Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 115

108,066 Total Population
4,565 Families with young children
7,380 Children Under 6
3,833 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
71% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 115

Formal child care options
26 Child care centers with capacity to serve 1,440 children
58 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 570 children

Informal care
In response to families' irregular work schedules, the majority of children in the district are cared for in legally license-exempt settings by family members, friends and neighbors. While the total number of informal caregivers is unknown, 486 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 1,458 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 115 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 13%
Median Family Income: $52,083

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care

- Infant in Center: $8,969
- Infant in Licensed Home: $6,823
- Preschooler in Center: $6,579
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: $6,184

For source information on the data cited in this profile, please go to www.actforchildren.org/profiles.