Child Care & Early Education Profile: 61st Representative District
Representative Sheri L Jesiel (R)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 61

- **107,989** Total Population
- **5,524** Families with young children
- **7,692** Children Under 6
- **4,064** Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
- **69%** Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

**Formal child care options**

- **29** Child care centers with capacity to serve 1,965 children
- **109** Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 1,143 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, 435 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 1,305 children.

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- **1,130** Children with Child Care Assistance in FY15 in District 61
- **2,260** Children with Child Care Assistance (est)
- **1,334** Children Under 6 Eligible for Child Care Assistance (est)
- **$8,709,919** Total Payments in FY15

**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.

- **380** Children served in District 61
- **3** Number of Preschool for All Sites

**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.

- **69** Head Start Funded Enrollment
- **1** Number of Head Start Sites

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: **11%**

**Median Family Income:** **$91,112**

**Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care**

- Infant in Center: **$13,810**
- Infant in Licensed Home: **$8,688**
- Preschooler in Center: **$9,854**
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: **$7,922**

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