


Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020




9th Congressional District Congresswoman Janice "Jan" Schakowsky

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District

23,952 children 0 to 2
24,527 children 3 to 5
58,551 children 6 to 12

 **61%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work



Child Care Options for Families

-  **232** child care centers with capacity to serve up to **17,125** children
-  **136** licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **1,320** children
-  **156** license-exempt home caregivers serve around **350** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$107,035



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

-  Home-based: **\$12,165**
-  Center-based: **\$16,999**

This is **11%-16%** of a family's income.

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

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

-  Home-based: **\$11,169**
-  Center-based: **\$12,005**

This is **10%-11%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5,283 children served
1,694 children age 0-2
1,821 children age 3-5
1,768 children age 6-12

\$23,298,756

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

3,134 children served
37 Prevention Initiative programs
440 children age 0-2
49 Preschool for All programs
2,694 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

1,192 children served
12 Early Head Start sites
356 children age 0-2
22 Head Start sites
836 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.