

## ChildCare Connection

Serving the following counties in central Missouri: Boone, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Montgomery, and Osage.

**Workforce impact:** There are 1,552 people working in the regulated child care industry in this region of Missouri. In addition, the availability of regulated child care enables over 6,634 family members to get, keep and be productive at their jobs knowing that their children are in safe, reliable care. Regulated child care in central Missouri has the capacity to serve 26% of the children age birth to nine.

THE REGULATED CHILD CARE INDUSTRY IN CENTRAL 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>	356	27	383
<b>Workforce</b>			
<b>Administrators</b>	240	26	266
<b>Teachers/Caregivers</b>	1,085	27	1,112
<b>Support Staff</b>	174	0	174
<b>Workforce Totals</b>	1,499	53	1,552
<b>Children</b>			
<b>Capacity of Regulated Child Care</b>	9,489	462	9,951
<b>Children birth to age 9</b>			38,717
<b>Revenues and Expenditures</b>			
<b>Gross Revenue Generated</b>	\$33,681,897	\$847,964	\$34,529,861
<b>Utilities Purchased</b>	\$1,001,203	\$33,783	\$1,034,986
<b>Consumables Purchased</b>	\$3,358,916	\$25,153	\$3,384,069
<b>Payroll</b>	\$17,451,512	\$639,280	\$18,090,792

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

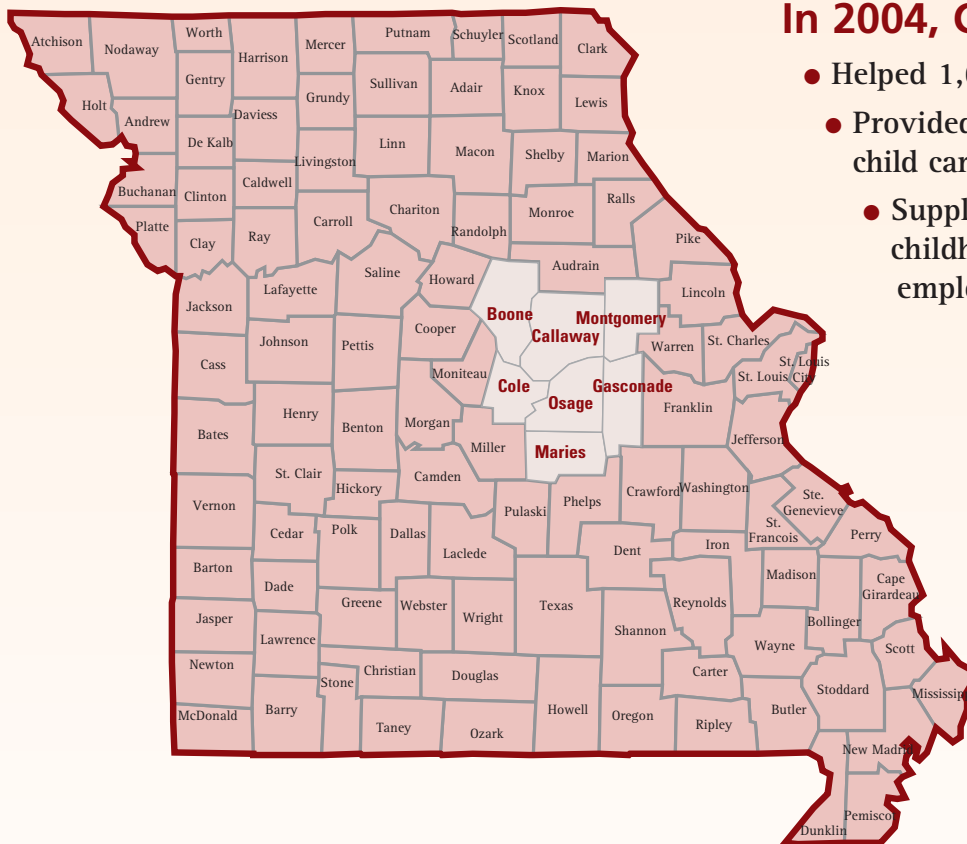
**Average teacher/caregiver wages:** According to recent survey data, child care workers in this region earn an average of \$5.41 per hour in family child care and \$8.36 per hour in child care centers. Of the child care workers surveyed, 35% of those employed in child care centers receive health insurance benefits and 43% 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** was established in 1992 to provide child care resource and referral services, inclusion services and professional development opportunities in central Missouri. Since 1993, ChildCare Connection has also provided facilitated accreditation services. ChildCare Connection sponsors several professional associations and offers training and professional development activities to early childhood caregivers. In 2002, ChildCare Connection was awarded a contract from the Department of Social Services for The Good Beginnings Program which utilizes a mobile learning center, Story Bus, and targets low-resource/high-risk families, teen parents, isolated families living in rural areas, and families who have children with special needs. Also in 2002, ChildCare Connection became a System Point of Entry for First Steps, Missouri's early intervention program for children birth to age three. In 2004, ChildCare Connection was awarded a contract from the Children's Trust Fund to provide child abuse prevention services to at-risk families with young children in central Missouri.



### In 2004, ChildCare Connection:

- Helped 1,607 families find child care
- Provided technical assistance to 3,330 child care teachers and business owners
- Supplied information on early childhood education to 184 employers and community leaders

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