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

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  \item **Safeguard Resources**
    • Ensure State EC Block Grant funding complements and does not supplant Federal Health Start Resources.
  \item **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.
  \item **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.
  \item **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.
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