

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

7th Congressional District

Congressman Danny Davis

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District

26,981 children 0 to 2

25,623 children 3 to 5

55,821 children 6 to 12



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

Child Care Options for Families



325 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **22,740** children



599 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **5,744** children



2,298 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **5,369** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$50,001

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



Home-based: **\$9,086**



Center-based: **\$13,100**

This is **18%-26%** of a family's income.



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

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



Home-based: **\$7,919**



Center-based: **\$9,545**

This is **16%-19%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

24,204 children served

7,406 children age 0-2

6,815 children age 3-5

9,983 children age 6-12

\$99,169,980

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

5,363 children served

106 Prevention Initiative programs

1,280 children age 0-2

138 Preschool for All programs

4,083 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

5,251 children served

45 Early Head Start sites

1,494 children age 0-2

96 Head Start sites

3,757 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.