

Blending, Braiding and Sustainable Funding
Sub-Committee of the Systems Alignment and Integration Committee

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I. Introductions

Discussion: Purpose of the Sub-Committee

Workplan Objectives:

3.1 - Reduce barriers to utilizing multiple funding streams for braiding and blending funding to improve quality of programs and services available to children

Sub-committee objectives

3.2 - Maximize opportunities for sustainable funding in early childhood systems

II. General discussion of Blending, Braiding and Sustainable Funding

- Common understanding of terminology
- Illinois context and examples of prior efforts

Coordination with ELC and external stakeholders

III. Focus of the sub-committee

Review action-steps and suggest revisions/implementation

Overview of potential priority areas of interest

- Stakeholder focus groups to identify barriers
- How multiple funding streams relate to the cost of quality of early learning and care
- Eligibility
- Exploration of the use of Title I Funds
- Research other state examples of the expansion of the Pre-K funding formula

IV. Small-group discussions about areas of interest

V. Group discussion and prioritization of the work

VI. Plans for ongoing individual participation and future meetings

Personal commitment of time and Resources

Recommendations for additional participants

Desired meeting frequency