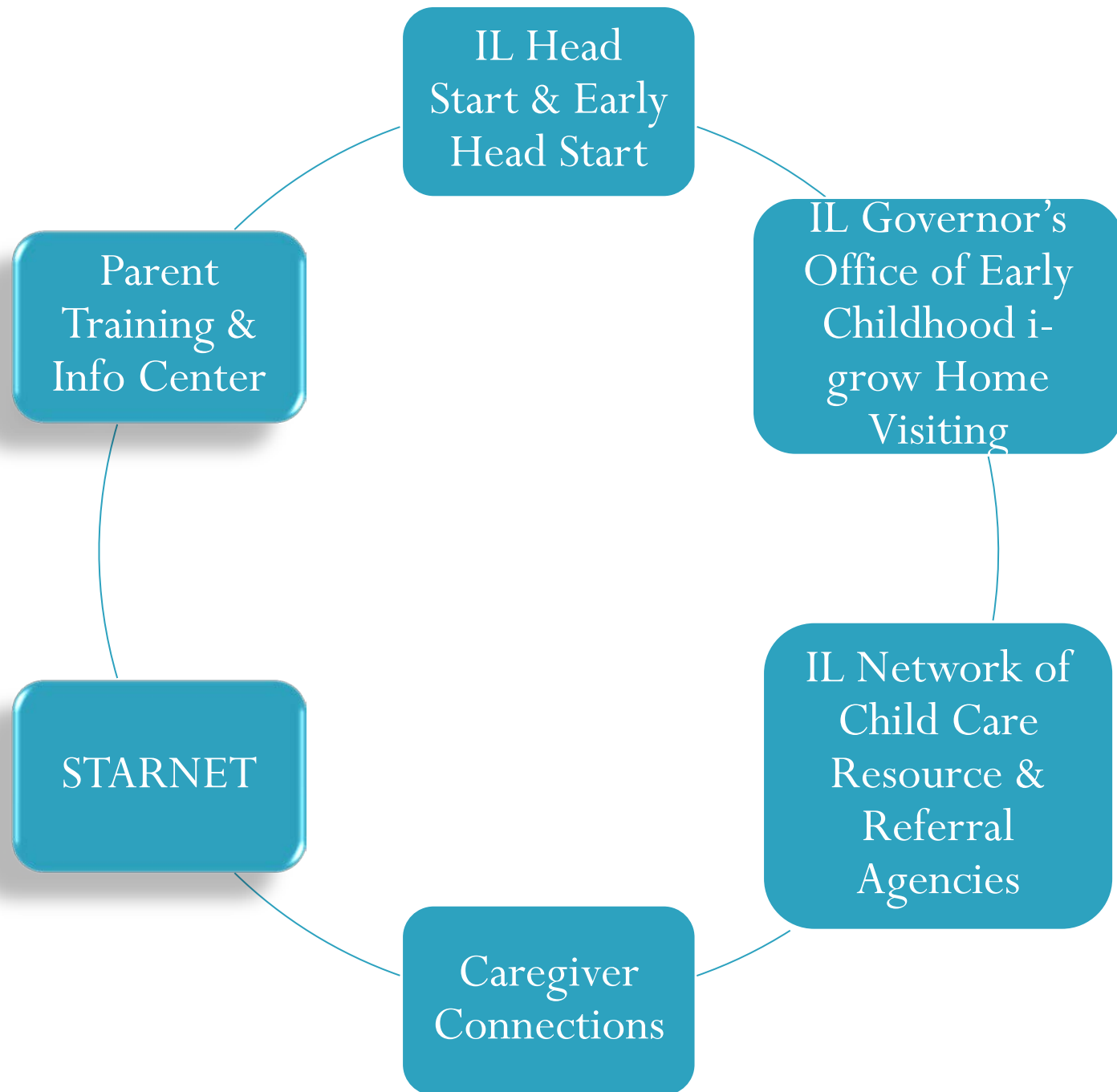
- Our MHC's provide trainings that equips child care providers to deal confidently with difficult situations when working with families and/or staff.
- Training topics vary of the needs of the child care providers. (biting, transitioning, sensory integration, motivation, room environments.)

FY 2016 Statistics

- From July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016, our MHC's provided:
- 6367 Face-to-Face contacts with child care providers
- 325 trainings held
- 4283 child care providers were provided training

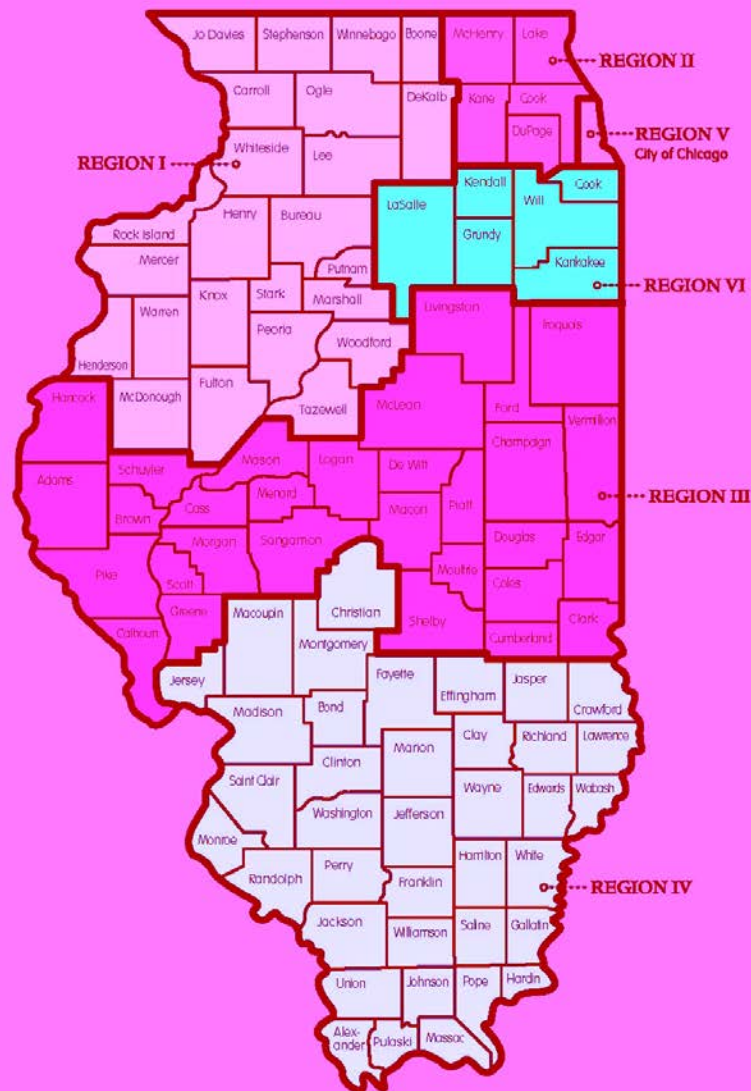
Did I mention this program is:

- **FREE**





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Helping Illinois' Young Children Reach For the Stars

Illinois STAR NET is a Support and Technical Assistance Regional Network that provides training, consultation and resources to the early childhood community. The STAR NET system assists the Illinois State Board of Education in meeting state, regional and local needs by providing services to professionals and parents of young children with special needs throughout Illinois

STAR NET Mission

Illinois STAR NET provides a variety of opportunities for personal and professional growth for those who touch the lives of young children, ages birth through eight, with an emphasis on children with special needs. STAR NET supports family-centered researched and effective practices in early childhood and care.

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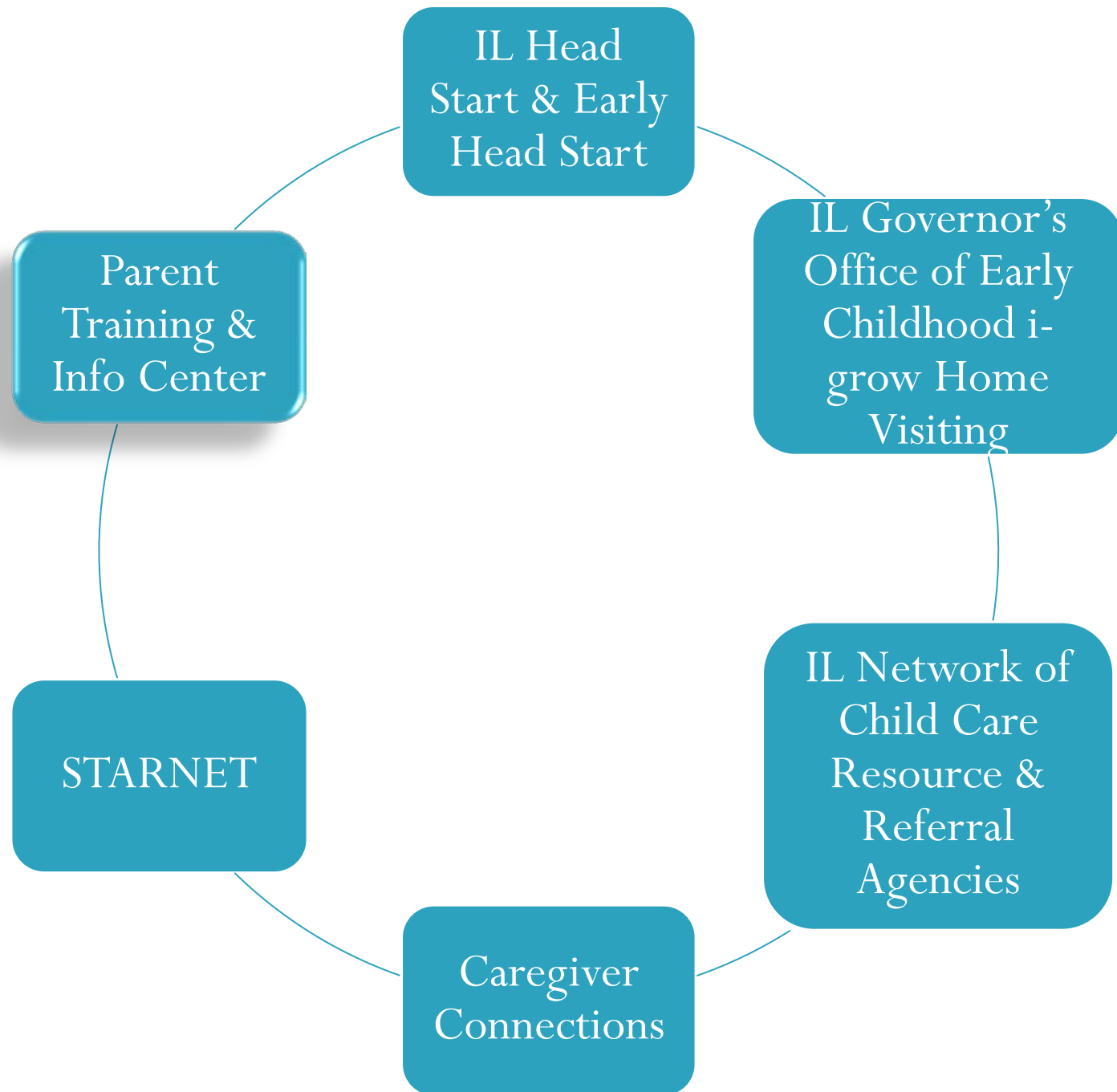
Accomplishes its mission through a variety of opportunities which include:

- Collaboration
- Funding Opportunities
- Information and Resources
- Linkages and Networking' Workshops, Webinars and Conferences
- Technical Assistance and Consultation

Contact STAR NET at:

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On this site you will type in your city
and then you will be informed as to
which region to contact.



Who We Are



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What We Do

Chicago's Metropolitan Area Parent
Training and Information Center!

FRCD is here to help you:

- Learn about your Rights and Responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Make informed decisions about your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Obtain appropriate services for your child
- Learn more about Early Intervention and transition services
- Effect positive change in your child's school
- Learn about what he or she needs to lead a productive and independent adult life



Ideas to Share...



Parent Trainers/Advocates are the backbone of the organization.

They are extremely knowledgeable about IDEA, ADA and extenuating factors that effect special education.

They help parents navigate the special education system and provide direct training to parents, professionals and organizations.

Connect With Us



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What more do you want to know?

