

Child Care Keeps Missouri Working

The Missouri Child Care Economic Impact Report
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Central Missouri State University Workshop on Wheels Child Care Resource and Referral

Serving the following counties in west central Missouri: Benton, Camden, Cooper, Dallas, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Johnson, Laclede, Miller, Montieau, Morgan, and Pettis.

Workforce impact: There are 1,070 people working in the regulated child care industry in this region of Missouri. In addition, the availability of regulated child care enables over 3,989 family members to get, keep and be productive at their jobs knowing that their children are in safe, reliable care. Regulated child care in west central Missouri has the capacity to serve 15% of the children age birth to nine.

THE REGULATED CHILD CARE INDUSTRY IN WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI	Licensed Programs Family child care homes, group homes, child care centers	License-Exempt Programs Church-run programs and nursery schools	Totals
Programs	222	42	264
Workforce			
Administrators	155	51	206
Teachers/Caregivers	660	50	710
Support Staff	154	0	154
Workforce Totals	969	101	1,070
Children			
Capacity of Regulated Child Care	5,101	882	5,983
Children birth to age 9			38,131
Revenues and Expenditures			
Gross Revenue Generated	\$13,592,180	\$1,602,909	\$15,195,089
Utilities Purchased	\$481,776	\$67,652	\$549,338
Consumables Purchased	\$874,957	\$52,170	\$927,127
Payroll	\$7,787,129	\$1,266,329	\$9,053,458

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 \$4.85 per hour in family child care and \$6.98 per hour in child care centers. Of child care workers surveyed, 31% 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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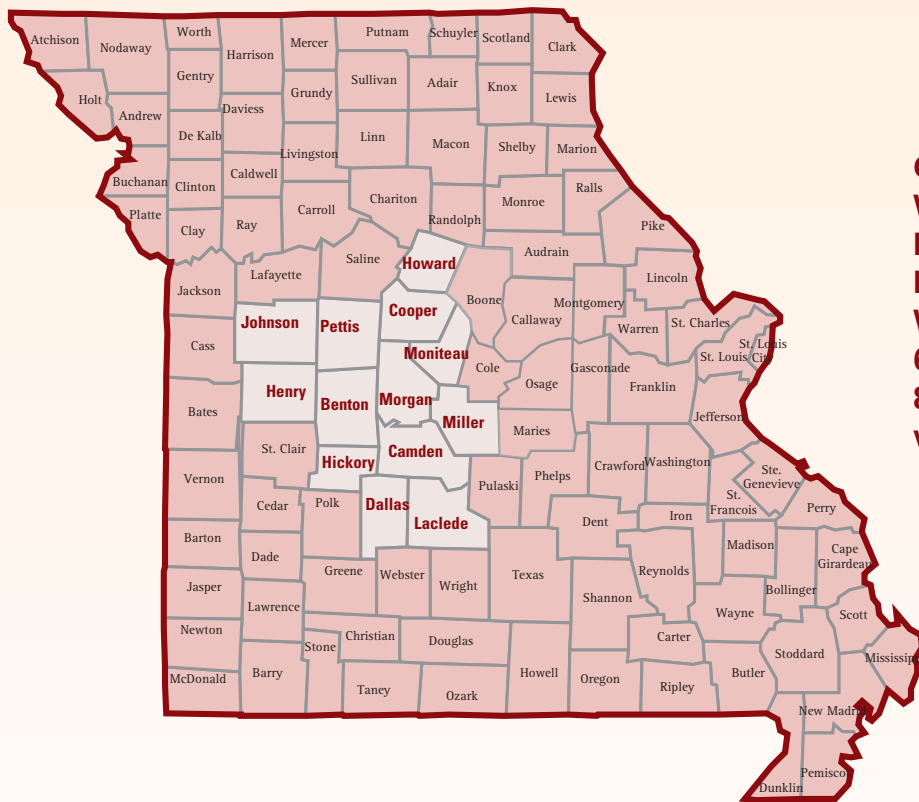
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Cost of care: The fees charged to parents for child care vary widely in Missouri depending on location, age of child, and type of care. Fees charged range from about \$1 per hour in rural areas to about \$2 per hour in urban areas. The average fee 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.

Workshop on Wheels Child Care Resource and Referral assists families with and without children in their search for health care, child care, and other community services including: referrals to child care programs; training, technical assistance and accreditation support to child care providers; and information and assistance to parents and providers who work with children with special needs. Workshop on Wheels is a department of Central Missouri State University and has been in operation since 1986.

In 2004 Workshop on Wheels:

- Helped 275 families find child care
- Provided technical assistance to 1,262 child care teachers and business owners
- Supplied information on early childhood education to 27 employers and community leaders



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