Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 23

217,804 Total Population
11,046 Families with young children
15,821 Children Under 6
7,995 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
68% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 23

Formal child care options
57 Child care centers with capacity to serve 5,028 children
54 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 554 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, 369 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 1,107 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 23 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 14%
Median Family Income: $80,420

Average Annual Cost of Full-Day Child Care
- Infant in Center: $14,830
- Infant in Licensed Home: $9,759
- Preschooler in Center: $10,973
- Preschooler in Licensed Home: $8,932

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