

OUTSTANDING PRACTICES IN INCLUSION RECOGNITION

Does your program implement high quality inclusive practices?

If you do, you will want to consider applying for the [Outstanding Practices in Inclusion](#) recognition that will be celebrated at the Sharing A Vision Conference in 2021. 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 recognition.

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](#) August 6, 2019 to learn more.
- **Commit** to apply by December 20, 2019.
- **Gather** information to create a 45 minute presentation that highlights program and classroom practices using the *Illinois Inclusion Guidelines*.
- **Present** to a committee in person or via online format March, 2020.
- **Verify** with a qualified assessor who will visit your program and complete the *Inclusive Classroom Profile* to determine the Outstanding Practices in Inclusion, April 2020.

Programs will be honored at

Sharing A Vision 2021

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