

**IHSA Advisor**  
**December, 2019**



*Have a wonderful holiday season!*

**Early Childhood Funding Commission**

On Monday, December 16, 2019, Governor J.B. Pritzker launched the Illinois Commission on Equitable Early Childhood Education and Care Funding (Early Childhood Funding Commission). The Commission will study and make recommendations to establish funding goals and funding mechanisms to provide equitable access to high-quality early childhood education and care services for all children birth to age five and advise the Governor in planning and implementing these recommendations. The Commission will submit these recommendations to the Governor on or before January 15, 2021.

Our own, George Davis, of Rockford, is one of the co-chairs. For more information on the Commission follow this link - <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Pages/Governor's-Early-Childhood-Funding-Commission.aspx>

The meetings will be held monthly and are open to the public to attend. Also the public may sign up to make comments to the Commission at each meeting.

## Early Childhood Clearinghouse Winter Newsletter

This edition of the Clearinghouse's newsletter has a great article on "Plan Ahead to Avoid Tantrums and Meltdowns during the Holidays." Some of the tips adults could use for themselves! Here's the link: <https://eicclearinghouse.org/newsletter/2019winter/>

## Upcoming Conferences and Trainings

\*Directors' Winter meeting, January 9, 2020, IHSA in Springfield

\*Family Services and ERSEA QECs, All Regions, January 14, 2020

\*Disabilities, Mental Health & Wellness QECs, All Regions, January 15, 2020

\*Health & Nutrition QECs, All Regions, January 16, 2020

\*EHS & Home Visiting QECs, All Regions, January 17, 2020

\*Education & Coaching QECs, All Regions, January 23, 2020

Opening Minds, Jan. 29–Feb. 1, Chicago, IL <https://www.openingmindsusa.org/opening-minds-2020-program-preview/>

Collaboration for Early Childhood Symposium, Feb. 23, Oak Park, IL, <http://collab4kids.org/symposium/>

ILASCD Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Conference, March 4–6, Schaumburg, IL, <https://illinoisascd.org/professional-learning-opportunities/pre-k-and-kindergarten-conference>

Oakton Infant Toddler Conference, Des Plaines, IL, March 7, 2020  
[www.oakton.edu/newsevents/conferences/infant\\_toddler2017/program/index](http://www.oakton.edu/newsevents/conferences/infant_toddler2017/program/index)

Leadership Connections National Conference, April 29–May 1, Wheeling, IL, <https://mccormickcenter.nl.edu/leadership-connections-national-conference/>

**SAVE THE DATE** "Equity from the Start: Shifting from Intention to Outcomes," Partner Plan Act Conference, June 11–12, 2019, Bloomington, IL

\*For the conferences or meetings marked with an asterisk, please register at the IHSA website! <http://ilheadstart.org/>