

ChildCare Connection

Serving the following counties in northeast Missouri: Adair, Audrain, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland and Shelby.

Workforce impact: There are 1,067 people working in the regulated child care industry in this region of Missouri. In addition, the availability of regulated child care enables over 3,548 family members to get, keep and be productive at their jobs knowing that their children are in safe, reliable care. Regulated child care in northeast Missouri has the capacity to serve 17% of the children age birth to nine.

THE REGULATED CHILD CARE INDUSTRY IN NORTHEAST MISSOURI	Licensed Programs Family child care homes, group homes, child care centers	License-Exempt Programs Church-run programs and nursery schools	Totals
Programs	161	24	185
Workforce			
Administrators	175	30	205
Teachers/Caregivers	492	173	665
Support Staff	179	18	197
Workforce Totals	846	221	1,067
Children			
Capacity of Regulated Child Care	3,990	1,332	5,322
Children birth to age 9			31,140
Revenues and Expenditures			
Gross Revenue Generated	\$7,296,022	\$2,700,968	\$9,996,990
Utilities Purchased	\$309,853	\$74,579	\$384,432
Consumables Purchased	\$1,157,496	\$245,501	\$1,402,997
Payroll	\$5,676,365	\$2,789,294	\$8,465,659

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 \$3.56 per hour in family child care and \$7.90 per hour in child care centers. Of child care workers surveyed, 54% of those employed in child care centers receive health insurance benefits and 20% of those who operate family child care programs purchase health insurance with their child care income.

Child Care Keeps Missouri Working

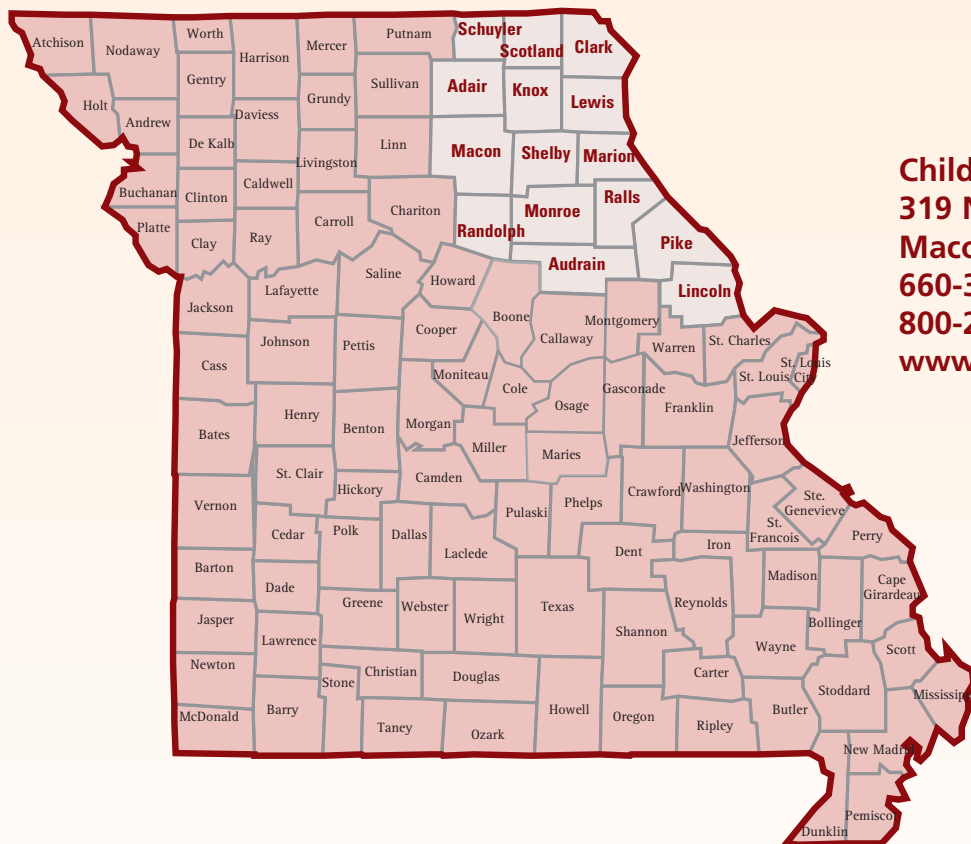
The Missouri Child Care Economic Impact Report

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.

ChildCare Connection, an agency established in 1992, began serving northeast Missouri under a contract awarded in February 2005. Services include child care resource and referral, inclusion, accreditation facilitation, and professional development opportunities for child care providers. ChildCare Connection also receives funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be the System Point of Entry for First Steps, Missouri's early intervention program for children birth to age three.

In 2004, ChildCare Connection and its predecessor:

- Helped 236 families find child care
- Provided technical assistance to 291 child care teachers and business owners
- Supplied information on early childhood education to 377 employers and community leaders



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