

preschool for all

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Preschool helps children develop the social, emotional and pre-academic skills they need to succeed in school and in life.

What is Preschool for All?

Preschool for All is Illinois' promise that all three- and four-year-olds can engage in the early learning experiences they need to succeed in school and in life.

Preschool for All is a high quality program that brings together qualified staff, a proven curriculum and parent involvement to help prepare children for success in school.

Preschool for All programs are offered in participating public and private schools, child care centers, community and faith-based organizations, Head Start and other settings.

There is no cost to parents for part day Preschool for All or Head Start programs.

How can I enroll my child?

Call (877) 20-CHILD. You will be connected to your local Child Care Resource and Referral where an early care and education specialist will help you find a Preschool for All program near you.

The Preschool for All promise extends to all Illinois children, but it will take time to provide enough classrooms to meet demand. Many communities also offer programs for infants and toddlers and their parents though availability is limited.

Funded by the Illinois State Board of Education, Preschool for All programs are typically half day and follow school calendars. Parents who need child care are responsible for their children's care before and after the Preschool for All program and are encouraged to speak with a specialist to discuss options and assistance programs.

Is my child ready for Preschool for All?

Yes! Preschool for All helps children develop the skills they need to succeed in school and later in life. Programs have been designed to meet the learning and developmental needs of each child aged birth to five in Illinois.

Depending on their birthdays, children ages three and four can enroll in preschool. Younger children may benefit from participation in infant and toddler programs where available. All children are screened at the time of enrollment to ensure they are matched with the most appropriate services.

To speak to an early care and education specialist about the best options for your child contact (877) 20-CHILD