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This Week:

- **Supporting STEM in Illinois**
- **CIO Council Gathers for Collaboration**
- **Microsoft Home Use Program**



Supporting STEM in Illinois

As the team leading technology for the State of Illinois, we can all help to encourage the growth of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and there are several programs to assist in that effort. [Code.org](#) encourages students to explore computer science through informative [tutorials and interactive activities](#) for individuals of all ages and skill level. “Hour of Code” events were held in December throughout the world to recognize the importance of computer science education with 1,492 events registered in Illinois. By the number of registered “[Hour of Code](#)” events, Illinois ranked sixth nationally demonstrating great support and interest in computer science education. These [activities](#) can be accessed anytime by anyone and filtered by skill level and interests. [Girls Go CyberStart](#) is a program focused on sharing opportunities related to cybersecurity. Registration is open through January 31, 2020 to participate in a national competition with digital challenges to introduce girls to cybersecurity. [Girls Who Code](#) offers online resources and encourages the creation of clubs to help close the gender gap in technology.

CIO Council Gathers for Collaboration

Agency CIOs gathered last week for the first CIO Council meeting of the new year, which opened with Secretary Guerrier providing a review of 2019 and his vision and strategy for 2020. Some of the topics on the agenda were updates on ERP including the January 1 go-live and a preview of the human capital management (HCM) phase, overview on agency dashboards, case study on large system RFPs, security updates including the multi-factor authentication rollout, along with valuable interaction among participants, who look forward to a year of progress in 2020.

Microsoft Home Use Program

The Home Use Program is available to State of Illinois employees with an O365 license. The employee purchase program offers the opportunity to State of Illinois employees to purchase O365 for Home or Personal use at a 30 percent discount. Confirmation of eligibility will be done via your Illinois.gov email account. To learn more about this program visit this [site](#).

DoIT FYIs & Reminders

DoIT is Hiring! Review the job postings on the [DoIT Website](#) and please pass along to those who may be interested. Applicants must use the updated CMS-100 application (effective October 1, 2019).

Travel updates have been posted to the [Employee Portal](#). Please review before making any travel arrangements.