



VIDEOS

Our parenting videos show family activities that help infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children learn about the world. Videos are accompanied by background information, a transcript, and a list of resources about the topic.

Our benchmark videos are filmed in a variety of settings, including programs at public universities, community colleges, and private homes. For each video, we provide background information, a transcript, and a description of how various benchmarks are met.



FAQs

IEL staff have prepared a series of responses to Frequently Asked Questions on topics related to early learning. All FAQs are available in English and Spanish.

Some of our most popular FAQs include:

- ▶ What Is the Kindergarten Entry Age in Illinois?
- ▶ How Do I Start a Child Care Center in Illinois?
- ▶ What Is Age-Appropriate Play for Young Children?

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Like our Facebook page and get updates on new additions to the IEL Web site as well as news and other interesting information about early care and education.



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IEL is a source of reliable evidence-based information on early care and education for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children in Illinois. The IEL Web site is available in English and Spanish.

The IEL team at the University of Illinois has primary responsibility for the design and updating of the Web site, in close consultation with the Early Childhood Division of the Illinois State Board of Education. IEL staff work in the offices of the Early Childhood and Parenting (ECAP) Collaborative in the College of Education.

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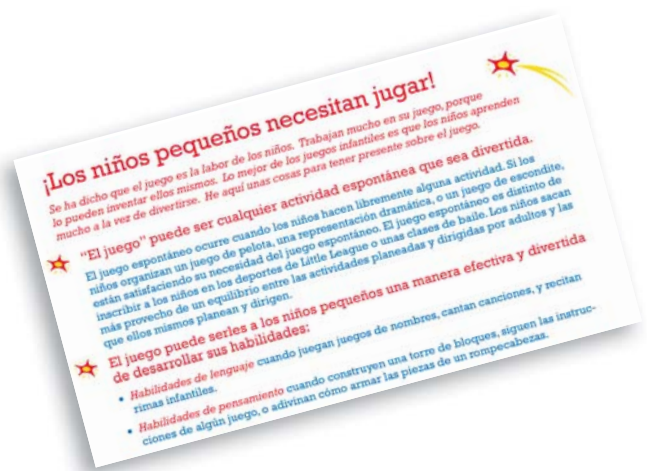




TIP SHEETS

These are easy-to-read, one-page resources on a variety of topics for parents and teachers of young children. The Tip Sheets can be read online or downloaded in PDF format to be printed and shared. You can also use our online form to order printed Tip Sheets that will be mailed to you free of charge.

All Tip Sheets are available in English, Spanish, and Polish, with selected titles also available in Korean, Chinese, Russian, and Arabic.



ILLINOIS EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The standards and benchmarks are available in full text in English and Spanish. You also can search for learning resources by learning area, state goal, standard, or benchmark.



ILLINOIS BIRTH TO THREE GUIDELINES

The Illinois Early Learning Guidelines are designed to provide parents, early childhood professionals, and policy makers a framework for understanding children's development and learning from birth to age 3. The guidelines are available in both English and Spanish.

RESOURCE DATABASE

Teachers, caregivers, and parents can use keywords to search our database of more than 2,000 resources compiled and reviewed by IEL staff.



PROJECT APPROACH WEB SITE

The Illinois Projects in Practice Web site (illinoispip.org) provides information and support for teachers, specialists, administrators, and trainers interested in implementing the Project Approach with young children in Illinois. Teachers can find project guides, lesson planning aids, project examples, a listserv, and many other resources.



ASK QUESTIONS

Ask IEL: IEL staff will respond to your questions about parenting or early care and education in Illinois. Submit your questions by e-mail, phone, or online form.

Ask Dr. Katz: Lilian G. Katz, an international leader in early childhood education, responds to questions of general interest.

BLOGS

Monthly blog topics alternate between *Teaching and Parenting Young Children with Special Needs* and *Teaching and Parenting Young English Language Learners*.

TALKS WITH EXPERTS

For transcripts of in-depth conversations with experts on topics of interest to parents and teachers of young children in Illinois, check out our chats, Ask an Expert events, and interviews with early childhood notables.

RESOURCE LISTS

IEL resource lists contain a wealth of information on early care and education, including Web materials, IEL resources, and listings of relevant articles and books.

NEWS

Read weekly current news of interest to parents, teachers, and caregivers in Illinois, monthly email updates about new IEL resources, or our expanded quarterly newsletter.