

Child Care Keeps Missouri Working

The Missouri Child Care Economic Impact Report
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YWCA – St. Joseph, Child Care Resource and Referral

Serving the following counties in northwest Missouri: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Clinton, DeKalb, Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Sullivan, and Worth.

Workforce impact: There are 925 people working in the regulated child care industry in this region of Missouri. In addition, the availability of regulated child care enables over 3,605 family members to get, keep and be productive at their jobs knowing that their children are in safe, reliable care. Regulated child care in northwest Missouri has the capacity to serve 15% of the children age birth to nine.

THE REGULATED CHILD CARE INDUSTRY IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI	Licensed Programs Family child care homes, group homes, child care centers	License-Exempt Programs Church-run programs and nursery schools	Totals
Programs	201	19	220
Workforce			
Administrators	115	22	137
Teachers/Caregivers	528	163	691
Support Staff	78	19	97
Workforce Totals	721	204	925
Children			
Capacity of Regulated Child Care			5,408
Children birth to age 9			34,690
Revenues and Expenditures			
Gross Revenue Generated	\$10,583,086	\$2,483,740	\$13,066,826
Utilities Purchased	\$358,163	\$87,425	\$445,588
Consumables Purchased	\$1,659,783	\$105,127	\$1,764,910
Payroll	\$6,620,061	\$1,931,616	\$8,551,677

Workforce, revenues and expenditures are as of December 2004. Numbers of children birth to age 9 are from 2000 Census.

Average teacher/caregiver wages: According to recent survey data, child care workers in this region earn an average of \$3.72 per hour in family child care and \$6.70 per hour in child care centers. Of child care workers surveyed, 36% of those employed in child care centers receive health insurance benefits and 38% of those who operate family child care programs purchase health insurance with their child care income.

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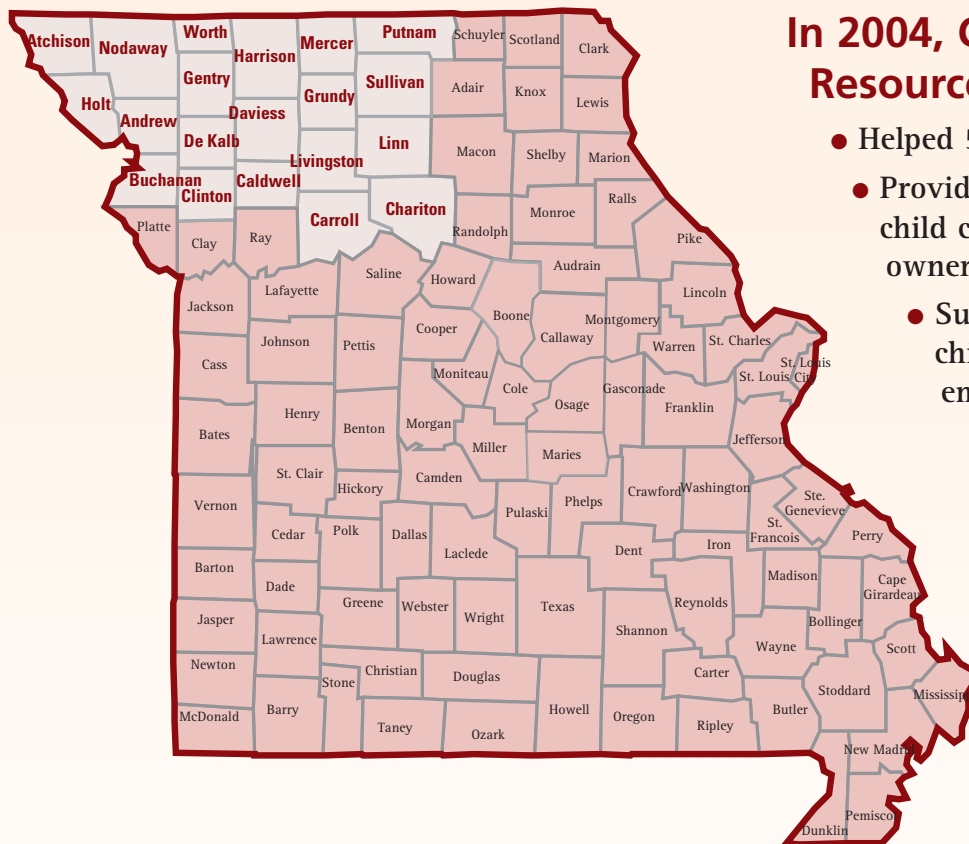
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Cost of care: The fees charged to parents for child care vary widely in Missouri depending on location, age of child, and type of care. Fees charged range from about \$1 per hour in rural areas to about \$2 per hour in urban areas. The average fee charged in family child care programs is \$1.33 per hour and the average fee charged in child care centers is \$1.88 per hour.

The YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral serves northwest Missouri under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association, St. Joseph. YWCA programs are directed to areas affecting all women with a common vision to attain peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people.

The YWCA of St. Joseph was founded in 1888 and has served as a fitness center, a training center, a young women's dorm, and a meeting place for all types of interest groups. Present programming includes a shelter for abused women and their children, Women's Resource Center, victim services, child care, fitness, aquatics, and Child Care Resource and Referral.

Child Care Resource and Referral was added to the YWCA of St. Joseph in 1991 and offers services including: resource and referral and consumer education, assistance starting child care businesses, training, inclusive child care services, accreditation assistance, Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsorship, and other resources. Child Care Resource and Referral collaborates with community groups and businesses interested in early care and education.



In 2004, Child Care Resource and Referral:

- Helped 547 families find child care
- Provided technical assistance to 2,538 child care teachers and business owners
- Supplied information on early childhood education to 340 employers and community leaders

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