



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

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A Scavenger Hunt to learn more about the Illinois Professional Development System.

ANSWER SHEET

Illinois Job Board/Career Development

1. *List five searchable job position categories in early care and education or school-age and youth development programs currently available in Illinois.*

See the search listing found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/job-board-search/search.
Below are examples of searchable job position categories.

- Physical Therapist
- Trainer
- Researcher
- Service Coordinator
- Social Worker

2. *Name three different settings in which you can work in the early care and education or school-age and youth development fields.*

See the list found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/careers.

3. *Answer the following:*

- *At what level on the Career Lattice is the Illinois Director Credential (IDC) Level I offered?*

Level 4—Refer to the Career Lattice PDF found at:

www.ilgateways.com/en/career-lattice.

- *The Gateways Illinois Professional Development System requires that all credentials include an education and training component that encompasses seven content areas. Name two of the seven content areas.*

See the list found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/gateways-credential-content-areas.

- Human Growth and Development
- Health, Safety, and Well-Being
- Observation and Assessment
- Curriculum or Program Design
- Interactions, Relationships, and Environments
- Family and Community Relationships
- Personal and Professional Development

Credentials

4. *Name two credentials that are available as part of Gateways to Opportunity.*

See the list found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/credentials.

- Illinois Director Credential (IDC)
- ECE Credential
- Infant Toddler Credential (ITC)
- Level 1 ECE Credential

5. *What credential is currently being developed for school-age and youth development professionals in Illinois?*

School-Age and Youth Development (SAYD) Credential found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/school-age-and-youth-development-credential.

Professional Development Advisement

6. *What phone number do you call to find a Professional Development Advisor?*

(866) 697-8278 (found at:

www.ilgateways.com/en/professional-development-advisement).



7. *What is the cost of Professional Development Advisement Services?*

There are no costs—it is free (found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/professional-development-advisement).

Gateways Registry

8. *How do you become a Registry member?*

Complete the Participant Application and mail it to INCCRRA (found at: <http://registry.ilgateways.com/registry-membership>).

9. *What color denotes a Registry-approved training offered on the Statewide Online Training Calendar?*

Red notates a Registry-approved training (found at: <http://registry.ilgateways.com/find-trainings>).

Higher Education Institution Faculty and Programs

10. Name two ways you can find information about all of the state's two- and four-year institutions of higher education.

- Higher Education Institution Map (found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/higher-education-institution-map/map).
- Higher Education Institution Directory (found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/higher-education-institution-directory).

Gateways Scholarship Program

11. List three institutions participating in the Gateways Scholarship Program.

See the list found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/participating-colleges-and-universities.



Great START Wage Supplement Program

12. List three eligibility requirements to participate in the Great START Program.

See the list found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/great-start-wage-supplement-program.

Resources

13. Name three Illinois organizations that may provide financial assistance for college coursework or child care.

See the list found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/other-financial-opportunities under the "funding links" header.

14. Name two research reports of relevance to early care and education or school-age and youth professionals.

See the list of research reports found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/resources/research-reports.

Inside Gateways Newsletter

15. What is the name of the Gateways quarterly e-newsletter?

Inside Gateways (found at: www.ilgateways.com/en/newsletter-fall-2010).

16. Name two articles that appear in the each issue of Inside Gateways?

See the list found on: www.ilgateways.com/en/newsletter-fall-2010.

- Gateways Greetings
- Voices from the Field
- Lilian Katz: Reflections
- The Big Picture in Illinois

General Questions about Gateways to Opportunity

17. What are two of the news items currently publicized on the Gateways home page?

See the “News” box on the right-hand side of the Gateways homepage.

18. How can links to news and reports that appeared on the home page in recent weeks be found?

Go to the News Archive at: www.ilgateways.com/en/ece-news-archives.

19. Where can definitions of all of the following terms be found?

- *Articulation*
- *Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) Degree*
- *Early Head Start*
- *Illinois Early Learning Standards*
- *Portfolio*
- *Practitioner Registry*
- *Tiered Reimbursement*

Go to the Glossary at: www.ilgateways.com/en/glossary.

20. Into what other language is much of the Gateways Web site translated?

Spanish.