

Preschool For All and Prevention Initiative Supplement for the Easterseals Early Learning Services Parent Handbook

Easterseals provides Preschool For All (PFA) services through a grant from Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). We provide those services through partnerships with local, private childcare partners to children ages 3 to 5 and their families.

Preschool for All Services include:

- Additional teaching staff for 2 ½ hours each day, either in the morning or afternoon
- Enhanced educational activities
- Higher qualifications for the PFA teacher
- A Lending library at each center that has PFA
- Alignment with the Illinois Early Learning Standards

Easterseals Early Learning Services PFA Teachers work together with partner site staff to create a learning environment to support children's development. Through the implementation of Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies Gold and alignment of the Illinois Early Learning Standards, teachers provide daily activities to support individual needs of children.

Easterseals provides Center Based Prevention Initiative (PI) services through a grant from Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). We provide those services through partnerships with local, private childcare partners to children under age 3 and their families.

Prevention Initiative Services include:

- Additional funding to the center to provide quality improvements
- Enhanced staffing requirements, including having an Infant Toddler Specialist on site
- Enhanced Parent Engagement, including:
 - A lending library at each center (ask staff at the center for information on how to borrow items from the lending library)
 - Monthly Group Parent and Child activities that support their bond and the child's development
 - Individualized Family Encounters that
 - are scheduled with you based on your needs,
 - support the relationship between you and your child,
 - intentionally support the development of each child,
 - provide support to you in your role as the primary educator of your child,
 - are aligned to the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines,
 - would ideally happen in the convenience of your home, but can occur in a mutually agreed on location
 - would happen at least 2 times each year and more frequently if requested by you
- Requirements for using research-based tools and curricula
- Alignment with Illinois Early Learning Guidelines