

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

50th State House District

Representative Keith R. Wheeler

A Snapshot of Children in State House District

4,166 children 0 to 2
4,431 children 3 to 5
13,795 children 6 to 12

} **65%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



35 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **3,156** children



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



30 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **72** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$114,156

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

Home-based: **\$9,921**

Center-based: **\$14,403**

This is **9%-13%** of a family's income.

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

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

Home-based: **\$9,229**

Center-based: **\$11,417**

This is **8%-10%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

713 children served

239 children age 0-2

233 children age 3-5

241 children age 6-12

\$2,800,019

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

60 children served

0 Prevention Initiative programs

0 children age 0-2

0 Preschool for All programs

60 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

20 children served

0 Early Head Start sites

0 children age 0-2

1 Head Start sites

20 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.