Our Vision: All Latinos and English Learners (ELs) graduate high school college and career ready

Latino academic outcomes

Birth to 3
- 8% enroll in public birth to 3 services

Preschool
- 40% enroll in public preschool

3rd grade
- 39% meet/exceed standards in reading

High School
- 81% graduate from high school

College
- 18% complete associate's degree or higher

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A SMART INVESTMENT

The earlier the investment, the greater the return

Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics
Education Areas of Work

- Family & Community Capacity Building
- Equitable Access & Resource Distribution
- Diverse Educator Preparation
All Latino and immigrant families have the knowledge and skills to support their child’s early education as the foundation for college and career readiness.

All Latino children and English Learners (ELs) have access to high quality education that is linguistically and culturally responsive.

All Illinois teachers are prepared to meet the needs of students’ language, cultural and racial diversity.
Education strategies and tactics

**INFORM**

Provide issue education and outreach on Latino and immigrant community issues

Conduct analysis and produce reports regarding the Latino community and English Learners

Create and facilitate trainings and workshops for:

- Community leaders
- Educators
- Educational leaders
- Parents
- Providers

**INFLUENCE**

Administrative advocacy

- Active participation on over 30 state and local committees/councils
- Build and leverage relationships with policy actors
- Respond to call for public comments from governing bodies

Legislative advocacy

- Monitor state budget and substantive legislation
- Prepare and deliver testimony for state public hearings
- Presence in Springfield
- Promote and host annual Early Childhood Education Advocacy Day

**LEAD**

Expand discourse to promote:

- Inclusion
- Parity
- Quality

Convene coalitions to inform policy agenda

- Community leaders
- Educational leaders
- Practitioners
- Substantive experts

Organize actions

- Community hearings
- Press conferences
**Education work products**

**Conduct analysis and produce reports**
- Preparing all Teachers Brief Series
- Statistics on Latinos (SOL) Series
- Building Blocks of Early Care and Education in Illinois

**Pursue administrative and legislative advocacy**
- Appointments on: IL Advisory Council on Bilingual Education; IL Early Learning Council; Chicago Consortium on School Research; Chicago Public Schools Latino Advisory Committee
- Prepare and deliver testimony
- Annual ECE Advocacy Day

**Create and facilitate trainings**
- Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors
- Common Core Math Workshops
- Understanding and Leading State Budget Advocacy
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