

# Child Care Choices of Boston

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

Region 6 Data Report 2008



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

## Resource & Referral Services

- ✓ 3,414 families, with 3,864 children, received child care resource & referral services from CCCB in 2008.
- ✓ An additional 1,061 families used CCCB's online referral services.

### Ages of Children for Whom Care was Requested—2008

64% of care requested was for infants and toddlers

23% of care requested was for preschool age children

13% of care requested was for school-age children

### Type of Care Requested by All Families—2008

59% of care requested was for centers

29% of care requested was for family child care

11% of care requested was for school-age programs

## Current Trends in 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
<b>Total Center Based Programs</b>	41,958	78%
Infant, Toddler, Preschool	15,416	29%
Part time Preschool Programs	15,498	29%
School Age Programs	11,044	20%
<b>Family Child Care</b>	11,543	22%

### Where are ALL the Children in Care?

51% of children in care are in full time center based programs

29% of children in care are in before/after-school programs

6% of children in care are in part-time center programs

15% of children in care are in family child care homes

In 2008, *Child Care Choices of Boston* achieved the Child Care Aware® Quality Assurance recognition for delivering high-quality services to families seeking child care.

Achieving Quality Assurance is a rigorous year-long application process that involves quality assurance training, participation in "secret shopper" calls, staff interviews and the evaluation of a validation panel.

Child Care Choices's achievement places it in the top quarter of the nation's CCR&Rs for their consumer education and referral services.



## Quality Child Care in Region 6: A Profile

Number of group based programs with NAEYC Accreditation (centers, nursery schools, Head Start Programs)	51 (18%)
Number of Family Child Care providers with NAFCC Accreditation	17 (2%)
Number of Family Child Care providers with a CDA	97 (11%)
Number of Family Child Care providers with college degrees	218 (24%)

### Center & School-Age Rates for Region 6

Program Type	Minimum to Maximum Range	Average Weekly Rate
Infant	\$215 - \$536	\$307.36
Toddler	\$185 - \$484	\$274.70
Preschool	\$150 - \$422	\$219.48
After-school Programs	\$39 - \$125	\$87.54

### Family Child Care Rates for Region 6

Program Type	Minimum to Maximum Range	Average Weekly Rate
Infant	\$96 - \$350	\$178.64
Toddler	\$96 - \$350	\$167.46
Preschool	\$75 - \$370	\$157.31

## Subsidized Child Care in Region 6: A Profile

- 6,793 families with 10,597 children received vouchers for child care services in 2008.
- In the year 2008, CCCB placed 734 families on the EEC Centralized Waitlist for Financial Assistance.
- Of the more than 1,200 providers eligible to take vouchers, 985 providers had children placed with them in 2008.
- Currently, more than 3,800 families with nearly 4,900 children are on the EEC Centralized Waitlist.

## Professional Development Services

Child Care Choices of Boston provided Professional Development to over 2,000 participants through a variety of tracks that are available to everyone working in the early education and care field.

- 283 early education and care staff completed college courses or CEU trainings.
- 1,558 early education and care staff attended courses in languages other than English.
- 403 early education and care staff attended special trainings.
- 1,109 people attended trainings for the development of new child care businesses or expanding existing child care businesses.