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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Early CHOICES Preschool Least Restrictive Environment

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 statewide Preschool Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Initiative.

What We Do

Early CHOICES develops and curates resources from the field, and facilitates planning with school districts to build capacity for high quality inclusive preschools.

Collaboration with families is critical to high quality inclusion. We provide resources and information specifically for families.

Resources We

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

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

Online learning modules:

Visit our website to access online modules covering a variety of topics integral to high quality inclusive programming. The modules are available anytime for use by families, individuals and program teams.

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