Child Care and Early Education Helps Children and Working Families in District 35

216,191 Total Population
10,390 Families with young children
14,644 Children Under 6
7,397 Preschool Age Children (3 to 5)
71% Percent of children under 6 living in households where all parents in the household work

Child Care in District 35

Formal child care options
56 Child care centers with capacity to serve 3,899 children
183 Licensed child care homes that can serve as many as 1,736 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, 621 receive payments through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program for the care of up to 1,863 children.

Child Care is Expensive for Many District 35 Families

Percent of income a typical family needs to spend for full-day center care for a preschooler: 13%

Median Family Income: $71,359

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