

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

54th State Senate District

Senator Jason Plummer

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District

6,932 children 0 to 2
7,718 children 3 to 5
19,126 children 6 to 12

} **76%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



69 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **5,432** children



129 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **1,313** children



76 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **168** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$79,897

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

Home-based: **\$6,603**

Center-based: **\$8,490**

This is **8%-11%** of a family's income.

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

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

Home-based: **\$6,153**

Center-based: **\$6,818**

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

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1,690 children served

563 children age 0-2

553 children age 3-5

574 children age 6-12

\$4,264,867

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

1,397 children served

4 Prevention Initiative programs

117 children age 0-2

34 Preschool for All programs

1,280 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

636 children served

3 Early Head Start sites

116 children age 0-2

9 Head Start sites

520 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.