

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

15th Congressional District

Congressman John Shimkus

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District

24,525 children 0 to 2

24,802 children 3 to 5

61,643 children 6 to 12



72% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



149 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **10,205** children



480 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **4,836** children



504 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **1,182** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$63,996

Average annual cost of licensed care: **INFANT**

 Home-based: **\$6,602**

 Center-based: **\$8,631**

This is **10%-13%** of a family's income.



This rivals college tuition: **\$14,166**

Average annual cost of licensed care: **PRESCHOOLER**

 Home-based: **\$6,100**

 Center-based: **\$6,578**

This is **10%-10%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

7,106 children served

2,419 children age 0-2

2,260 children age 3-5

2,427 children age 6-12

\$20,000,845

total CCAP payments

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school. Families are eligible if they earn below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$42,660 for a family of three.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

5,829 children served

20 Prevention Initiative programs

522 children age 0-2

119 Preschool for All programs

5,307 children age 3-5

Early Childhood Block Grant funds from the Illinois State Board of Education provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) part- and full-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds and Prevention Initiative services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families. Programs are expected to prioritize children determined to be at-risk.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

2,031 children served

8 Early Head Start sites

232 children age 0-2

45 Head Start sites

1,799 children age 3-5

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.