Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

2nd State Senate District Senator Omar Aquino

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 2

15,820 Children 0 to 5

72% of children 0 to 5 live in households where all parents work

18,330 Children 6 to 12

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34,151 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

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67 Child care centers can serve up to 5,456 children

111 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 1,177 children

174 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 378 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$77,969

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$11,656

Center-based: \$14,904

This is 15%-19% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$9,658

Center-based: \$10,370

This is 12%-13% 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)

1,123 children age 0-2

1,150 children age 3-5

1,274 children age 6-12

3,595 children served

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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)

14 Prevention Initiative programs

623 children age 0-2

44 Preschool for All programs

2,494 children age 3-5

3,117 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

19 Early Head Start sites 800 children age 0-2

13 Head Start sites479 children age 3-5

1,279 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.

