Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

8th State Senate District Senator Ram Villivalam

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 8

18,072 Children 0 to 5 **56**% of children 0 to 5 live in households where

20,124 Children 6 to 12

all parents work

38,197 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

- 61 Child care centers can serve up to 4,464 children
 45 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 496 children
 - 20 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around 51 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$94,158

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$12,245

This is **13%-22%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Center-based: \$12,515

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)

497 children age 0-2 **645** children age 3-5 **657** children age 6-12

1,816 children served

\$9,196,434

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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)

3 Prevention Initiative programs98 children age 0-2

12 Preschool for All programs651 children age 3-5

749 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

- 2 Early Head Start sites 64 children age 0-2
- 2 Head Start sites 114 children age 3-5

178 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.



For source information on the data cited in this profile, please email: <u>advocacy@actforchildren.org</u>