

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

14th Congressional District Congresswoman Lauren Underwood

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District 14

52,329 Children 0 to 5 } **66%** of children 0 to 5 live in households where all parents work
77,359 Children 6 to 12
129,688 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?



111 Child care centers can serve up to **10,648** children



241 Licensed child care homes can serve up to **2,432** children



453 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **1081** children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$95,378

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care



Home-based: **\$9,844**



Center-based: **\$15,119**

This is **10%-16%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care



Home-based: **\$9,198**



Center-based: **\$11,348**

This is **10%-12%** 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)

2,328 children age 0-2

2,569 children age 3-5

2,692 children age 6-12

7,670 children served

\$32,740,486

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)

7 Prevention Initiative programs

545 children age 0-2

45 Preschool for All programs

3,375 children age 3-5

3,920 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

10 Early Head Start sites

440 children age 0-2

16 Head Start sites

687 children age 3-5

1,127 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.