

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

4th Congressional District




Congressman Jesús García

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District

28,676 children 0 to 2
29,853 children 3 to 5
71,142 children 6 to 12

} **64%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families

-  **204** child care centers with capacity to serve up to **13,925** children
-  **427** licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **4,628** children
-  **587** license-exempt home caregivers serve around **1,280** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$46,236

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

 Home-based: **\$9,621**

 Center-based: **\$14,419**

This is **21%-31%** of a family's income.

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

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

 Home-based: **\$8,587**

 Center-based: **\$10,064**

This is **19%-22%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

13,978 children served

4,526 children age 0-2

4,481 children age 3-5

4,971 children age 6-12

\$63,182,498

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

6,401 children served

85 Prevention Initiative programs

1,056 children age 0-2

120 Preschool for All programs

5,345 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

4,746 children served

35 Early Head Start sites

1,299 children age 0-2

68 Head Start sites

3,447 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.