

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2020

7th State Senate District

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A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District

7,306 children 0 to 2
6,691 children 3 to 5
13,003 children 6 to 12

} **61%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

Child Care Options for Families



77 child care centers with capacity to serve up to **4,584** children



53 licensed child care homes with capacity to serve up to **553** children



84 license-exempt home caregivers serve around **186** children

Child Care Is Expensive for Many Families

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$59,291

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

 Home-based: **\$11,066**

 Center-based: **\$15,635**

This is **19%-26%** of a family's income.

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

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

 Home-based: **\$10,103**

 Center-based: **\$10,361**

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

Early Care and Education Programs Support Children and Families

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2,874 children served

995 children age 0-2

954 children age 3-5

925 children age 6-12

\$13,527,813

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

2,070 children served

24 Prevention Initiative programs

761 children age 0-2

30 Preschool for All programs

1,309 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

795 children served

7 Early Head Start sites

198 children age 0-2

17 Head Start sites

597 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.