Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

7th State Senate District Senator Mike Simmons

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 7

13,820 Children 0 to 5 } 66% of children 0 to 5 live in households where all parents work

11,485 Children 6 to 12

25,306 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

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74 Child care centers can serve up to 5,245 children

30 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 300 children

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48 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 101 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$92,337

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$15,244

🚾 Center-based: **\$19,371** 🚄

This is 17%-21% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$13,388

Center-based: \$13,212

This is 14%-14% 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)

646 children age 0-2

690 children age 3-5

535 children age 6-12

1,887 children served

\$10,098,837

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)

6 Prevention Initiative programs

224 children age 0-2

28 Preschool for All programs

1,587 children age 3-5

1,811 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

11 Early Head Start sites
281 children age 0-2

7 Head Start sites420 children age 3-5

701 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.

