

ILLINOIS' EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM



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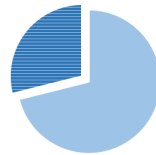
NUMBER OF CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER:

460,097

2017 CENSUS

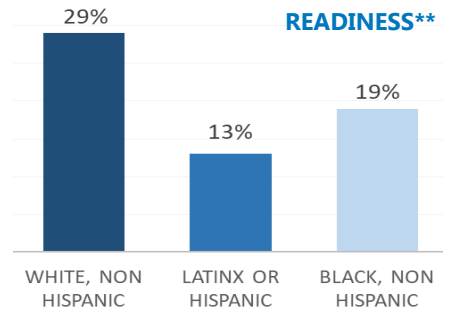


CHILDREN UNDER 3 BELOW
200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
LEVEL:



187,085

ENTERING KINDERGARTENERS WITH
DEMONSTRATED SCHOOL
READINESS**



EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT PREVENTION INITIATIVE

The Early Childhood Block Grant, funded by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), supports high-quality, voluntary preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds, prioritizing at-risk children. A portion of the block grant is set aside for toddlers and their families, including home visiting and center based programs.

TOTAL EARLY CHILDHOOD
BLOCK GRANT FUNDING (P-5):



\$543.7M

FY2020

INFANTS AND
TODDLERS SERVED
STATEWIDE:



14,003

FY2018

61%



INCREASE IN
PREVENTION
INITIATIVE
FUNDING OUTSIDE
OF CHICAGO SINCE
FY2018

>>>> WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Recent investments have restored previous funding cuts and brought FY2020 Early Childhood Block Grant appropriations to historic levels.

HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

In home visiting programs help parents create safe, stimulating home environments for their young children. **Research proves that home visiting programs raise children's literacy and high school graduation rates, improve health outcomes for children and decrease rates of child abuse and neglect.**

NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:

3,357



1,088



10,057



2,768

EARLY HEAD START
HOME BASED

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VISITING

DHS

17,270

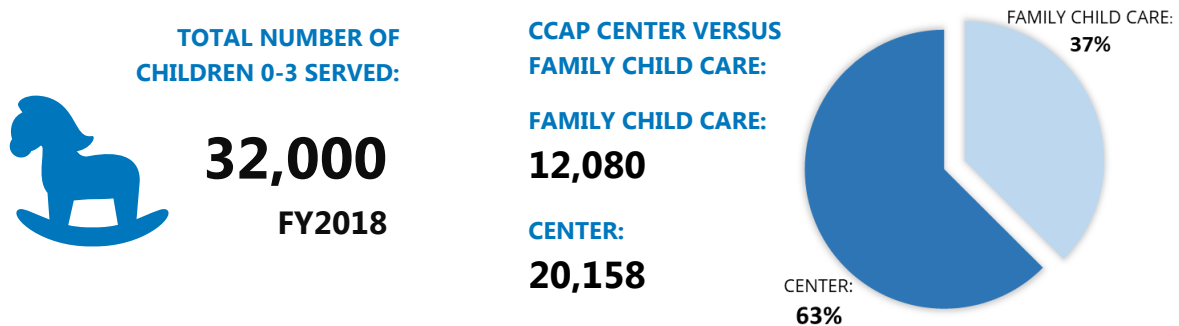
TOTAL CHILDREN

All figures are for FY2017, the last, best year of comparable publicly available data.

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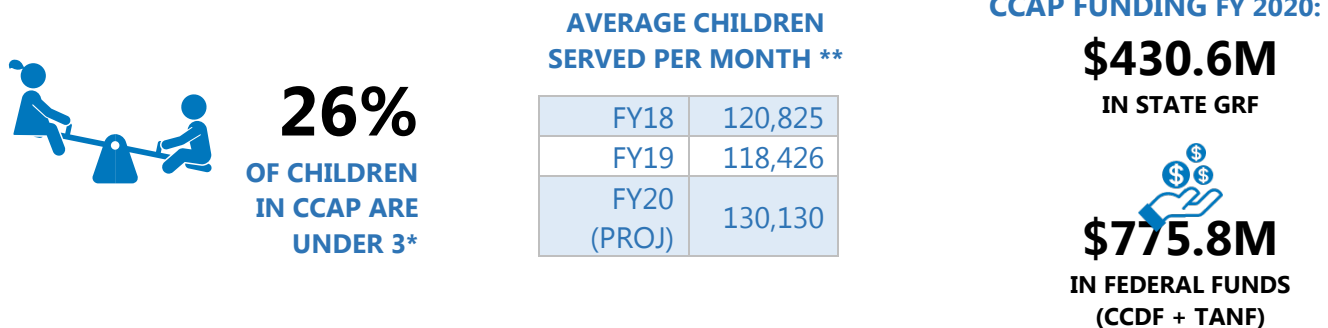
CCAP INFANT/TODDLER CHILD CARE

Child care programs help families living in poverty to achieve self-sufficiency by enabling them to work or study while having consistent care for their children. Research shows that high-quality child care significantly improves the school readiness of young children. Federal early head start funds approximately 4,000 infants and toddlers in predominately center based care.



>>>> WHERE ARE WE NOW?

DHS recently implemented important policy changes that will help families start and continue to receive financial help for child care programs, including decreased family co-payments, increased family income eligibility and workforce investments in scholarships and wage stipends.



* note: in a representative month

** note: includes children from 6 weeks to 12 years

EARLY INTERVENTION

In EI, children receive a range of developmental and social-emotional services, including speech and language, occupational and physical therapies and social work services. Families also receive the coaching and support they need to further the gains their children make in therapy.

