Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

9th State Senate District Senator Laura Fine

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 9

6,465 children 0 to 2

7,690 children 3 to 5

73% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

20,258 children 6 to 12

34,413 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?

11

80 Child care centers can serve up to 7,957 children

30 Licensed child care homes can serve up to 283 children

6

25 License–exempt home caregivers can serve around 60 children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$188,560

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$15,845

Center-based: **\$23,848**

This is 8%-13% of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

Home-based: \$15,170

Center-based: **\$17,776**

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

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: \$15,348

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

264 children age 0-2

274 children age 3-5

254 children age 6-12

806 children served

\$4,385,533

in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

3 Prevention Initiative programs

306 children age 0-2

8 Preschool for All programs
444 children age 3-5

750 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

4 Early Head Start sites 112 children age 0-2

3 Head Start sites 181 children age 3-5

293 children served

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.

