

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

41st State House District

Representative Grant Wehrli

A Snapshot of Children in State House District

3,515 children 0 to 2
3,666 children 3 to 5
11,102 children 6 to 12

} **66%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



47 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **4,718** children



26 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **257** children



8 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **15** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$144,321

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

Home-based: **\$11,829**

Center-based: **\$16,715**

This is **8%-12%** of a family's income.

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

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

Home-based: **\$11,202**

Center-based: **\$13,225**

This is **8%-9%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

449 children served

150 children age 0-2

137 children age 3-5

162 children age 6-12

\$1,750,574

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

0 children served

0 Prevention Initiative programs

0 children age 0-2

0 Preschool for All programs

0 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

34 children served

0 Early Head Start sites

0 children age 0-2

1 Head Start sites

34 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.