

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

107th State House District

Representative Blaine Wilhour

A Snapshot of Children in State House District

3,415 children 0 to 2

3,674 children 3 to 5

9,038 children 6 to 12



72% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



30 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **2,034** children



82 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **847** children



49 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **116** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$57,922

Average annual cost of licensed care: **INFANT**

 Home-based: **\$6,318**

 Center-based: **\$7,946**

This is **11%-14%** of a family's income.



This rivals college tuition: **\$14,166**

Average annual cost of licensed care: **PRESCHOOLER**

 Home-based: **\$5,906**

 Center-based: **\$6,127**

This is **10%-11%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1,029 children served

335 children age 0-2

338 children age 3-5

356 children age 6-12

\$2,559,020

total CCAP payments

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school. Families are eligible if they earn below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$42,660 for a family of three.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

656 children served

2 Prevention Initiative programs

66 children age 0-2

18 Preschool for All programs

590 children age 3-5

Early Childhood Block Grant funds from the Illinois State Board of Education provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) part- and full-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds and Prevention Initiative services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families. Programs are expected to prioritize children determined to be at-risk.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

536 children served

2 Early Head Start sites

62 children age 0-2

8 Head Start sites

474 children age 3-5

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.