

# CREATING the STRONGEST FOUNDATION for ILLINOIS INFANTS and TODDLERS

**The science is clear:** the first three years of a child's life is the most critical for healthy development. Equitable policies help infants, toddlers and their caregivers gain access to programs that support the healthy development.

Infants and toddlers need policies that prioritize them, including:

- **Paid Parental Leave**
- **Comprehensive Prenatal Care**
- **Expanding the Child Tax Credit**
- **Expanding access to Early Intervention Services**

**Raising Illinois is committed** to ensuring that every Illinois family has equitable access to affordable high-quality learning experiences, health services and economic supports that they need during their most formative years—creating the strongest foundation for their success in school and life.



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# 60%

of IL working people have no access to unpaid family leave.

Babies born to non-Hispanic Black women in IL die at **2-3x** the rate of babies born to non-Hispanic white women.

# 5%

Only 4% of children under age 3 receive Early Intervention services in IL.

# 75%

of IL infants & toddlers lack access to licensed child care.

**Are you ready to put Illinois' future generations first?**

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