

ExceleRate Subcommittee of the ELC Quality Committee

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30

Conference call only

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**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 minutes)
  - We welcome Dr. Anita Ramage, ExceleRate Pilot Project Coordinator. She can be reached at [Anita.J.Ramage@illinois.gov](mailto:Anita.J.Ramage@illinois.gov).
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** (10 minutes)
  - Refer to *Minutes* document
3. **COVID-19** (60 minutes)

In order to inform policy discussions about next steps for child care and early education in light of COVID-19, the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development has asked the ExceleRate Subcommittee to discuss the following two questions and provide feedback.

- (1) If programs are able to open with smaller class sizes and other social distancing restrictions, what do you anticipate would be the greatest concerns of program management and staff members? How could the State help mitigate those concerns?
- (2) Given that program disruptions are likely to continue in some form (children in settings new to them, program's extra attention to social distancing, handwashing and disinfecting, etc.), what changes in our quality support systems would be helpful to programs in this environment?

4. **Update on ExceleRate Child Care Pilot – PDG B5** (10 minutes)
5. **Next steps and next meeting**

Next Subcommittee meeting in 2 months: July 23, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30, by conference call.  
Agenda will include a workplan focused on family child care quality.