

Program Funding Considerations for Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health (I/ECMHC) Consultation in Illinois

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How is it funded?

How do I access an I/ECMH Consultant?

Child Care (Birth - 5)

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) provides funding for I/ECMHC to the following entities:

- Chaddock (Caregiver Connections)*
- Illinois Action for Children
- 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care

*There is no cost to child care programs using I/ECMH Consultation through Caregiver Connections.

Contact Chaddock ([Caregiver Connections](#)) to request an I/ECMH Consultant.

Prevention Initiative (Prenatal - 3)

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Early Childhood Block Grant:

- Programs can request funding to support I/ECMHC as an allowable expense in their initial application or as an amendment to their Block Grant.

Programs and school districts search and hire via the [I/ECMH Consultant Database](#), or subcontract with an I/ECMH Consultant to provide consultation to their local program.

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Preschool for All (3-5) and Preschool for All Expansion (3-5)

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Early Childhood Block Grant:

- Programs can request funding to support I/ECMHC as an allowable expense in their initial application or as an amendment to their Block Grant.
- Programs can contact their Principal Consultant to request to amend their contract.

Programs and school districts search and hire via the [I/ECMH Consultant Database](#), or subcontract with an I/ECMH Consultant to provide consultation to their local program.

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Early Intervention (Birth - 3)

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) allocates funding to the 25 Child & Family Connections (CFC) programs throughout the State for Social-Emotional Consultation depending on the number of children serviced by the CFC.

CFCs then search and hire via the [I/ECMH Consultant Database](#), or subcontract with a [Social-Emotional Consultant](#) to provide consultation to their local program.

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Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) (Prenatal- 3)

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) provides funding for Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation to each of the 13 MIECHV communities in Illinois.

Search the [I/ECMH Consultant Database](#) to locate an I/ECMH Consultant in your area.

Healthy Families Illinois (Prenatal - 3)

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) funds Healthy Families Illinois.

Healthy Families Illinois (HFI) programs have had the choice to include funding for consultation in previous IDHS Notice of Funding Opportunity grant applications.

HFI programs then search and hire via the [I/ECMH Consultant Database](#), or subcontract with an I/ECMH Consultant to provide consultation to their local program.

Early Head Start (Prenatal - 3) and Head Start (3 - 5)

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services provides funding for Head Start and Early Head Start (EHS/HS) programs to receive I/ECMH Consultation.

Each EHS/HS program then searches, hires, or subcontracts with an I/ECMH Consultant to provide consultation to their local program.

Click on the underlined text in the above to access additional resources.

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