

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

24th State House District

Representative Elizabeth Hernandez

A Snapshot of Children in State House District

4,296 children 0 to 2
5,013 children 3 to 5
12,240 children 6 to 12

} **64%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



22 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **1,702** children



70 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **750** children



100 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **225** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$45,016

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



Home-based: **\$9,527**



Center-based: **\$14,636**

This is **21%-33%** of a family's income.

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

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



Home-based: **\$8,496**



Center-based: **\$10,136**

This is **19%-23%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2,128 children served

700 children age 0-2

697 children age 3-5

731 children age 6-12

\$9,093,249

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

739 children served

6 Prevention Initiative programs

94 children age 0-2

15 Preschool for All programs

645 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

913 children served

5 Early Head Start sites

221 children age 0-2

13 Head Start sites

692 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.