Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

109th State House District Representative Charlie Meier

A Snapshot of Children in State House District 109

7,599 Children 0 to 5 79% of children 0 to 5 live in households where all parents work

9,912 Children 6 to 12

17,511 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

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29 Child care centers can serve up to 2,647 children

31 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 317 children

13 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 23 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$98,418

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

1 Home-based: **\$7,780**

Center-based: \$11,100

This is 8%-11% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$7,407

Center-based: \$9,066

This is 8%-9% of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: \$14,579

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

142 children age 0-2

150 children age 3-5

148 children age 6-12

441 children served

\$1,668,563

in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

2 Prevention Initiative programs

146 children age 0-2

20 Preschool for All programs

908 children age 3-5

1,054 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

2 Early Head Start sites

88 children age 0-2

2 Head Start sites

88 children age 3-5

176 children served

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.

