



# Local Early Childhood Collaborations Grants Webinar

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Thank you for watching this informational webinar about Birth to Five Illinois Grants for Local Early Childhood Collaborations. This recording will be shared on YouTube.

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# Birth to Five Illinois Grants

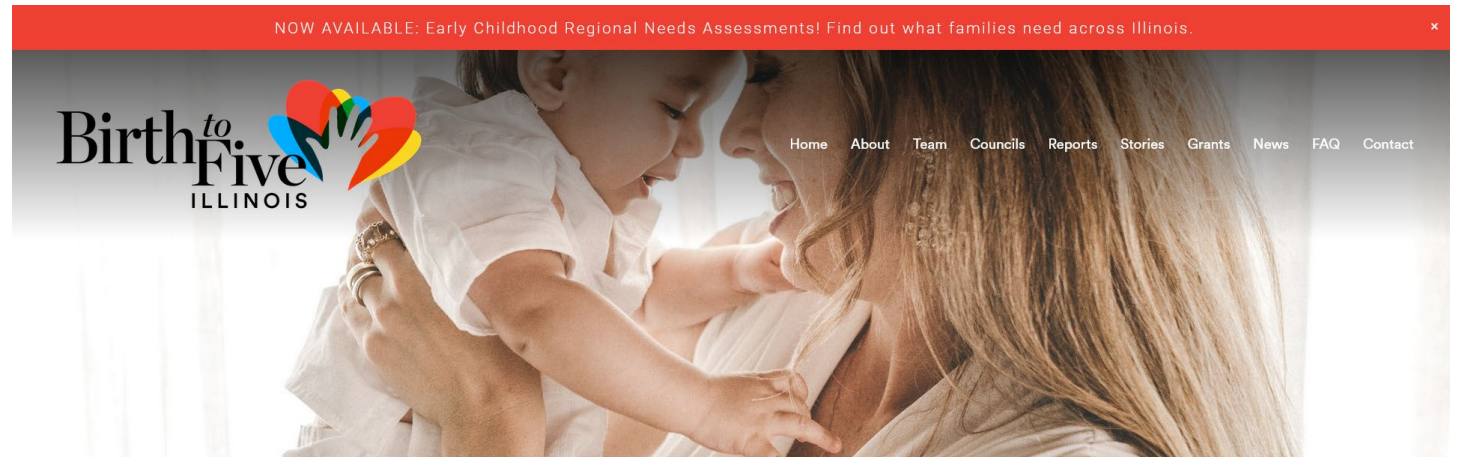
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## Announcing New Birth to Five Illinois Grants/ Anuncio de las becas nuevas de Birth to Five Illinois

Birth to Five Illinois is excited to announce a \$600,000 funding opportunity to support existing Local Early Childhood (EC) Collaborations (Implementation Grants) and for the establishment of new EC Collaborations (Planning Grants) in areas of the State that do not have them. Through these grants, Birth to Five Illinois hopes to encourage a systems-level approach to improving Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and increasing enrollment in ECEC programs and services. **Application deadline: 11:00pm on November 3, 2023.**

*Birth to Five Illinois se complace en anunciar una oportunidad de financiamiento de \$600,000 para el establecimiento de nuevas colaboraciones locales para la primera infancia en áreas del Estado que no las tienen. A través de estas subvenciones, Birth to Five Illinois espera fomentar un enfoque a nivel de sistemas para mejorar la Educación y el Cuidado de la Primera Infancia (ECEC) y aumentar las inscripciones en programas y servicios de ECEC. **Fecha límite de solicitud 11:00pm, 3 de noviembre de 2023.***

Implementation Grants

Planning Grants

Becas de implementación

Becas de planificación

[Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Recipients](#)



# Illinois Early Childhood Collaborations

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## — What is an Early Childhood Collaboration?

Birth to Five Illinois defines an Early Childhood Collaboration as a formalized group of stakeholders working together to improve their local early childhood system.

This is not a grant meant for individual child care providers, homes, or centers.

Explore [these resources](#) from Illinois Action for Children's Community Systems Statewide Supports Program, including an [Illinois Early Childhood Collaboration Directory \(PDF\)](#).

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# Illinois Early Childhood Collaborations

partnerplanact.org



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for 'Who We Are', 'Contact Us', 'Partner • Plan • Act', 'Search', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar is a secondary menu with 'Home', 'Partner', 'Plan', 'Act', 'Resources', 'Events', 'Collaboration Supports', and 'Regional Supports'. The main content area features the heading 'Events & Resources' and a section titled 'Illinois Early Childhood Landscape'. This section includes a numbered list starting with '1. Illinois Early Childhood Program Inventory', which contains a bullet point about a cross-systems resource. Below this is a sub-section 'Illinois' Early Childhood Collaborations' with three bullet points: one about a collaboration directory, one about an Illinois map, and one about reporting new collaborations. A second numbered section, '2. Early Childhood System', includes two bullet points: one about 'Pieces of the Puzzle: 2-Minute Videos about the Early Childhood System' and another about 'What is Systems Building?'. On the right side of the page, there is a photograph of a group of people in a meeting room and a section titled 'Additional Resources' with four blue buttons: 'ABLE Change Framework', 'Asset Based Community Development', 'Early Childhood System Videos', and 'Primeros Años de Infancia - Videos En Español'.

# Birth to Five Illinois Grant Recipients

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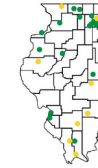
## Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Recipients

In Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), Birth to Five Illinois issued \$3.2 million in grants reaching 27 counties. The organization has granted \$2,624,930 in **Implementation Grants** to existing Local Early Childhood Collaborations and \$575,070 in **Planning Grants** to groups seeking to establish new Early Childhood Collaborations.

Among other things, grantees leverage these funds to solidify community partnerships, hire dedicated staff, and develop Coordinated Intake processes to ensure families are connected to the programs and services for which they are eligible. The grants are funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and the Early Childhood Governance and Finance Project.

Click on the map for a more detailed view of the location of FY23 Implementation and Planning Grant recipients across the State.

Haga clic en el botón "Read More (Leer más)" para obtener más información sobre nuestros beneficiarios en inglés y español.



[Grantees News Coverage](#)

REGION: All    COUNTY: All    TYPE: All   



### Arcola Community and Economic Development (ACED)\*

GRANT DETAILS  
\$48,872

- Develop a written plan that includes action steps for expanding early childhood services both at school and in the community.
- Complete a written plan to expand child care opportunities in Arcola.
- Provide ongoing training and support for the early childhood advisory team.

\*Funded by the Early Childhood Governance and Finance Project of the New Venture Fund

[Read More](#)



### Altgeld-Riverdale Early Learning Coalition

GRANT DETAILS  
\$55,460

- Engage 60 families.
- Provide wraparound services.
- Refer 45 children ages 0-5 to an early learning program with an identifiable need.
- Conduct community events monthly.

[Read More](#)

# Purpose of Funding

## Implementation Grants

Existing Early Childhood Collaborations

## Planning Grants

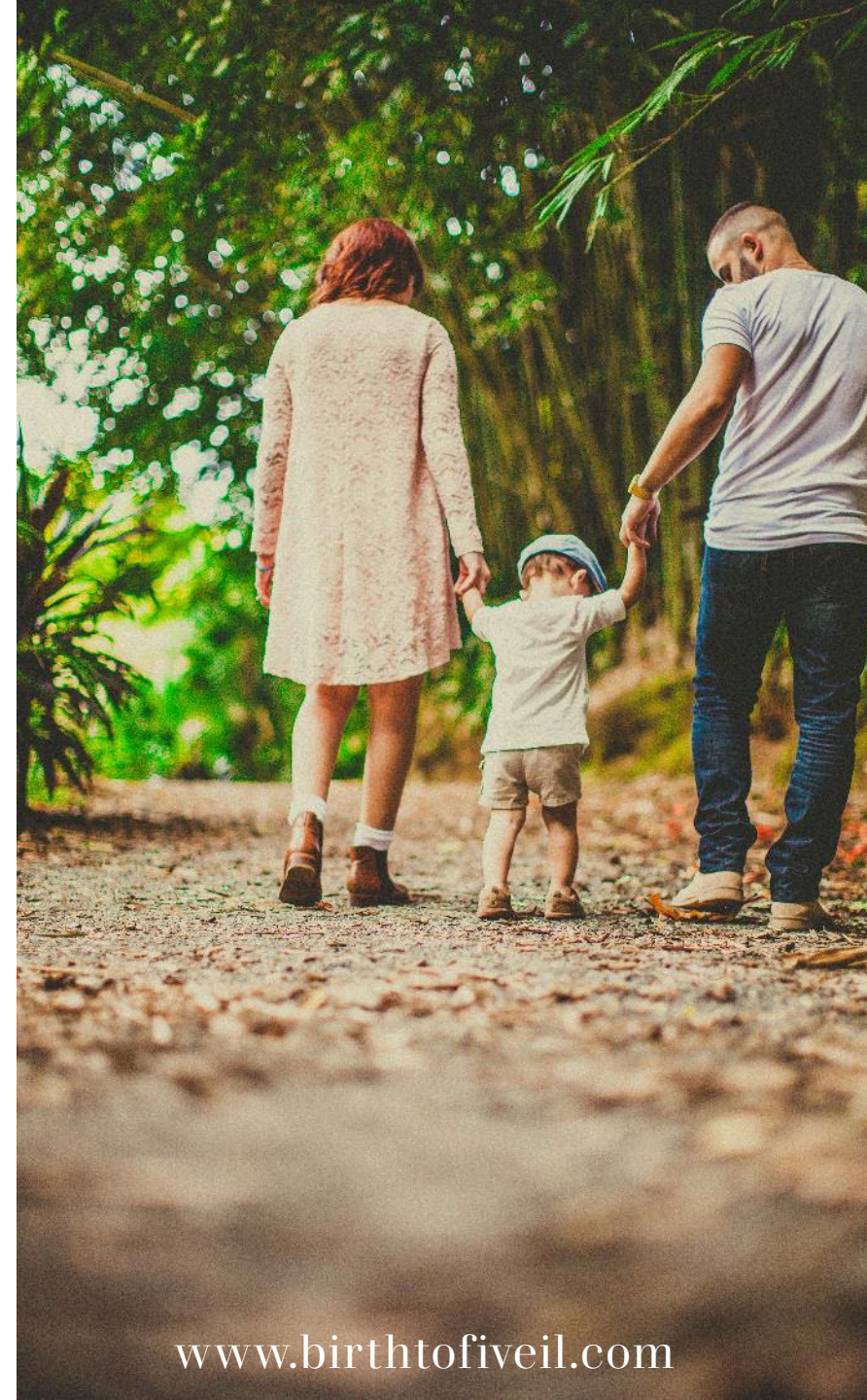
New Early Childhood Collaborations

- Up to \$600,000 available
- Anticipated grant amount: \$50,000 - \$80,000



# Eligibility

- Collaborations may work at hyperlocal, county, multi-county, or regional level
- Planning Grant - willing to establish a collaboration whose members represent a range of backgrounds and fields.
- Fiscal agents are permitted.





# Requirements

- Applicant must be a legal entity
  - 501(c)(3) status not required
- Applicant or fiscal agent must be GATA certified
- Good standing with state of Illinois
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)



# Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

sam.gov/content/duns-uei



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SAM.GOV logo and a 'Sign In' button. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area. On the left, there is a section titled 'DUNS to Unique Entity ID (SAM) Transition' with a sub-heading 'What you need to know about the Unique Entity ID (SAM)'. The text below this heading states: 'This page contains resources to help you through the transition from DUNS Number to Unique Entity ID (SAM). Sometimes you may see UEI used as an abbreviation of Unique Entity ID. On this page, you can:'. Below this text is a bulleted list: 

- Learn about how this transition affects you, based on the work you do in SAM.gov
- Explore general information about the UEI and this change
- Get started with requesting a UEI, if you don't have one yet

 On the right side of the main content area, there is a light blue box with the heading 'Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID'. Below this heading is the text: 'Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government'. At the bottom of this box is a green button labeled 'Get Started'. Below the 'Get Started' button is the text: 'Registering your entity versus requesting a Unique Entity ID' with an information icon (i) to its right. At the top of the page, there is a yellow alert box with a warning icon and the heading 'Entity Validation Delays'. The alert text reads: 'Due to high demand, entity legal business name and address validation tickets are taking longer than expected to process. We are working on tickets in the order received. You can find resources related to this process [here](#). Please do not create multiple incidents for the same request.' To the right of the alert box is a green button labeled 'See All Alerts'.

# Requirements

- Monthly expense reports
- Expense auditing
- Narrative Reports
  - Jan. , Apr., and July 2024
- Implementation Grants require 10% matching funds



# Allowable Expenses

- Possible uses of funds include:
  - Mileage reimbursement for staff
  - Staffing
  - Convening stakeholders
  - Renting meeting space
  - Technology purchases
  - Brand development/Marketing

\*This list is a starting point



# Not Allowable as Expenses

- Food
- Gift Cards
- Construction
- Direct Funding to Programs (i.e., teaching positions, additional classrooms)



# Application

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**Birth to Five ILLINOIS**  
Partnering for Early Learning

### Birth to Five Illinois Grant Application - FY2024

Application deadline extended: 11:00pm on November 3, 2023.

Birth to Five Illinois will issue up to \$600,000 in **Implementation** and **Planning Grants** to Local Early Childhood Collaborations. The funding is closely tied to the Governor's focus on regaining and increasing enrollment in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) programs and services.

This application is intended to provide an opportunity for Collaborations to describe their work and demonstrate the capacity to utilize the available funding. While proofreading is encouraged, the selection panel will score each submission on content rather than style. Birth to Five Illinois is fully aware that larger organizations with the ability to dedicate staff toward grant writing are often at an advantage when seeking supplemental funding. By simplifying this application, we hope to make the process an accessible one for Collaborations of all sizes. Applicants may save progress and return to complete the application. The information submitted may be used by Birth to Five Illinois to describe funded grants.

**1. Select Grant Type \***

- Implementation Grant - for existing Local Early Childhood Collaborations
- Planning Grant - to establish a new Local Early Childhood Collaboration

**2. Local Collaboration Name \***

# Next Steps & Timeline

- Visit our website: [www.birthtofiveil.com-recipients](http://www.birthtofiveil.com-recipients)
  - Check out our FAQs
- Application Deadline: November 3, 2023
- Grants Awarded: November 2023
- Grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2024

# Connect with Birth to Five Illinois

- Please direct question about the grants to [grants@birthtofiveil.com](mailto:grants@birthtofiveil.com)
- Subscribe to email communications: [www.birthtofiveil.com/#newsletter](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/#newsletter)
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Thank you!

