

Resources & Links from Chat EI Town Hall Meeting 2.7.23

- ✓ For resources, you may reach out to:
 - The Early Intervention Clearinghouse: To borrow resources and/or technology for early intervention <https://eiclearinghouse.org/>
 - The Parent Training and Information Centers: To learn your rights. For the Chicagoland area, contact the Family Resource Center on Disabilities <https://frcd.org/> and for the remainder of the state contact Family Matters <https://www.fmptic.org/>
 - Equip for Equality: To access legal assistance <https://www.equipforequality.org/>
 - Start Early: To learn more about policy and advocacy <https://www.startearly.org/where-we-work/illinois/>

- ✓ **Para obtener recursos, puede comunicarse con:**
 - The Early Intervention Clearinghouse: Para tomar prestados recursos y/o tecnología para la intervención temprana <https://eiclearinghouse.org/es/>
 - Los Centros de Capacitación e Información para Padres: Para conocer sus derechos. Para el área de Chicagoland, comuníquese con Family Resource Center on Disabilities <https://frcd.org/category/recursos-en-espanol/> y para el resto del estado, comuníquese con Family Matters <https://www.fmptic.org/>
 - Equip for Equality: Para acceder a asistencia legal <https://www.equipforequality.org/>
 - Comience temprano: para obtener más información sobre políticas y defensa <https://www.startearly.org/where-we-work/illinois/>

- ✓ **SmartStart** 424 S.W. Washington Suite 300 Peoria, IL 61602 309-673-3769
<https://www.tasc.org/TascBlog/images/documents/Programs/YouthandFamilyServices-FactSheet.pdf>

- ✓ For **public awareness materials** in both English/Spanish for both Early Intervention and Early Childhood, Child Find: <https://www.childfind-idea-il.us/Default.aspx>

- ✓ If you would like more information about **Birth to Five IL** in your region and want to share your story you can go to <https://www.birthtofiveil.com>

- ✓ Equip for Equality and Start Early are partnering to support families experiencing challenges with accessing Early Intervention - **Project LEAP** - (Launching Equity in Access to Preschool) - https://dsc.uic.edu/dsc_resource/project-leap-launching-equity-in-access-to-preschool/# . Call 1-866-543-7046 or email specialed@equipforequality.org Esta es la página de Leap en español https://dsc.uic.edu/dsc_resource/project-leap-launching-equity-in-access-to-preschool/#

- ✓ Anyone in IL (whether or not you're in EI) can request books, articles, videos on specific questions from the **EI Clearinghouse**, happy to help with resources or point you in the right direction.... <https://eiclearinghouse.org/contact/>

- ✓ **IL Hands and Voices** and Guide By Your Side partners with parents of EI children with hearing loss <https://www.ilhandsandvoices.org/>

- ✓ The **Illinois Resource Center** is providing free workshops for multilingual families. Our next Spread the Word: Family Information Series meeting is being held virtually on Thursday, 2/9 at 10am. These meetings are also being held in Spanish, twice a month. Our next topic is understanding ESL/Bilingual programming and services.
<https://irc.thecenterweb.org/professional-learning/family-bpac-information-series>

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- ✓ **Raising Illinois** is collecting families' stories to advocate for more investment in the program. Please share your story here! English: https://www.raisingillinois.org/news_resources/babies-cant-wait-postcard/ Spanish: https://www.raisingillinois.org/news_resources/nuestros-bebes-no-pueden-esperar/
- ✓ **Family Enrichment Program** - 300 w. 154th St. South holland, Il 60473 (708) 841-5950 or 708-825-4162
- ✓ Family Town Hall English: <https://eiclearinghouse.org/everyday/familytownhall/> Spanish <https://eiclearinghouse.org/es/everyday/familytownhall/>