



## OVERVIEW OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD & OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERS, 2022

### Children in Connecticut

<b>34,012</b>	Births in 2018. 35,012 Births in 2017 and 36,021 Births in 2016. <sup>i</sup>
-----	Children by Race & Ethnicity, 0-4 years of age (2020): 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native, 6% Asian, 12% Black, 28% Hispanic or Latino, 0.5% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, 50% White, 4% Two or more races <sup>ii</sup>
-----	Children by Race & Ethnicity, 0-18 years of age (2020): 0.5% American Indian/Alaska Native, 5% Asian, 12% Black, 26% Hispanic or Latino, 0.5% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, 53% White, 4% Two or more races <sup>iii</sup>
<b>32,256</b>	Children enrolled in public school kindergarten in Connecticut in the 2020-2021 school year. <sup>iv</sup>
<b>16.3%</b>	of students in Connecticut public schools have special education status. <sup>v</sup>
<b>42.7%</b>	of students in Connecticut public schools qualify for free/reduced lunch. <sup>vi</sup>
<b>12.3%</b>	of children (under age 18) in Connecticut are in households with income below Federal Poverty Level. <sup>vii</sup>
<b>15.5%</b>	of children (under age 18) are in families that receive Food Stamps/SNAP. <sup>viii</sup>
<b>69,521</b>	three- and four-year-olds in Connecticut (2017 + 2018 births)
<b>215,110</b>	children aged birth to 5 in Connecticut (as of 2020). <sup>ix</sup>

### Early Care and Education

- **School Readiness: 11,879** school readiness spaces – 7,732 full-day, 1,804 school-day, 1,887 part-day, and 456 extended-day spaces for 3- and 4-year-old children at 301 sites in 67 communities.<sup>x</sup>
  - **8,708** children participated<sup>xi,xii</sup>
- **Child Day Care Centers: 4,052** spaces – 1,557 Infant/Toddler, 2,200 Preschool, and 295 school-age spaces at 97 sites in 47 communities.<sup>x</sup>
  - **2,998** children participated<sup>xiii</sup>
- **Smart Start: 650** spaces for 3- and 4-year-old children in 44 classrooms in 23 districts.<sup>x</sup>
  - **650** children participated<sup>xiv</sup>
- **Connecticut Even Start Family Literacy Program: 69** children and 48 adults (from 37 families) received comprehensive family-centered education services for two generational academic & economic success, provided by 3 grantees.<sup>x</sup>
- **Child Care Subsidies (Care 4 Kids): 25,124** children in 16,814 families received C4K services by 5,494 providers. The program provides vouchers to help low- and moderate-income families pay for child care. The monthly average number of children served by age group = 5,373 Infant/Toddlers; 6,262 Preschool Age; and

5,071 School Age. The monthly averages for SFY 2021 = 16,693 Children (11,336 Families). C4K Subsidy Expenditures in SFY2021 = \$136m. Providers by unduplicated count (monthly average), in SFY 2021, there were 1,086 (859), including 330 Accredited - Licensed & License-Exempt Centers, Youth Camps & Group Homes 1,009 (847), including 63 Accredited - Licensed Family, and 3,399 (2,399) - Unlicensed Family.<sup>xv</sup>

- **Public School Preschool** (Local Education Agency funded): **15,300** children enrolled (2020-2021)<sup>y</sup>

### Head Start and Early Head Start

- **Head Start: 3,296** children ages 3 to 5 in 22 federally funded programs that for school readiness of children from low-income families by supporting the development of the whole child, including connecting families with medical, dental, and mental health services and family support to ensure children are receiving all the services they need.<sup>xvi</sup>
  - **State Head Start Supplement:** funds 47 sites in 34 communities to create 264 additional full-day/full-year spaces and 994 additional extended day/extended year spaces, serving **730** children.<sup>x</sup>
- **Early Head Start: 1,674** children ages birth to 3 and 70 pregnant women in 18 programs (center-based, family child care, and/or home visiting).<sup>xvi</sup>
  - **Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership:** has 3 grantees who fund 44 providers to serve **222** children (monthly average).<sup>x</sup>

*The above Early Care and Education and Head Start and Early Head Start spaces include duplicates across funding types. For example: Smart Start and School Readiness spaces that are located in public schools are also in the Public School Preschool counts.*

### Services for Young Children and Families<sup>xvii</sup>

**Early Intervention** supports families with children under age 3 identified with developmental delays or disabilities.

- **Birth to 3 (IDEA Part C): 10,155** referrals, of which 8,695 children were evaluated, of which 6,492 (75%) were deemed eligible.
- **11,395** children under age 3 with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) were supported.
- Upon exiting at age 3, **2,105** children were eligible for IDEA Part B.

### Information and Referral

- **Help Me Grow/Child Development Info Line:** 2,656 Help Me Grow referrals, 16,782 CDI calls, 957 new Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) enrollments (8,763 total ASQ enrollments)<sup>x</sup>
- **211 Child Care:** fulfills the Child Care Resource and Referral mandate and handles child care referrals and requests – 75,858 service request referrals including and pertaining to: Infant (24,765), toddler (12,678), preschool (14,569), and school-age (15,348) child care; COVID-19 supports (2,313), provider training

(63), child care subsidies (1,751), internet information resources (716), licensing/certification/accreditation (526), and other service referrals (3,129).<sup>xviii</sup>

### Home Visiting<sup>xix</sup>

**Home Visiting** services improve outcomes for families with young children at-risk, in high-risk communities.

- **Parents as Teachers: 2,425** children and 2,307 parents served (state and federally funded)
- **Child First: 343** children and 354 parents served (state and federally funded)
- **Nurse Family Partnership: 118** children and 149 parents served (state and federally funded)
- **Early Head Start: 58** children and 52 parents served (federally funded)
- **Family Check-Up: 67** children and 69 parents served (state funded)
- **Minding the Baby: 13** children and 14 parents served (state funded)

*As of July 1, 2021, Minding the Baby and Family Check-Up models were no longer funded by the OEC.*

### Workforce

- **Workforce Registry: 26,566** registry account holders.<sup>x</sup>
- **Registry Processing: 367** Head Teacher applications; **3,270** scholarship applications; documents verified and uploaded – **16,106** participant documents and **976** program documents; **37,886** verified education and training entries; **143** ECTC applications.<sup>xx</sup>
- **Scholarships: 2,863** awards totaling **\$1,312,326**.<sup>x</sup>
- **Connecticut's Early Childhood Teacher Credential (ECTC): 657** credentials approved – 323 Associate's level and 334 Bachelor's level.<sup>x</sup>

### Program Standards & Facilities

- **Licensed Child Care Programs: 3,292**, including: 1,897 family child care homes, 1,373 child care centers, and 22 group child care homes.<sup>x</sup>
- **Licensed Child Care Capacity:** At the end of SFY2021, child care centers had a licensed capacity of **102,439**, and, of that, capacity for children under age 3 was 25,955. Family child care homes had an additional licensed capacity of **17,009**.<sup>xxi</sup>
- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC): 518** accredited programs<sup>xxii</sup>
- **National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC): 49** accredited providers<sup>xxiii</sup>

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- <sup>xii</sup> FY 21 PSR June Summary & USF.
- <sup>xiii</sup> 10 – CDC Monthly Reports – June 2021.
- <sup>xiv</sup> OEC Governor’s Briefing document compiled by Commissioner Bye and OEC division directors.
- <sup>xv</sup> Julie Bisi, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, Early Care and Education Division.
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- <sup>xx</sup> Margaret Gustafson, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, Quality Improvement Division.
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