

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

4th State House District

Representative Delia C. Ramirez

A Snapshot of Children in State House District

4,883 children 0 to 2

3,829 children 3 to 5

7,707 children 6 to 12



70% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



46 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **2,886** children



56 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **574** children



105 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **247** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$56,701

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



Home-based: **\$10,134**



Center-based: **\$14,265**

This is **18%-25%** of a family's income.

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

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



Home-based: **\$8,870**



Center-based: **\$9,334**

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

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1,630 children served

554 children age 0-2

514 children age 3-5

562 children age 6-12

\$6,626,454

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

987 children served

20 Prevention Initiative programs

157 children age 0-2

25 Preschool for All programs

830 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

1,209 children served

15 Early Head Start sites

426 children age 0-2

20 Head Start sites

783 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.