

# The Family Conservancy

Serving the following Missouri counties in the Kansas City metropolitan area: Bates, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray, and Saline.

**Workforce impact:** There are 7,779 people working in the regulated child care industry in this region of Missouri. In addition, the availability of regulated child care enables over 29,294 family members to get, keep and be productive at their jobs knowing that their children are in safe, reliable care. Regulated child care in this region of Missouri has the capacity to serve 28% of the children age birth to nine.

THE REGULATED CHILD CARE INDUSTRY IN THE KANSAS CITY METRO AREA (MISSOURI)	Licensed Programs Family child care homes, group homes, child care centers	License-Exempt Programs Church-run programs and nursery schools	Totals
<b>Programs</b>	688	145	833
<b>Workforce</b>			
Administrators	687	187	874
Teachers/Caregivers	4,444	1,542	5,986
Support Staff	805	114	919
Workforce Totals	5,936	1,843	7,779
<b>Children</b>			
Capacity of Regulated Child Care			43,941
Children birth to age 9			155,501
<b>Revenues and Expenditures</b>			
Gross Revenue Generated	\$133,793,292	\$22,906,776	\$156,700,068
Utilities Purchased	\$4,277,894	\$755,127	\$5,033,021
Consumables Purchased	\$12,107,879	\$1,073,873	\$13,181,752
Payroll	\$73,987,932	\$15,756,950	\$89,744,882

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 \$4.99 per hour in family child care and \$8.96 per hour in child care centers. Of child care workers surveyed, 38% of those employed in child care centers receive health insurance benefits and 23% 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

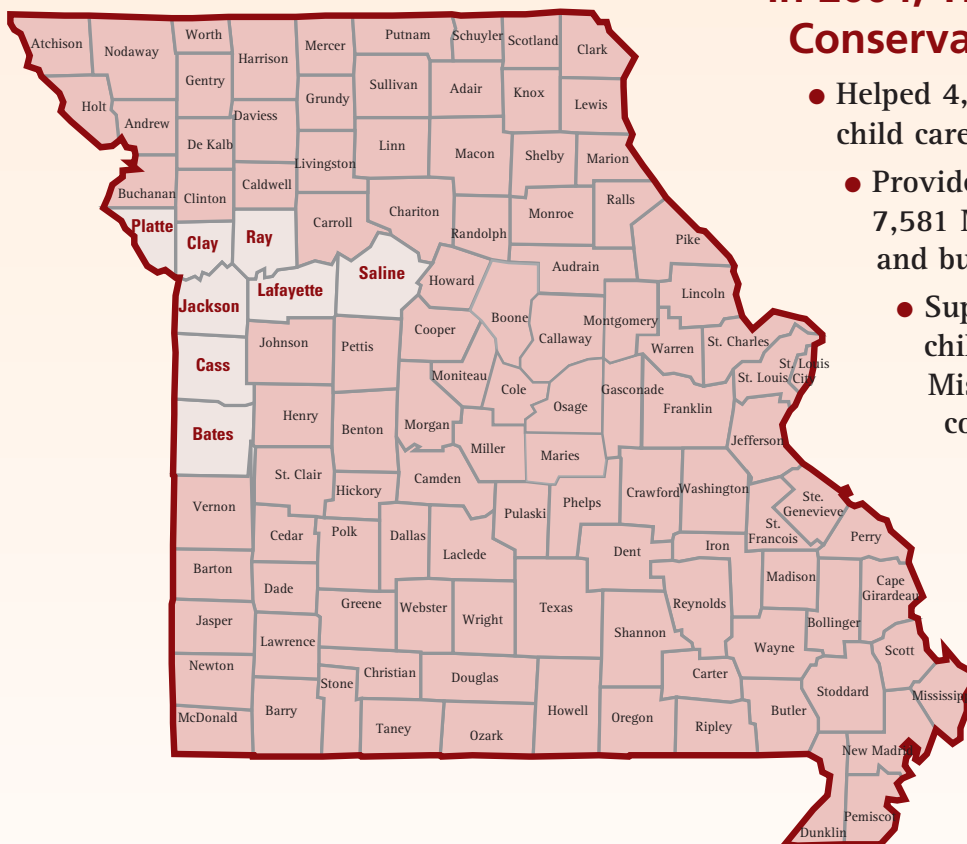
**Cost of care:** The fees charged to parents for child care vary widely in Missouri depending on location, age of child, and type of care. Fees charged range from about \$1 per hour in rural areas to about \$2 per hour in urban areas. The average fee charged in family child care programs is \$1.33 per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

**The Family Conservancy** is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of young children. We are making a difference in people's lives throughout the metro area by: educating parents and improving the quality of early learning programs; supporting families in crisis; and helping families overcome poverty. The Family Conservancy, a United Way agency, has been serving Kansas and Missouri families since 1880. Through a bi-state Child Care Resource and Referral, The Family Conservancy assists the families and caregivers of children with special needs, offers professional development and training opportunities, provides accreditation assistance, and participates in the Quality Rating System initiative. Parenting tips and classes are offered at locations throughout the metropolitan area.

### In 2004, The Family Conservancy

- Helped 4,875 Missouri families find child care
- Provided technical assistance to 7,581 Missouri child care teachers and business owners
- Supplied information on early childhood education to 1,987 Missouri employers and community leaders

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