

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

2nd Congressional District

Congresswoman Robin Kelly

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District

24,580 children 0 to 2

25,878 children 3 to 5

65,993 children 6 to 12



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

Child Care Options for Families



260 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **19,467** children



686 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **6,504** children



1,910 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **4,623** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$51,340

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

 Home-based: **\$8,630**

 Center-based: **\$11,546**

This is **17%-22%** of a family's income.



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

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

 Home-based: **\$7,490**

 Center-based: **\$8,445**

This is **15%-16%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

29,053 children served

9,351 children age 0-2

8,424 children age 3-5

11,278 children age 6-12

\$128,660,428

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

6,941 children served

48 Prevention Initiative programs

945 children age 0-2

117 Preschool for All programs

5,996 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

3,131 children served

42 Early Head Start sites

950 children age 0-2

56 Head Start sites

2,181 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.