



# Embracing the Birth Through Third Grade Learning Continuum

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## **CLASSROOM RULES!**

BE READY TO  DREAM   
**LEARN** | **BIG**

 SAY PLEASE & THANK YOU 

TRY   TAKE RISKS &  
NEW THINGS | MAKE MISTAEKS

 FOLLOW DIRECTIONS | ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ | RAISE YOUR HAND   
 BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

**WORK  
HARD** 

## **CLASSROOM RULES!**



Before Birth & Up  
Through Third Grade

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBHsV5I9zOs>

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Illinois believes that a high-quality, intentionally aligned education system from birth through third grade is essential for the success of the State's highest-need children and is committed to ensure a high-quality, comprehensive system of teaching, learning, and support for children from birth through third grade.





# Vision of a Seamless Learning Continuum

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A coherent set of educational experiences and supports for **students, families and the professionals and organizations** that serve them that begins at birth and continues through college completion and beyond.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Ounce of Prevention Fund and The University of Chicago Urban Education Institute, 2014.

# Fade Out and Investments Lost

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- A B-3 system allows children to maintain and expand upon the gains they make in early childhood education, preventing fade out.
- Investments in B-3 systems have shown to provide significant economic returns.
  - A comparative study of economic returns of early learning models found that Chicago's PreK-3 system (CPCs) provide a \$8.24 return on every dollar invested based on increased earnings and tax revenues and decreased funding to criminal justice system of children.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Grantmakers for Education, 2007; New America Foundation, 2006; Manvell et al., 2011; Reynolds, Temple, White, and Ou, 2011

# The Stage is Set for B-3 Alignment in Illinois

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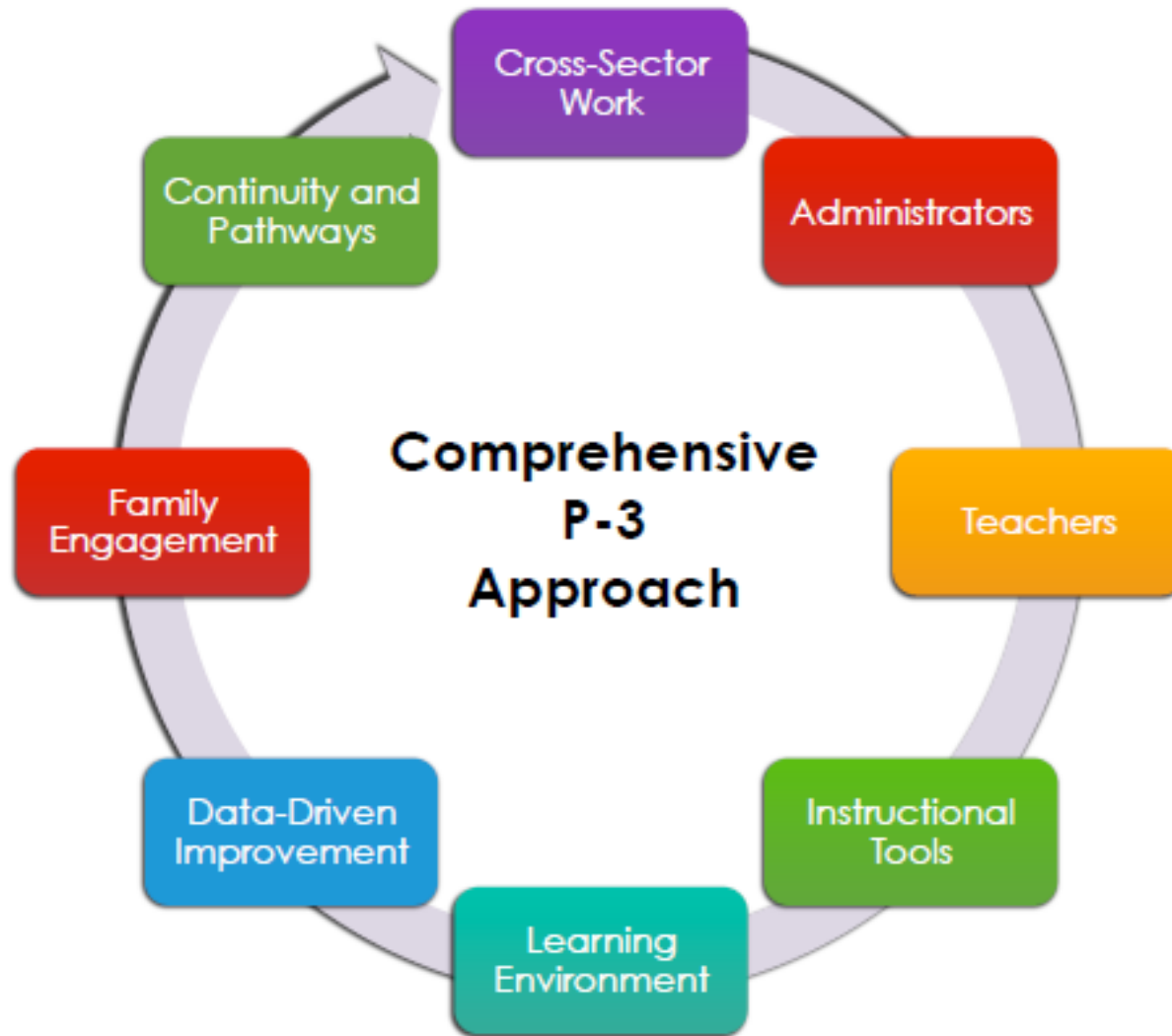
- Student Screenings, Learning Standards & Assessments
- Program Standards
- Accountability Frameworks
- Educator Preparation Standards, Credentials, Professional Standards & Evaluation
- Family Engagement
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Children's Cabinet
- ESSA
- ECBG Re-competition

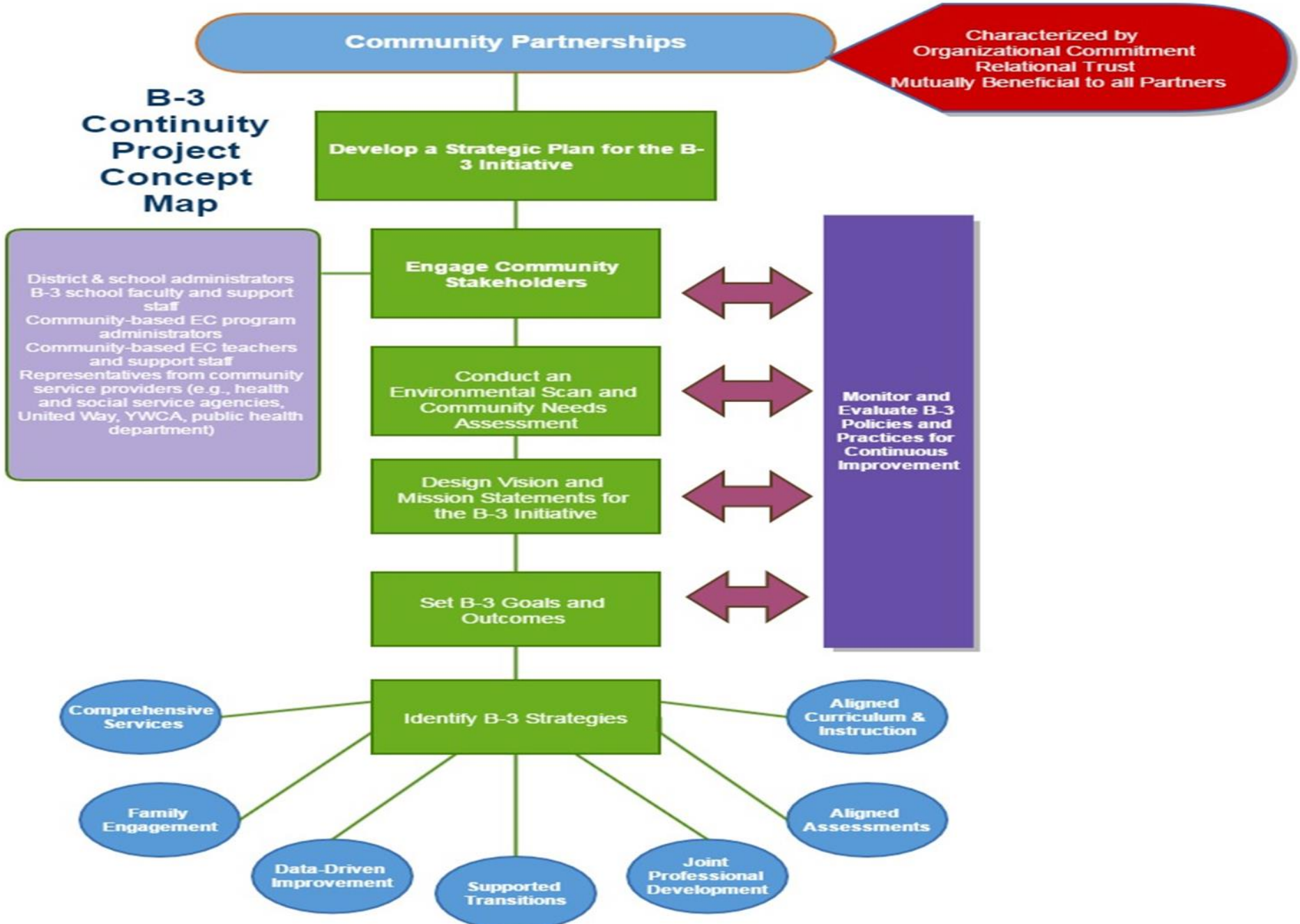




# Kauerz & Coffmann PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Framework

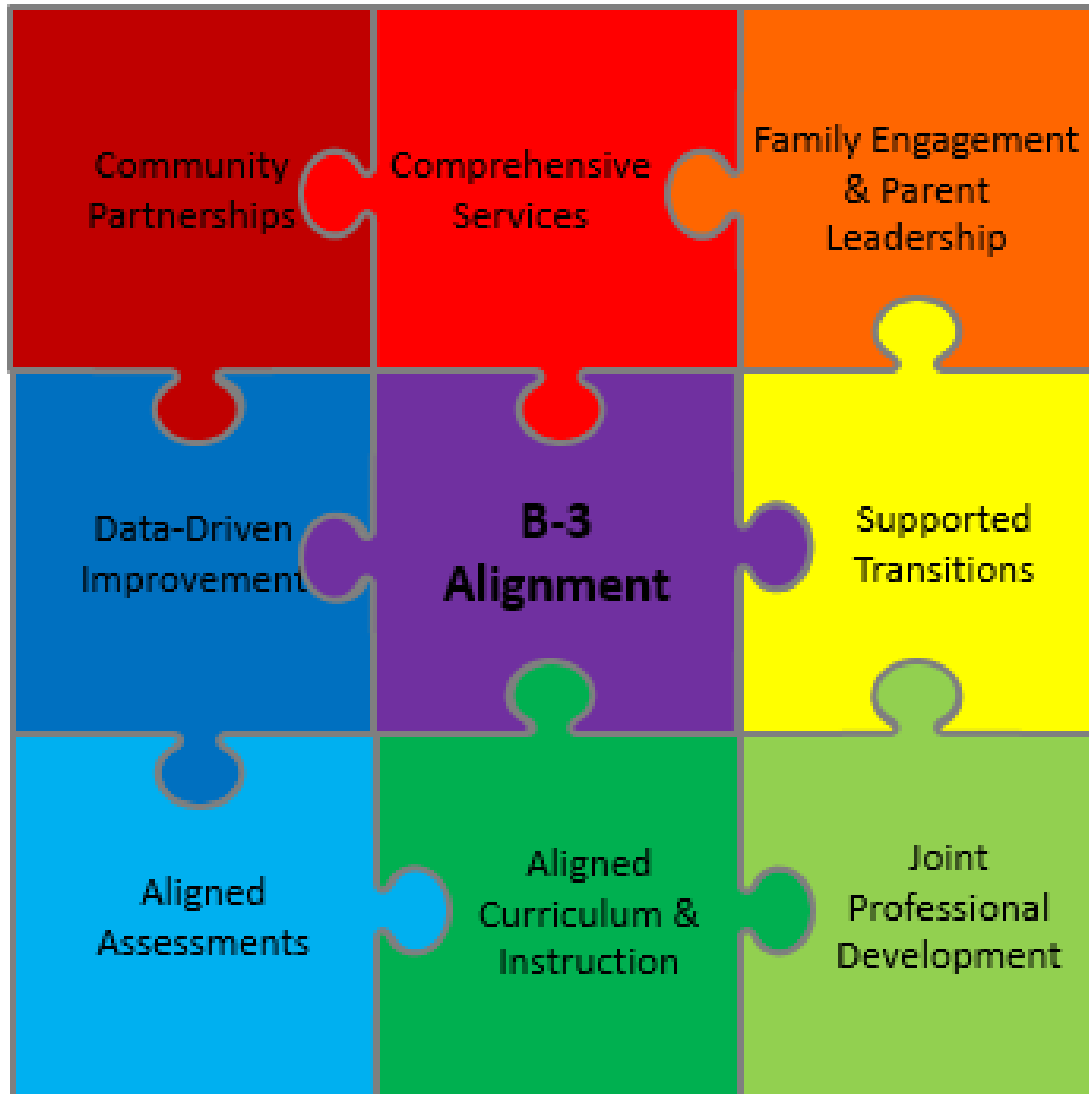
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# B-3 Strategies

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# IL Early Childhood Collaborations

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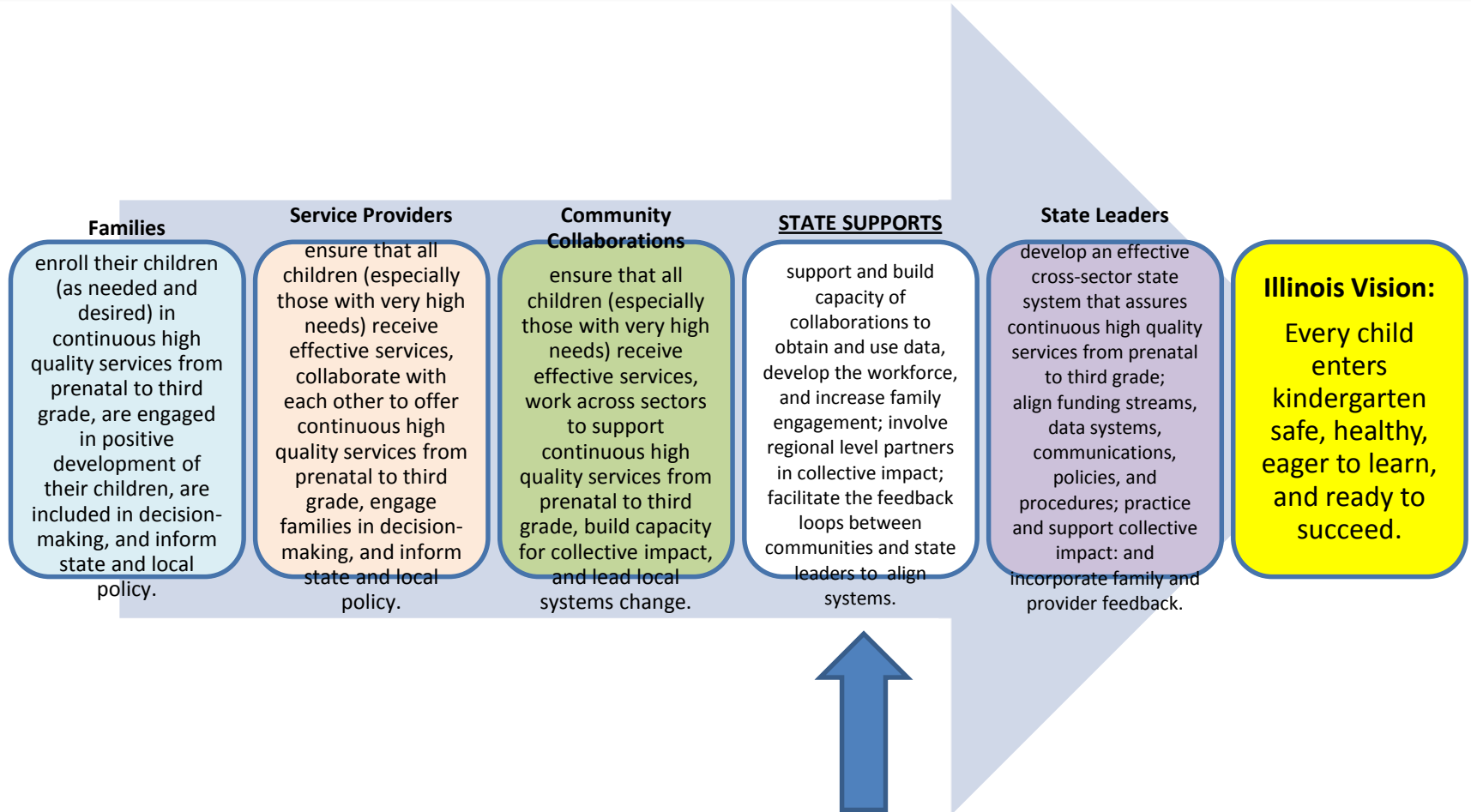
Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten



**Partner ★ Plan ★ Act**

an Illinois Action for Children Community Systems Development Initiative

# B-3 State Supports



Technical Assistance • Site Visits • Regional Meetings  
Webinars • 2017 B-3 Continuity Conference



# Consider 0-3 in B-3 Strategies

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**Thank you for joining us!**

**QUESTIONS?**

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