

Early Childhood Panel Outline for Deficit Reduction Committee

- 1. Protecting the Early Childhood Block Grant and other key early childhood funding streams– Background and Overview - *Voices for Illinois Children***
 - a. Key early childhood birth to five funding streams (ISBE and others)
 - b. History of Early Childhood Block Grant: funding, enrollment
 - c. Current status

- 2. The critical importance of early childhood investments – *Ounce of Prevention Fund***
 - a. Research relating to the impact of early childhood education
 - b. Early childhood as a critical component to education system and reform

- 3. Unique features of early childhood programs in Illinois and the need for early childhood capital - *Illinois Action for Children***
 - a. Key elements of the Early Childhood Block Grant
 - b. Intersection with Child Care affordability
 - c. Professional development for early learning professionals (ISBE and DHS)
 - d. Early childhood capital infrastructure needs

- 4. Revenue position statements from each organization**