

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2025

86th State House District Representative Lawrence Walsh, Jr.




A Snapshot of Children in State House District 86

3,391 children 0 to 2
3,596 children 3 to 5
9,991 children 6 to 12

16,978 Total children under 13

63% of children under 6 live in households where all parents work



What child care options are available to families?

-  **16** Child care centers can serve up to **1381** children
-  **32** Licensed child care homes can serve up to **316** children
-  **204** License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **478** children

How much are families paying for child care?



MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$79,113

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$11,005**
-  Center-based: **\$15,680**

This is **14% - 20%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care

-  Home-based: **\$9,195**
-  Center-based: **\$11,493**

This is **12% - 15%** 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)

314 children age 0-2
512 children age 3-5
584 children age 6-12

1450 children served

\$1,000,836.45
 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)

6 Prevention Initiative programs
294 children age 0-2
7 Preschool for All programs
870 children age 3-5

1,164 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

3 Early Head Start sites
153 children age 0-2
5 Head Start sites
298 children age 3-5

451 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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