



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Barbara T. Bowman**  
Chief Officer

April 2, 2008

Dear Agency Director:

The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is anticipating funds during the next legislative session to continue our early childhood initiatives. In preparation for the 2008-2009 program year, we are asking agencies to apply for funding with the understanding that final approval will depend on state allocations. The Office of Early Childhood Education (OECE) is seeking to partner with community agencies wishing to provide Prevention Initiative services in center based agencies to families with children ages birth to three. All current Birth to Three programs may reapply.

The application and all forms necessary for completing the process for the Chicago Public Schools' Community Partnership programs are on the Chicago Public Schools' Web site ([www.ecechicago.org](http://www.ecechicago.org)). Additional information and program history is available on the Illinois State Board of Education Web site ([www.isbe.net/earlychi/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/earlychi/default.htm)). Program Guidelines are also available on the CPS Web site. Please note that agencies wishing to be considered for participation must submit their application to the Program Office no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, May 23, 2008.

Information will be shared at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Director's meeting on Friday, April 18, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Ryan at (773) 535-3245.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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