Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 59

110,522  Total Population
7,098   Families with young children
9,714   Children Under 6
5,138   Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
64%   Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 59

Formal care options

44  Child care centers with capacity to serve 3,745 children
50  Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 505 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 59 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 14%

Median Family Income: $87,994

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Child Care and Early Education Profile: 59th Representative District
Representative Carol A. Sente (D)

A System of Early Care and Education in Illinois that Works for Working Families

The Illinois Child Care Assistance Program, funded through IDHS, helps working families pay for child care. Families are eligible if they earn below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, or $44,124 for a family of four in 2015.

Families with Child Care Assistance in FY15 in District 59: 765
Children with Child Care Assistance (est): 1,530
Children Under 6 Eligible for Child Care Assistance (est): 2,214
Total Payments in FY15: $6,202,955

Preschool for All, funded by ISBE's Early Childhood Block Grant, offers part-day early education to 3 and 4-year-olds. All children are eligible, but programs that primarily serve at-risk children get first priority in funding. Currently 11% of funding is reserved for programs serving at-risk infants and toddlers.

Children served in District 59: 480
Number of Preschool for All Sites: 6

Head Start is a federal early education program for preschool age children living below the poverty level. Most programs are part-day, but a growing number are full-day. Early Head Start provides services to children under age 3.

Head Start Funded Enrollment: 0
Number of Head Start Sites: 0

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