

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

43rd State Senate District

Senator Pat McGuire

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District

7,760 children 0 to 2
8,744 children 3 to 5
21,106 children 6 to 12

} **67%** 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 **3,423** children



89 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **922** children



310 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **744** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$60,405

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

Home-based: **\$8,814**

Center-based: **\$13,625**

This is **15%-23%** of a family's income.

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

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

Home-based: **\$7,942**

Center-based: **\$10,125**

This is **13%-17%** of a family's income.

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

4,220 children served
1,309 children age 0-2
1,429 children age 3-5
1,482 children age 6-12

\$14,734,876

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

1,366 children served
2 Prevention Initiative programs
251 children age 0-2
12 Preschool for All programs
1,115 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

699 children served
3 Early Head Start sites
193 children age 0-2
6 Head Start sites
506 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.