Child Care & Early Education Profile: 71st Representative District
Representative Mike Smiddy (D)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 71

- **106,491** Total Population
- **5,257** Families with young children
- **7,583** Children Under 6
- **3,860** Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
- **75%** Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 71

**Formal child care options**

- **20** Child care centers with capacity to serve 1,196 children
- **96** Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 896 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, 339 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 1,017 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 71 Families

**Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler:** 12%

Median Family Income: **$60,505**

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

- **Infant in Center:** $10,520
- **Infant in Licensed Home:** $6,924
- **Preschooler in Center:** $7,188
- **Preschooler in Licensed Home:** $6,494

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