Child Care & Early Education Profile: 31st Representative District
Representative Mary E. Flowers (D)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 31

109,922 Total Population
5,996 Families with young children
8,974 Children Under 6
4,729 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
61% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 31

Formal child care options

50 Child care centers with capacity to serve 3,014 children
134 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 1,271 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, 1,461 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 4,383 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 31 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 18%

Median Family Income: $45,113

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care

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