Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

17th State House District Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz

A Snapshot of Children in State House District 17

9,739 Children 6 to 12

17,571 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

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39 Child care centers can serve up to 4,513 children

16 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 152 children

13 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 31 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$140,345

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

₩ Home-based: \$16,357

Center-based: **\$22,750**

This is 12%-16% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$16,357

Center-based: \$19,855

This is 12%-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)

70 children age 0-2

86 children age 3-5

64 children age 6-12

222 children served

\$1,006,098

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

45 children age 0-2

1 Preschool for All programs

60 children age 3-5

105 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

O Early Head Start sites

O children age 0-2

O Head Start sites

O children age 3-5

O 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.

