



# GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

## Illinois Professional Development System

### PDAC Steering Committee Agenda

December 17, 2014

10:00AM – 11:30AM Telenet

**Mission:** To promote, support, and recognize professional preparation and training for all current and future early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners.

**Vision:** Illinois early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners are well-qualified professionals who educate, nurture, and meet the needs of children and youth in partnership with their families.

**Values:** We believe an effective professional development system is inclusive of practitioners in all settings serving children, youth, and families; service providers and program staff; and educators and trainers.

- 10:00 AM**      **Welcome and Introductions** – Cass Wolfe and Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs
- 10:05 AM**      **Review and Approval of Minutes** – Cass Wolfe and Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs
- October 15, 2014
- 10:10 AM**      **Status Updates for PDAC Strategic Plan Phase VI**
- Review of Committee input
- 10:35 AM**      **Planning for January PDAC Steering Retreat**
- Basics (date/time/location and facilitator if known)
  - Emerging themes
    - Federal landscape – initiatives underway
      - CCDBG Reauthorization
        - Key changes
        - Comprehensive Services
      - Head Start Redesign
        - Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships
      - Preschool for All Expansion
        - Grant
      - United States Dept. of Education
        - Teacher Preparation
      - Home Visiting
        - Structure and Funding
    - Illinois landscape
      - Politics – change in parties/budgets/state agency impact
      - Race-to-the-Top Early Learning Challenge
        - ExceleRate Illinois and Professional Development
      - Credentials
- 11:05 AM**      **PDAC Strategic Plan Cycle**
- Three Year vs. Two Year - Linkage to other state plans/needs
    - Illinois Department of Human Services – state plan/submitted federally
      - July/2015 thru June/2018 (3 yr)
    - Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
    - IDHS Child Care Advisory Board – Extending current plan
    - Early Learning Council

- Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge funding cycle
- Illinois State Board of Education

**11:25 AM      Announcements**

**11:30 AM      Adjourn**

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

##### **PDAC Steering Meetings:**

January 8 & 9, 2015 Retreat

March 18, 2015 (Webinar) 10:00 AM – Noon

May 20 & 21, 2015 Retreat

##### **PDAC Meetings:**

February 20, 2015 (Webinar) 10:00 AM – Noon

April 17, 2015 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, INCCRRA, Bloomington

June 19, 2015 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, INCCRRA, Bloomington

