

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023




17th Congressional District Congressman Eric Sorensen

A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District 17

24,583 children 0 to 2
27,918 children 3 to 5
63,909 children 6 to 12
116,410 Total children under 13

} **73%** of children under 6 live in households where all parents work



What child care options are available to families?

-  **148** Child care centers can serve up to **12,690** children
-  **447** Licensed child care homes can serve up to **4,248** children
-  **1,254** License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **2908** children

How much are families paying for child care?



MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: **\$64,145**

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$9,741**
-  Center-based: **\$15,934**

This is **15%-25%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$8,836**
-  Center-based: **\$11,555**

This is **14%-18%** of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: **\$15,348**

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

4,742 children age 0-2
4,709 children age 3-5
5,340 children age 6-12
14,962 children served

\$67,434,281 in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

28 Prevention Initiative programs
1,511 children age 0-2
101 Preschool for All programs
7,021 children age 3-5
8,532 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

19 Early Head Start sites
761 children age 0-2
42 Head Start sites
2,596 children age 3-5

3,357 children served

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.

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