Richland County Early Learning Center
November 2026

Bright Beginnings Mission:

Bright Beginnings, in partnership with families and the community, will enhance each child's development by nurturing a positive, healthy parent-child relationship as a foundation for success in all areas of life.

Preschool For All Mission:

To provide the educational foundation for the learners and leaders of tomorrow.

Enrollment:	
Program	***Total Enrollment as of:*** *November 6, 2026*
Birth-3 Bright Beginnings	*56*
Preschool for All	*140 / Total Served: 147*
SESE Early Childhood	*16*

Updates:

- *RCHS Intro to Teaching students completed their **on-site observation visits** and then **presented their Team-Based Challenge**, where they researched ways to increase awareness of the Richland County Early Learning Center's free Preschool For All program.*
- *On October 19th, we had 7 parents join us for the **Parent Advisory Meeting**. All 7 parents are involved in both our PFA and PI programs. We discussed all building-wide updates, PFA Activities & Programming, PI Activities & Programming, ways to stay connected, PFA & PI grant updates, opportunities for shared leadership, and continued family involvement. **They provided great feedback and are excited for the future of RCELC programming!***
- ***Safety Drills completed this month:** 10/16 Earthquake, 10/21 Bus Evacuation, and 10/26 Fire Drill with the Olney Fire Department. All drills were completed successfully!*
- *On October 22nd, **ALL staff members passed their Safety Care certification exam!** Safety Care is an evidence-based crisis prevention, de-escalation, and behavioral safety training program. The Richland County Early Learning Center is now fully trained and certified!*
- ***99% of our students had a parent attend parent-teacher conferences!** Our teachers did a fantastic job preparing for and hosting ~30 conferences each.*
- *On October 27th, **266 people attended our Wheels in Our Town Event**. Thank you to all community members who brought their vehicles, Bright Beginnings staff who organized the event, and Teachers who created fun, hands-on activities for all children who attended!*
- *On October 30th, **RCELC was represented well at the City of Olney Trunk or Treat!** More than 700 trick-or-treaters received glow sticks and information about our Preschool for All and Bright Beginnings programs! This has led to new enrollment inquiries for both programs!*

Current and Upcoming Events:

- *November 2 & 3 - Preschool for All Library Cart*
- *November 5 - Bright Beginnings Playgroup*
- *November 6 - RCHS Intro to Teaching Panel Presentations: PFA Enrollment Strategies*
- *November 9 - Prevail Illinois Presentations to all Preschool Classrooms*
- *November 11 - No School: Veterans Day*
- *November 12 - Bright Beginnings Resource Night*
- *November 17 - Preschool Screenings: Call to make an appointment!*
- *November 17 & 18 - Hearing and Vision Screenings for all Preschool Students*
- *November 18 - Donuts & Discuss: Building Your Support Network*
- *November 19 - PI Staff will be learning from Sandy Deters, ERBA HUD-Certified Counselor*
- *November 19 - PFA Staff will receive PD on ECERS-3 Language and Literacy Strategies*
- *November 24 - Early Dismissal*
- *November 25-27 - No School: Happy Thanksgiving!*