

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2025

4th Congressional District Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García




A Snapshot of Children in Congressional District 4

23,218 children 0 to 2
26,992 children 3 to 5
70,763 children 6 to 12

120,973 Total children under 13

67% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work



What child care options are available to families?

-  **147** Child care centers can serve up to **11750** children
-  **327** Licensed child care homes can serve up to **3538** children
-  **578** License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **1245** children

How much are families paying for child care?



MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$79,333

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$13,799**
-  Center-based: **\$17,873**

This is **17% - 23%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$11,978**
-  Center-based: **\$13,552**

This is **15% - 17%** of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: \$15,677

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

2645 children age 0-2
3670 children age 3-5
3824 children age 6-12

10308 children served

\$8,648,832.10

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)

29 Prevention Initiative programs
1643 children age 0-2
127 Preschool for All programs
7076 children age 3-5

8,719 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

31 Early Head Start sites
1,197 children age 0-2
22 Head Start sites
1,078 children age 3-5

2275 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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