



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

~Nelson Mandela



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Who We Are

Collaborative

The Will County All Our Kids (AOK) Early Childhood Network began supporting families in 2004. We are a community-based collaboration which works to create and support long lasting partnerships which empowers families with knowledge and community resources promoting healthy development and lifelong success.

Our Partners

Over 60 partners from healthcare, social services, education, early learning & care, parent support, early intervention, and social & emotional organizations make up the foundation of the AOK network. Partners attend monthly meetings, and participate on subcommittees to help further the work of the Collaborative.



The Work We Do

Developmental Screenings

As an early childhood collaborative, one of our focuses involves increasing access to free developmental screenings (Ages & Stages Questionnaires-ASQ) for children 0-3 years old throughout Will County.

Our partners have worked together to offer hundreds of free ASQ screenings each year. A calendar of events was created to easily find a free screening near you (<https://tinyurl.com/screeningsWC>) Over 10,000 children are screened each year!

School districts offer free screenings for children 3-5 years old.

Early Childhood Mental Health

The social-emotional development of a child is just as important as physical development. This is why the AOK early childhood mental health subcommittee hosts a free annual conference that educates both professionals and parents on various topics regarding childhood mental health. Over 160 individuals register for the conference each year. Several different continuing education credits are available.

The conference takes place each year in May.

Family Engagement

Our partners host a variety of family and parent training, and education classes. Parent Cafes offer parents, and/or caregivers, a chance to meet with other parents to discuss positive parenting techniques to promote positive childhood development.

Several partners offer parenting classes and opportunities for parents to grow with their children.

Integrated Referral Information System- IRIS

IRIS was born out of the need for a universal referral system within Will County. We teamed up with the University of Kansas, who developed this amazing system and personalized it for our network of needs. The system has the ability to link families with dozens of services all at the same time throughout Will County.

For more info visit connectwithiris.org. To become an IRIS referral partner, please call 815-727-8864.

