Child Care & Early Education Profile: 15th Senate District
Senator Napoleon Harris, III (D)

Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 15

218,117 Total Population
11,247 Families with young children
17,518 Children Under 6
8,869 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
66% 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 15: 5,903
Children with Child Care Assistance (est): 11,806
Children Under 6 Eligible for Child Care Assistance (est): 6,748
Total Payments in FY15: $47,832,609

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 15: 1,996
Number of Preschool for All Sites: 31

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: 494
Number of Head Start Sites: 6

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