

Quality Improvement Funds have been developed and are offered through the child care resource and referral agencies to assist and support programs that are choosing to work toward/maintain an ExceleRate IL Circle of Quality. There are three areas to the Quality Improvement Funds: ExceleRate IL cohort, ExceleRate IL training stipend and accreditation assistance. Requests may be made in multiple areas. Quality Improvement Cohorts: A Cohort is a group of individuals working towards a common goal. Illinois Action for Children will be offering cohorts that focus on two areas for quality improvement, learning environment and business practices. To participate in a QIC, your child care program must be working to obtain or maintain an ExceleRate Illinois Silver or Gold Circle of Quality. Center-based programs should select an administrator and lead teacher to attend ALL cohort sessions. Family child care and group home owners should attend ALL sessions. Every participant in a QIC will be expected to meet all requirements and expectations of the group including signing a consultation agreement, completing a program self-assessment and developing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans (CQIP) for your program. Please complete and submit pages 5, 6, 7, 10, w9, along with a copy of your current IL Gateways Registry card and a copy of your Circle of Quality certificate/ExceleRate IL Orientation certificate. Because space is limited, all applicants may not be accepted into a cohort.

For Licensed Family Child Care and Group Homes			
Dates	Time	Location	Address
10/4, 11/1, 11/15, 12/13	10:00a-2:00p	Cicero Public Library	5225 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, IL 60804
10/19, 10/26	10:00a-2:00p	Illinois Action for Children	8741 S. Greenwood, Chicago, IL 60619 3 rd fl.
11/9, 11/16	10:00a-2:00p	Woodson Library	9525 S. Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60628
11/9, 12/14, 1/18, 2/8	9:00a- 1:00p	Irish American Heritage Center	4626 N. Knox Ave, Chicago, IL 60630
11/15, 12/13, 1/17, 2/21, 3/13	10:00a-2:00p	Acorn Public Library	15624 S. Central Ave, Oak Forest, IL 60452
11/15, 12/13, 1/10, 1/31	10:00a-2:00p	Irish American Heritage Center	4626 N. Knox Ave, Chicago, IL 60630
11/16, 12/14, 1/11, 2/1	9:00a- 1:00p	Laurence Armor Day School	2150 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60612
1/18, 2/8, 2/29, 3/14	10:00a-2:00p	Illinois Action for Children	8741 S. Greenwood, Chicago, IL 60619 3 rd fl.
2/1, 2/8, 2/22, 2/29	11:00a-2:00p	Illinois Action for Children	8741 S. Greenwood, Chicago, IL 60619
3/8, 4/4, 4/18, 4/25	9:00a- 1:00p	Laurence Armor Day School	2150 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60612
For Child Care Centers			
Dates	Time	Location	Address
10/23, 11/20, 12/18, 1/8	10:00a-2:00p	Northlake Public Library	231 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake, IL 60164
10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/20	10:00a-2:00p	Cicero Public Library	5225 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, IL 60804
11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 1/29	12:30p-4:30p	Bubbles Academy	2184 N. Elston, Chicago, IL 60614
11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 1/30	10:00a-2:00p	Irish American Heritage Center	4626 N. Knox Ave, Chicago, IL 60630
11/22, 12/20, 1/24, 2/28, 3/20	10:00- 2:00p	Acorn Public Library	15624 S. Central Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452
1/15, 1/22, 2/12, 3/4	12:30a-4:30p	Illinois Action for Children	8741 S. Greenwood, Chicago, IL 60619 3 rd Fl
2/18, 2/22, 3/7, 3/14	10:00a-2:00p	Woodson Library	9525 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60628
3/6, 3/13, 3/27, 4/3	1:00p- 4:00p	Illinois Action for Children	8741 S. Greenwood, Chicago, IL 60619 3 rd Fl
3/27, 4/3, 4/17, 4/24	9:00a- 1:00p	Illinois Action for Children	1340 S. Damen, Chicago, IL 60608