

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

4th Congressional District Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García




A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District 4

24,550 children 0 to 2
27,196 children 3 to 5
72,090 children 6 to 12

123,836 Total children under 13

68% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work

What child care options are available to families?

-  **159** Child care centers can serve up to **12,572** children
-  **338** Licensed child care homes can serve up to **3,630** children
-  **473** License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **1028** children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$72,371

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

 Home-based: **\$11,882**

 Center-based: **\$16,820**

This is **16%-23%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

 Home-based: **\$10,191**

 Center-based: **\$12,201**

This is **14%-17%** 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)

4,181 children age 0-2
4,367 children age 3-5
4,614 children age 6-12

13,324 children served

\$81,096,723

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)

23 Prevention Initiative programs
1,292 children age 0-2
128 Preschool for All programs
6,741 children age 3-5

8,033 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

34 Early Head Start sites
1,346 children age 0-2
22 Head Start sites
1,011 children age 3-5

2,357 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.

For source information on the data cited in this profile, please email:

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