

# Illinois Head Start Association FY20 Budget Address Highlights

## Critical Policy Issues

1. Early Childhood Block Grant - INCREASE \$100M
2. Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) - INCREASE \$30M to serve additional 10,000 low-income families making less than 200% below Federal Poverty Level
3. \$15 Minimum Wage – phase in until 2025; \$107.4M INCREASE to address changes to minimum wage

## Ancillary Policy Issues

1. DHS/DCFS Birth to Three Initiative – Intact families joint visit and referrals
2. IDPH – Childhood Lead Program INCREASE \$6M
3. DHS – CCAP INCREASE; \$30M Early Intervention INCREASE - \$7M EI Rates; Homeless Prevention Services; behavioral (\$29M – Opioid epidemic) and Mental Health
4. DCFS – \$9.8M INCREASE for hiring of 126 direct service staff (Child Protection Specialists and Child Welfare Specialists) to improve ratios; \$10M Family Preservation; \$10.5M Foster Homes; \$7.8M Institutions and Group Homes; increase child permanency; improve work force
5. HFS – INCREASE \$600M – Medicaid Revenue to address backlog and support future funding  
a) Tax Managed Care Organizations; b) eCigarette Tax; c) Cigarette Tax
6. Executive Orders  
2019-07 Welcome Centers and Immigration Services  
2019-09 Justice, Equity and Opportunity Initiative

## IHSA Platform

### *Safeguard Resources*

- Ensure State EC Block Grant funding complements and does not supplant Federal Health Start Resources.

### *Maximize Enrollment*

- Ensure birth to five children and families with income below 100% federal poverty have a HS/EHS opportunity.
- Prioritize PFA Services for children above 100% federal poverty to expand opportunities for additional children.

### *Expand Comprehensive Services*

- Utilize HS/EHS evidenced-based model for families most in crisis.
- Allocate State Funds for expansion and continued quality of comprehensive services.

### *See to Believe*

- Over 40,000 children and families choose HS/EHS for abundant reasons.
- Visit any of our sixty (60) Illinois HS/EHS Programs to "see" for yourself.