

Child Care Choices of Boston

Child Care Resource & Referral Agency
For Region 6: Boston, Brookline, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop

Data Report 2007



Child Care Choices of Boston provides child care referrals to families, professional development to providers and quality child care through voucher subsidies to children.

Local Child Care Resource & Referral Services for Parents

Ages of Children for Whom Care was Requested —2007	Type of Care Requested by All Families—2007
64% of care requested was for infants & toddlers	63% of care requested was for centers
21% of care requested was for preschool age children	21% of care requested was for family child care
15% of care requested was for school-age children	16% of care requested was for school-age programs

✓ 3,115 families, with 4,132 children, received child care resource & referral services from Child Care Choices of Boston in 2007.

✓ 2% increase in R&R services over 2006



“Thank you all for all you do! As a single parent, I’m grateful for the extra help in search resources.”

“Your staff is very friendly and very good. I’ve recommended your services to several of my friends.”

-Quotes from parents receiving Resource & Referral ser-

Region 6 Child Care Supply

Includes: Public School Programs, Private Schools, Headstart, Nursery Schools & all EEC licensed programs.

Type of Care	Region 6 Capacity	% of Region 6 Capacity
Total Center based Programs	21,720	80%
Infant, Toddler, Preschool Programs	10,723	49%
Part time Preschool Head Start Programs	2,847	13%
School Age Programs	8,150	38%
Family Child Care	5,299	20%

Where are the Children?

43% of children in care are in full time center based programs

31% of children in care are in before/after-school programs

12% of children in care are in part-time center or Head Start programs

14% of children in care are in family child care homes

Statewide Capacity

Region 6 represents approximately 10% of the total statewide capacity of all legally operating early education and care programs in MA.

Quality Child Care in Region 6: A Profile

Group Based Programs

Number of full-time programs (centers, nursery schools, Head Start Programs)	257
Number of Programs with NAEYC Accreditation	124 (48%)
Programs with staff who speak English	100%
Programs with staff who speak Spanish*	70%

*Spanish is the second most prevalent language spoken in the region with 24% of householders with children ages birth to five reporting it as the primary language.

Family Child Care Statistics

Highest Level of Education Obtained	Percentage
Less than H.S./GED	16%
H.S./GED	30%
AA degree – ECE related	7%
AA degree – non-related	13%
Bachelor’s degree	18%
Advanced degree	5%
RN/LPN	1%
Some college courses	8%

Number of full-time providers	838
NAFCC accredited providers	36 (43%)
Number of providers with a CDA	75 (9%)
FCC providers who speak English	87%
FCC providers who speak Spanish	57%
FCC providers speaking other languages	17%
FCC providers part of a FCC system	66%

Full Time Weekly Child Care Rates for Region 6

Center & School-Age Programs

<i>Program Type</i>	<i>Minimum to Maximum Range</i>	<i>Average Weekly Rate</i>
<i>Infant</i>	\$207 - \$510	\$302.48
<i>Toddler</i>	\$185 - \$484	\$266.73
<i>Preschool</i>	\$101 - \$422	\$210.12
<i>After-school Programs</i>	\$25 - \$210	\$98.39

Family Child Care Programs

<i>Program Type</i>	<i>Minimum to Maximum Range</i>	<i>Average Weekly Rate</i>
<i>Infant</i>	\$100 - \$350	\$170.51
<i>Toddler</i>	\$90 - \$350	\$161.10
<i>Preschool</i>	\$75 - \$325	\$150.13