Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

26th State Senate District Senator Dan McConchie

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 26

14,217 Children 0 to 5 67% of children 0 to 5 live in households where all parents work

20,666 Children 6 to 12

34,883 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

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67 Child care centers can serve up to 5,987 children

24 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 240 children

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15 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 31 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$149,486

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$12,145

Center-based: \$18,811

This is 8%-13% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$10,925

Center-based: \$13,774

This is 7%-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)

179 children age 0-2

207 children age 3-5

180 children age 6-12

568 children served

\$2,781,399

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)

1 Prevention Initiative programs

24 children age 0-2

10 Preschool for All programs

639 children age 3-5

663 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

1 Early Head Start sites

48 children age 0-2

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59 children age 3-5

107 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.

