

PROVIDER SUPPORT LINKS

Research has shown that the first years of a child's life are crucial in laying the foundation for the child's health, learning and development. These early years represent a unique opportunity to influence children toward success and happiness in school and in the rest of their lives. Other research has told us that a child's family is the most important variable in preparing the child to be ready for school. But you - as a child care provider - are also right there in terms of your influence on a child. This is particularly obvious when you consider that the child care you provide may be the first ongoing experience the child has outside the family home. The work you do is precious, essential for children and families and we greatly value it.

MSDE Early Childhood Development: Judy Centers



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MSDE Child Care Provider Resources



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It features instructive video clips, children's activity ideas, business insights, community message boards and for Illinois child care providers continued education opportunities specifically designed for family child care professionals. The website was funded by "Race to the Top" grant. The Erickson Institute designed the site in collaboration with the Illinois Governor's Office of Early Childhood and the Illinois Department of Human Resources

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