

What's New at HHSi2

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Welcoming the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to HHSi2

We are proud to welcome the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) as HHSi2's newest partner agency! We look forward to working with DVA to leverage data from across the State of Illinois enterprise to improve the lives of Illinois' veterans.

Enabling Analytics to Increase Equity in Illinois' Education System

HHSi2 is participating as a partner in the State's Longitudinal Data System (LDS). Led by the Governor's Office, the mission of LDS is to "ensure high-quality, appropriate, and timely data about learners from birth to career will be readily available, easy to use and secure." In addition to ingesting data from sources such as the Illinois State Board of Education and Head Start, LDS will leverage HHSi2's consolidated and cleansed, child-centered data from the Department of Human Services' Early Intervention (EI) system and Child Care Management System (CCMS).

Access to high-quality data from these key early childhood programs will also support the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development (GOECD). GOECD's engagement with LDS is focused on increasing early childhood participation in high-quality learning opportunities that support GOECD's mission to ensure Illinois' youngest learners can grow up "...healthy, ready to succeed and eager to learn."

The integration of data from multiple State systems will give GOECD access to more accurate, unduplicated counts of Illinois' youngest, most vulnerable children currently served by publicly funded programs. Increased capacity for analytics on child-centered service use and saturation will better enable GOECD to inform policies geared toward increasing equity within and across Illinois' early childhood system.

Core Concept

The Illinois Shared Interoperability Platform will help facilitate more **person-centered services**, focusing on ensuring those in need receive the right combination of benefits and services for which they are eligible through improved coordination and collaboration across agency silos.

Spotlight on... Dr. Jamilah R. Jor'dan

Executive Director, Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development



"The pandemic has heightened the need for strategies that support children and families. Data are needed to inform solutions that prevent the continued practices of structural, systemic, and institutional racism. Central to a social justice agenda is data. As we look across Illinois' early childhood education and care system, we want to ensure equitable access to high-quality early learning opportunities for young learners that support families and strengthen communities."

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