

## Our Mission

The Early CHOICES Preschool LRE Initiative promotes increasing high quality inclusive education for each and every preschool aged child.



Early CHOICES will accomplish this through:

- Increasing the number of children receiving services in general education.
- Providing technical assistance and professional development to families and professionals.
- Collaborating with other Illinois early childhood technical assistance projects.
- Utilizing data to prioritize efforts.

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Inclusion for each and every  
young child

## About Us

Early CHOICES is operated through a grant awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education to the School Association for Special Education in Dupage County (SASED); 100% of annual funding for the project is from federal sources. Early CHOICES is the Preschool Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Initiative.



## What We Do

Early CHOICES compiles tools and creates and facilitates planning with school districts to build capacity in educating children with and without disabilities together.



Early CHOICES offers onsite and long distance technical assistance to school districts in Illinois to help them develop plans to expand inclusive opportunities for the preschoolers they serve.

We also offer support to better use and understand preschool special education data.

Early CHOICES shares information with families to increase understanding of least restrictive environment and inclusion.

## Resources We Offer

Early CHOICES offers tools to districts to support their efforts to report accurate Educational Environment (EE) data. An application to generate EE Codes for districts in Illinois is available. To use the application visit:

[ec-sppsix.com](http://ec-sppsix.com)

Early CHOICES also has created an application to generate Early Childhood Outcomes Ratings. To use the application visit:

[ec-ecotool.com](http://ec-ecotool.com)



*Understanding LRE* is a concise online module that explains LRE for young children. To view visit:

[eclre.org/good-to-know/understanding-lre.aspx](http://eclre.org/good-to-know/understanding-lre.aspx)