



## **UIC Child & Family Development Center**

### **Increasing the Use of Family-Centered Practices in Early Intervention Through Participatory Program Evaluation, Training, and Technical Assistance**

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A substantial body of research now exists that supports the benefits of using family-centered practices in early intervention and preschool programs for young children with disabilities and their families. We are developing, implementing, and evaluating an outreach program that begins with the assessment of the current status of family-centered practices using a participatory (Cousins & Earl, 1992) or empowerment (Fetterman, 1994) evaluation approach.