

# OUTSTANDING PRACTICES IN INCLUSION

Does your program implement high quality inclusive practices?

If you do, you will want to consider applying for the *Outstanding Practices in Inclusion* award that will be celebrated at the next Sharing A Vision Conference in 2019. Early CHOICES, as the Illinois State Board of Education Preschool Least Restrictive Environment Initiative, along with the Early Childhood LRE Stakeholders Consortium will administer the award.

A few qualifications to consider:

The program must already be a high quality program with either

- Gold rating from ExceleRate Illinois or
- NAEYC accredited or
- if the program does not qualify to be rated, then specific compliance items from ExceleRate will need to be in place

School district programs must have Preschool Environments data that is exemplary with 6A > 50% & 6B < 20%

Administrators and staff must have recent professional development related to inclusive practices and have experience implementing practices.

How does the process work?

- Attend an informational webinar November 16, 2017, to learn more. Another webinar will be offered Fall 2018.
- Commit to apply (there will be two opportunities December 2017 or December 2018).
- Gather information to create a 30 minute presentation that highlights program and classroom practices using the *Illinois Inclusion Guidelines*.
- Present to a committee in person or via online format March 2018 or March 2019.
- Verify with a qualified assessor who will visit your program and complete the *Inclusive Classroom Profile* to determine the Outstanding Practices in Inclusion. April 2018 or April 2019.

**Programs will be honored at**

**Sharing A Vision 2019**

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