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**Brightpoint Awarded the Illinois Board of Education's ECBG Award**

**What:** Brightpoint Selected For 2024 ECBG Award  
**Where:** Scott Child & Family Center, 1119 East Taylor St., Bloomington, IL 61701  
**When:** October 19th, 2023

Brightpoint, formerly Children's Home & Aid, has been selected for the 2024 ECBG Award from the Illinois Board of Education. This grant will be used to support early learning for 48 students at our Scott Child & Family Center in Bloomington, IL. With these funds we will be able to increase the quality of our existing center, its classrooms and support our degree-certified teachers. "This funding comes to us at an important time, when other childcare providers are struggling to stay open, we are able to strengthen our center and better support our staff, children and community" notes Mendy Smith, Vice President of Brightpoint's Central Region. We look forward to receiving these funds, as they will further our early childhood education services in Bloomington and providing the children and their families with more support.

**About Brightpoint (formerly Children's Home & Aid)**

Brightpoint is a distinguished child and family services organization. We started our journey as Children's Home & Aid and have served Illinois children since 1883. Brightpoint is recognized for establishing best practices and achieving results through our programs and services that focus on child abuse prevention, healthy child, and youth development, and strengthening families. Brightpoint promises to be brave with our families and support their brave choices, because we know that those choices can create strong families, and strong families create thriving children.

Brightpoint engages with over 30,000 children, youth, and families each year in 67 counties across Illinois. Our organization's mission is to advance the well-being of children by investing in families to disrupt the systemic and multi-generational cycle of racial, social, and economic inequality. Our vision is an equitable world where all children and families thrive in strong communities. Learn more at [www.brightpoint.org](http://www.brightpoint.org).

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