

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

17th Congressional District

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District

25,352 children 0 to 2

25,868 children 3 to 5

60,528 children 6 to 12



70% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



132 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **11,026** children



531 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **4,958** children



1,088 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **2,659** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$51,709

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



Home-based: **\$7,219**



Center-based: **\$10,945**

This is **14%-21%** of a family's income.

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

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



Home-based: **\$6,633**



Center-based: **\$7,255**

This is **13%-14%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

12,669 children served

4,236 children age 0-2

3,726 children age 3-5

4,707 children age 6-12

\$39,069,263

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

7,435 children served

28 Prevention Initiative programs

993 children age 0-2

101 Preschool for All programs

6,442 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

2,870 children served

9 Early Head Start sites

243 children age 0-2

44 Head Start sites

2,627 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.