Industry Gross Receipts $931,651,496

Industry Employment: 47,098 people

Early Care & Education Helps Working Families in Cook County

- **465,961** Children under 6
- **285,216** Families with children under 6
- **234,200** Children under 6 living in households where all parents in household work

Child Care is Expensive for Many Cook County Families

- **$50,682** Annual income of the typical family with children under 18
- **$8,500** Average cost of a child care center for an infant or toddler
- **$6,750** Average cost of a child care center for a preschooler
- **13%** Percent of income families need to spend on center care for preschooler

INVESTING IN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION YIELDS A HIGH RETURN FOR COOK COUNTY

- Every dollar invested in high quality Early Care & Education saves up to $17 in government expenditures by reducing remedial education, crime and unemployment.
- Early Care & Education prepares children to succeed in school and the future economy.
- Early Care & Education reduces employee turnover and absenteeism.
- Money spent on child care generates more income than money spent in most other industries. (See chart on right)

For definitions and data sources see www.actforchildren.org/CookEIR. Gross receipts data are not available for all industries.