Child Care & Early Education Profile: 56th Representative District
Representative Michelle Mussman (D)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 56

108,475 Total Population
5,595 Families with young children
7,812 Children Under 6
3,943 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 56

Formal child care options
31 Child care centers with capacity to serve 3,102 children
25 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 229 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, 105 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 315 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 56 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 13%

Median Family Income: $86,887

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care

- Infant in Center: $15,654
- Infant in Licensed Home: $10,647
- Preschooler in Center: $11,471
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: $10,029

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