Child Care & Early Education Profile: 76th Representative District
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Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 76

107,388 Total Population
5,155 Families with young children
7,516 Children Under 6
3,927 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)

74% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

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 76:
- 461
- Children with Child Care Assistance (est): 922
- Children Under 6 Eligible for Child Care Assistance (est): 2,458

Total Payments in FY15: $1,949,417

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 76: 820
Number of Preschool for All Sites: 9

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: 285
Number of Head Start Sites: 8

Child Care in District 76

Formal child care options

12 Child care centers with capacity to serve 623 children
37 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 347 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, 144 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 432 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 76 Families

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

Median Family Income: $59,215

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care

- Infant in Center: $8,600
- Infant in Licensed Home: $6,642
- Preschooler in Center: $6,658
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: $6,358

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