Child Care & Early Education Profile: 54th Representative District
Representative Thomas Morrison (R)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 54

109,059 Total Population
5,080 Families with young children
7,386 Children Under 6
3,593 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
66% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 54

Formal child care options
31 Child care centers with capacity to serve 2,539 children
17 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 141 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, 27 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 81 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 54 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 11%
Median Family Income: $108,254

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care

- Infant in Center: $15,784
- Infant in Licensed Home: $11,010
- Preschooler in Center: $12,145
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: $10,537

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