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Child Care	Caregiver Connections	IDHS, Bureau of Child Care and Development Contract with: Chaddock, and Action for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall goal: to promote the social and emotional health of young children and families by increasing the knowledge and competencies of child care providers, and to increase the retention and stability of young children in child care. Caregiver Connections provides early childhood mental health consultants available to Child Care providers statewide caring for children aged birth to five, free of charge, to the providers. MHCs provide consultation, technical assistance, training, referral and linkages, and community involvement. The MHCs act both independently and as part of a team with three other Child Care Resource and Referral based, IDHS sponsored consultation initiatives. (Nurse Consultants - Infant Toddler Specialists - Quality Rating System Advisors 	<p>Service Delivery Areas for the MHCs are aligned with the Service Delivery Areas of the local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies. This equates to 21 MHCs statewide.</p> <p>1,014 unique providers received service in FY-2010 (Consultation - TA - Training). Approximately one-fourth were family child care (FCC) based.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Bureau of Child Care and Development
Child Care	Strengthening Families Initiative	DCFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal is to prevent child abuse and neglect by bringing together early childhood center staff, parents, child welfare agencies and other to strengthen families with young children Builds six protective factors into quality preschools, Head Start, and other early childhood centers Building Resiliency Workgroup has completed a curriculum on childhood trauma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration of over 40 agencies and organizations 	DCFS
Child Care	Healthy Child Care Illinois	IDHS, Division of Community Health and Prevention Bureau of Maternal and Infant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links child care to health care by utilizing a child care nurse consultant network to provide guidance and assistance to child care providers and families on a range of issues affecting the health and safety of children. Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) partner with multi-disciplinary group to either expand existing public and private services or to create new services that link families, health care and child care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 CCNCs 	

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Home Visiting	ICMHP Early Childhood Home Visitation Mental Health Consultation Project	ICMHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation to Healthy Families Illinois, Healthy Families – Parents Too Soon, and Parents as Teachers – Parents Too Soon sites. • Overall Goal is to enhance the capacity of home visiting programs to address the mental health needs of young children ages 0-5 and their families. • Sites receive in-depth mental health consultation from a consultant and training. • Consultation to agencies includes case consultation, reflective consultation, support for reflective supervision, provision of mini-trainings, and flexible response to an agency's identified needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY09: 4 sites • FY10: 5 Sites • FY11: 5 Sites <p>To date, 14 sites across the state have been awarded a grant for up to 2.5 years of consultation services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMHP funding from DHS
Home Visiting	Parents Too Soon	Ounce of Prevention Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement an HFI, PAT or NFP model • PTS programs aim to maximize teen parent's abilities to care for their children and to continue their own development. • Clinicians add direct consultation concerning individual families, group consultation, individual support concerning areas of IMH work, IE infant regulation, etc., individual support to staff, individual work with supervisors about IMH issues staff face with families, limited short-term direct IMH work with families, co-facilitating with HFI staff of parent-child play therapy groups, and co-facilitating with HFI staff of parent support groups specific to IMH issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 19 PTS sites. • Statewide • PTS-HFI sites – 9 • PTS-PAT sites – 9 • PTS – NFP – 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded by the Ounce of Prevention or DHS and other private sources where there is an infant mental health supervisor.
Home Visiting	Healthy Families Illinois	IDHS, Division of Community Health and Prevention, Bureau of Child and Adolescent Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall goals are to promote positive parenting, to enhance child health and development, and to prevent child abuse and neglect. • Services provided prenatally or at birth for 3-5 years through comprehensive program of supporting parent, parent-child interaction and child development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 38 sites (37 contracted agencies) statewide 	

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Home Visiting	Nurse Family Partnership	Ounce of Prevention Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall goals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in preventive health practices To improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work Program components include: First time mothers partnered with registered nurse practitioners in early pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits through 2nd birthday. Intensive education for nurse home visitors including clinical consultation provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sites in Illinois: Jefferson/Marion Counties and Kane County 	
Home Visiting	Parents as Teachers	Illinois State Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall goals are to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and school success. The program consists of the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Born to Learn</i>: parent educators linked with parents to provide personal visits, group meetings, screening, and a resource network <i>Professional Development</i> for professionals <i>Meld</i>: group model of peer support <i>Advocacy</i>: promote positive policies for families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are approximately 120 sites across Illinois 	Illinois State Board of Education
Home Visiting	Home Visiting Task Force	Early Learning Council Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal: create a coordinated, high quality system for home visitation across Illinois serving all high risk children Expanding quantity, enhancing coordination among home visiting programs and other social services at local level, and enhancing quality, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide membership 	Strong Foundations Federal Grant Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, funded through health care reform

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Mental Health	ICMHP Children's Mental Health Consultation Project	ICMHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall Goal is to enhance the capacity of community mental health agencies to address the mental health needs of young children ages 0-7 and their families. Community mental health agencies receive in-depth mental health consultation from a consultant and training. Consultation to agencies includes case consultation, reflective consultation, support for reflective supervision, provision of mini-trainings, and flexible response to an agency's identified needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY07: 7 community mental health agencies. FY08: 5 community mental health agencies. Agencies represent all five DMH regions in the state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS/DMH, the Michael Reese Health Trust, and the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation.
Mental Health	Project Connect	Erikson	<p>Project Connect provides parent-child therapeutic services to young children involved in the foster care system and their families. The project works with families committed to reunification to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and strengthen the parent-child relationship; Address the trauma to the child resulting from abuse, neglect, and exposure to violence in the home, and disruption from placement in foster care; Decrease the risk of future abuse and neglect; Help children secure a stable, permanent home, especially through reunification with parents. <p>Erikson provides ongoing training and consultation to child/family therapists at these sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sites: Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois and Little City Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Department of Justice Illinois Court Improvement Fund
Mental Health/ Violence Prevention	Safe from the Start and Chicago Safe Start	Illinois Violence Prevention Authority and Chicago Department of Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe From the Start utilizes the principles of early intervention, mutual collaboration, cross training, and research-based planning to: provide developmentally and culturally appropriate direct services to children ages 0-5, and families exposed to violence; increase public awareness regarding children exposed to violence; and demonstrate a collaborative community based approach to supporting families through collaboration and coalition building with other entities that interact with families. Chicago Safe Start's mission is to prevent and reduce the impact of exposure to violence on children ages five and younger. It provided a model which Safe from the Start was created from. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, 12 sites are funded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded by IVPA

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Early Intervention	Early Intervention: Social-Emotional Consultation Model	IDHS, Division of Community Health and Prevention, Bureau of Early Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Goal is to find, determine eligibility and provide appropriate services for children with delays and disabilities in any domain. • Consultants in each office serve Program managers, service coordinators, parent liaisons, and private providers of early intervention services in community. • Services offered in the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, and adaptive development. <p>Social-Emotional Consultation Model components include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening with ASQ-SE at all intakes of children over 3 months to help develop a relationship/partnership with the family and identify areas of need. • Reflective consultation with the Program Manager to strengthen his/her capacity to provide reflective supervision with staff. • Reflective supervision with staff by the Program Manager in some cases with the consultation. • Reflective case consultation with service coordinators to build capacity to view child's delays or disabilities within a family context. • Reflective case consultation with service providers to work on more relationship-based work to support family. 	<p><i>FY07</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Part C Offices across the state. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part C Early Intervention and /General Revenue funds. • Agencies housing intake/service coordination programs for Part C are given grants for consultation as part of the grant for other Part C functions.
Early Childhood	Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant	IDHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal ECCS grant program to support early childhood systems building efforts • Support parent cafes, parent leadership development, strength-based training and local collaboratives 	Statewide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal funding

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Early Childhood	Birth to Five Project	Ounce of Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative effort to link system coordinating bodies in Illinois to identify system gaps and barriers that prevent families from accessing the information and programs they need and develop solutions to resolve those gaps and barriers • The goal is to maximize existing investments in early childhood, reduce duplication in programs and services at the local level, and ensure all Illinois children are safe, healthy, and eager to learn and ready to succeed by the time they enter school. • Ongoing efforts include: convening the Government Interagency Team; identifying opportunities for family involvement; increasing local collaboration; convening an EPSDT summit with key recommendations on building the mental health work force and increasing mental health services in CHC/FQHC's; convening group of EC trainers and professionals to identify gaps in training system and enhance coordination; and advising efforts to address ECMH. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convened in 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is part of a multi-state Build Initiative, a national effort of the Early Childhood Funder's Collaborative
Early Childhood	All Our Kids Early Childhood Network	IDHS, Division of Community Health and Prevention, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall goal is to ensure that all children under age 5 and their families have the opportunity to receive the services they need. • Collaborative efforts of IDHS, ISBE, local health departments, family members and other agencies serving young children and their families. • Committee to developing a high-quality, well-coordinated, and easily accessible system of care that will promote positive growth and development for children 0-5 and their families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 community networks 	

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Early Childhood	Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition		<p>The Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition is composed of over 40 public and private organizations dedicated to promoting the prevention and treatment of childhood trauma. “Stories for Children that Grownups Can Watch” DVD series has two goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the need to prevent and reduce exposure to violence among children 0-6 • Familiarize key stakeholders with exposure to violence issues so that systems are changed to recognize the issue and respond to families through program redesign or development, including redirecting resources appropriately <p>The Safe From the Start Curriculum project’s purpose is to produce a document describing the Safe from the Start project and its sites and develop six training modules to be used in local communities. The modules cover topics such as childhood exposure to violence, developing coalitions, conducting needs assessments and strategic planning, public awareness, and service delivery.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding through ICMHP • SFS Curriculum grant from IVPA
Early Childhood	Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMHP Grant Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Childhood Children’s Mental Health Consultation Projects ○ Birth to Five Treatment Project ○ Early Intervention • Early Childhood Committee envisions a strong early childhood component within a comprehensive, coordinated, integrated and culturally appropriate children’s mental health system. This system would operate from a developmental perspective, value parents and caregivers as full partners, and have the capacity and expertise to promote social emotional health, prevent the development of social emotional problems, and provide mental health early intervention and treatment services for children from birth to age five within the context of their families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health

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Child Welfare	DCFS School Readiness Team	DCFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is to enroll all 3-5 year olds in DCFS custody in an early childhood program • Collecting data on 3-5 year olds and tracking barriers to entering into and staying in academic programs • Collaborative agreement with Head Start to prioritize admission of wards into program 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFS
Child Welfare	Integrated Assessment	DCFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of federal law (CAPTA) in developing a process for screening all children under age three with founded cases of abuse and neglect for intact families • The goal is to assure that there are adequate and supportive services available to these young children and their families with identified social/emotional needs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFS
Domestic Violence		Harris Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harris Foundation funded domestic violence shelters to provide treatment services to children aged 0-3. • Implementing childhood trauma training curriculum in early childhood sites 		Harris Foundation
Early Childhood Education	Early Head Start and Head Start	U.S. Department of HHS: Administration of Children and Family Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall goal is to provide preschool children of low income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs. • Consultation Services include regular schedule on-site mental health consultation, involving the MH professionals/staff/parents on: addressing group and individual child concerns; promoting wellness through staff/parent education; special help for children with atypical behavior/development; using community resources. Staff/parent education required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are approximately more than 546 Early Head Start/HS sites in Illinois. • 32,881 Head Start families served. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal and state funded.

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Early Childhood Education	Prevention Initiative (birth to three)	Illinois State Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall goal is to create a partnership to support the development of infants and children from age 0-3 years, by focusing on the child and family through a network of child and family service providers. Establishes community efforts to reduce school failure by coordinating and expanding services to families and children under age 3 who live in high-risk areas. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation is available by contract from independent consultants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiated in 1989 with \$1 million and 4 projects. Now, there is up to \$10 million and 100 projects serving 10,000 children across the state. 	
Early Childhood Education	Preschool for All (3-5 PreK) Statewide	Illinois State Board of Education with technical assistance from: Early Learning Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goals of the project are to support programs in better understanding ways of preparing for and using mental health consultation and to ensure that mental health consultants serving statewide Pre-K programs are supported and well qualified. Preschool for All works through current Early Childhood Block Grant to ensure that there is voluntary, high-quality preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds; priority services for at-risk children; expanded support for at-risk infants and toddlers; and high standards and quality curricula and teaching staff in a variety of settings that parents choose. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation is available by contract from independent consultants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois State Board of Education
Early Childhood Education	Early Learning Council	Governor's Office, Ounce of Prevention Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal is to develop a high-quality early learning system that will be available to all children birth to five throughout the state by enhancing, coordinating, and expanding programs and services for young children ELC has five Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight and Coordination Workforce Development Public Awareness Space Capacity Infants and Toddlers ELC has two cross committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linguistic and Cultural Diversity Special Populations 		

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Primary Care	Healthy Beginnings II, ABCD III Project	IDHFS, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three year grant to identify effective, sustainable practices for referrals and care coordination across screening, prevention, and treatment programs to ensure all children are linked to the services that best fit their unique needs • One of the project goals is to support children who may be at risk of developmental delay or disability, but who do not meet the EI or Special Education eligibility requirements 	In year two, four pilot sites across Illinois will work with medication homes, CFCs, and early childhood community resources to move the work forward	Commonwealth Fund and administered by the National Academy for State Health Policy
Primary Care	Enhancing Developmentally Oriented Primary Care	IDHFS with Advocate Health Care, Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, and Ounce of Prevention Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Goal of the EDOPC Project is to promote developmental and social emotional screening of children using validated screening and evaluation tools with pediatric primary care providers and to assure that pediatric providers fully understand the federally required components of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). • To increase primary care providers' use of validated tools to implement developmental, social emotional, autism and maternal depression screening during pediatric visits with 0-3 population • Training philosophy based on Healthy Steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three year initiative started in January 2005 • Trained over 2,000 HFS pediatric primary care providers at 266 presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Reese Health Trust and the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation
Primary Care	Illinois Perinatal Mental Health Project	IDHFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall goal is to increase capacity to diagnose and treat depression and anxiety disorders during pregnancy and postnatal • University of Illinois at Chicago Women's Mental Health Program offers training services to IL perinatal health care providers on identification, treatment, and referral of women with perinatal depression. • Providers can receive consultation about appropriate mediations and referral sources by calling a statewide toll-free hotline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide • Initiated in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Resources and Services Administration, IDHFS and the Michael Reese Health Trust • Annual or project amount?

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Primary Care	Primary Care Consultation Line	Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall goal is to provide a mental health consultation phone line for primary care providers who treat children and adolescents • Statewide mental health consultation phone line for primary care providers who treat children and adolescents. • Consultation re: assessment, treatment options, medication management, and local community referral options • Eligibility - any Medicaid eligible child? • Consultation provided by child and adolescent psychiatrists, Advance Practice Nurses, and other mid-level practitioners. • Medicaid reimbursement will be available for pediatric and mental health providers when seeking and providing the consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide • Initiated in February 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual or project amount? • IDHS, IDHFS
Primary Care	Resource Link	Children's Hospital of Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Goal is to make psychiatric services more accessible by utilizing a centralized resource center to provide supportive services to primary care physicians who are treating children and adolescents diagnosed with a mental illness. • Collaborative model for treating children and adolescent mental illness in the primary care setting • Four main components: office-based physician training, case coordination, psychiatric consultation, and information about depression and community resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoria • Three-year project open in August of 2005 • Between August 2005 and July 2007 served 737 physician referred patients, responded to 451 calls for information, and provided consultation to physicians regarding 137 patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation

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Professional Development	Illinois Association of Infant Mental Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A professional organization that is involved exclusively in supporting the work of those professionals who are involved with the 0-3 and 0-5 populations through various services - listservs, newsletters, representation on statewide committees, development of a professional credential, co-sponsorship of initiatives, annual conferences and seminar series • Developing an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Credential 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harris Foundation, McCormick Foundation, and Membership Dues
Professional Development	Early Childhood Consultation Network	Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ECCN is a project of the Early Childhood Committee of ICMHP, led by a work group of early childhood mental health professionals with expertise in consultation and professional development • The ECCN is professional group for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants, with a goal of nurturing, and promoting the professional development of ECMHC across all early childhood service systems. • The ECCN work group maintains a listserve for the consultants; plans and facilitates statewide ECMHC retreats; and is responsible for the development of the ECMHC Professional Development Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMHP
Professional Development	Reflective Learning Groups	Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reflective Learning Groups are a statewide collaboration between 7 IECMH Consultation Projects to provide peer reflective learning opportunities. The Goals of the RLG Project is to increase reflective learning opportunities in order to create, support and sustain a qualified workforce of effective and reflective IECMH Consultants in Illinois. RLGs will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance knowledge, theory and practice of IECMH • Increase collaboration across statewide consultation initiatives • Inform training needs of consultants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 60 consultants from 7 statewide initiatives participate. • RLGs meet monthly for 2 hours, facilitated by an experienced consultant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMHP