

Community Inclusion Teams 2021



Early CHOICES & ECTA

State Leadership Team (SLT)

The SLT is an interagency, cross-sector, collaborative team that develops and strengthens policies, procedures, funding, professional development, and other systems to plan, implement, evaluate, and scale up and sustain the State Indicators of High-Quality Inclusion for preschool aged children with disabilities.



Community Inclusion Teams (CITs)

School district or Local Education Agency (LEA) based CITs serve as demonstrations of the effectiveness of the inclusion indicators and provide a model for others. There are three Community Inclusion Teams in the State of Illinois consisting of community partners, educational agencies, and parents. The CITs have implemented action plans to increase inclusive opportunities in their communities.

Implementation Programs (IPs)

Five Implementation Program Leadership Teams meet monthly and have implemented action plans, changed practices, and enhanced policies and procedures to maximize access, participation, supports and outcomes for children with disabilities. These Implementation Programs will also serve as demonstrations of the effectiveness of the inclusion indicators and provide a model for others in the State of Illinois.



Looking forward

Building capacity to scale up by growing from existing CIT's and mentoring other Communities

Professional Learning CIT Forums and facilitating a three-part series *The Preschool Inclusion Toolbox*

Partnerships Being intentional about funding and planning and keeping partners informed of the work

