



ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
**STATEWIDE PRESCHOOL FOR ALL AND PRESCHOOL FOR ALL EXPANSION ADMINISTRATORS VIRTUAL FORUM SESSIONS**

Early Childhood Professional Learning (ECPL), in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Development Department, will be sponsoring virtual sessions throughout the 2024-2025 school year addressing key topics to support administrators of Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion Programs. We look forward to providing professional learning opportunities that promote high quality early childhood education.

**SAVE THE DATE - IN-PERSON ADMINISTRATORS' CONFERENCE**  
**MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2025**  
**CHAMPAIGN, IL**  
[Conference Registration is Open](#)



**ADMINISTRATOR FORUM VIRTUAL SESSION III**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2024 - 1:00-2:30 PM**  
**Play Based Learning... It's More than Fun and Games**  
**Presenters: Dr. Antoinette P. Taylor**

**Aubry Stapleton of Teach Plus and Melinda Martinez-Epperson of The Play Lab Chicago**

Play is the foundation of implementing curriculum, instruction and assessment throughout any Early Childhood Education and Care learning environment. It is a reflection of children's cognitive abilities and how they actively learn about the world around them. Yet play-based learning is often defined in a variety of ways from classroom to classroom, building to building and program to program. This interactive Administrators Forum will provide participants with an equitable definition and guide to high-quality play-based learning that balances adult-directed and student-initiated instructional techniques and strategies for all students including students who are multilingual learners and students with disabilities.

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