

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](#) recognition. Early CHOICES, as the Illinois State Board of Education Inclusion Initiative for Birth to age 5, along with the Early Childhood LRE Stakeholders Consortium administer the recognition.

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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.

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

How does the process work?



- **Attend** an [informational webinar](#) to learn more.
- **Commit** to apply by December 16, 2022.
- **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, 2023.
- **Verify** with a qualified assessor who will visit your program and complete the *Inclusive Classroom Profile* April 2023.

Programs will be honored at

Sharing A Vision 2023

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