

# DODGE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE REPORT 2017

In June 2017 there were 15 family child care homes in Dodge County 2 fewer than in 2016. One does over night or late shift care.

### **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

Whenever possible, as with CDA certificates, data has been confirmed or obtained from certifying authorities. Most other education and training data has been obtained from the providers themselves. Almost all have SIDS/SBS prevention training.

Highest Level of	
EDUCATION	
Some High School	0%
High School Diploma	27%
Some College	53%
1 year certificate	13%
Associate Degree	0%
BA Degree	7%
Grad Study MA or Ph.D.	0%
W College Degrees	7.0%

Family Child Care	
Training March 2017	
No Classes or Child Care Degrees	0%
Minimum Required Courses	53%
More than Minimum Required Courses	27%
1 Year Diploma-Child Related	13%
2 Year Degree-Child Related	0%
4 Year Degree-Child Related	7%
Master's Degree-Child Related	0%
CDA	0%

YOUNGSTAR	
None	14%
One Star	0%
Two Star	53%
Three Star	33%
Four Star	0%
Five Star	0%

# **FAMILY CHILD CARE BENEFITS**

Family child care providers receive benefits predominately through contracts with their customers. The percentage listed is the percent of the providers surveyed in a category reporting that benefit.

**HEALTH CARE**: The number of providers that lack health insurance was 37% suggesting costs have exceeded many providers ability to pay. 46% of the providers with health care receive it via a government program – the largest program being Obamacare which serves 38% of the providers. The highest percentage (54%) still are insured through their spouses.

# BENEFITS BY TYPE OF PROGRAM AND COST

Have Substitute for Sick/Vacation Days	8%		Δ
Maintain Liability Insurance	100%	Has Health Care	
Paid Sick Days	28%	Of those that have health care	
Average Provider Sick Days	6.7	Through spouse	
Paid Vacation Days	54%	Through Medicare/Medicaid	
Average Provider Vacation Days	8.0	Through Obamacare	
Late Pick up Fee	51%	Through a second job	
Average Late pick up fee by hour*	\$41.71	Through the family child care	
Average pick up fee by minute	\$0.70		
Registration Fee	60%	Holding Fees	
Average Registration fee	\$36.00	Security Deposits	
Median Regsitration fee	\$35		

<sup>\*</sup>Averages for late pick up fees are based on hourly totals, but most are charged for either each minute past closing or for every 15 minutes past closing.

#### AVERAGE RATES DODGE COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

The first line in each rate category is the number of homes using that rate. Hourly rates are for <u>part-time</u> regular care. 23% of the providers do not accept Wisconsin Shares. In addition 93% of the providers will not accept the maximum reimbursement rate and require additional co-pays making their programs unaffordable to many families on Shares. 60% offer discounts for siblings, 40% offer no discounts or other financial assistance for parents. Rate changes were mixed this year. A lot of the changes were due to either fewer family child care homes or homes deciding to no longer offer some rate options.

Infants Under 1	Weekly	Daily	Hourly
# Homes Reporting	8	4	5
Range	\$120-\$250	\$34-40	\$3.25-\$3.75
Average	\$157.50	\$37.25	\$3.80
Median	\$165.00	\$37.50	\$3.75
Toddlers (Age 1-2)			
# Homes Reporting	8	4	8
Range	\$120-\$250	\$32-40	\$3.25-\$5
Average	\$155.00	\$35.00	\$3.75
Median	\$165.00	\$34.00	\$3.62
Two Year Olds			
# Homes Reporting	8	4	8
Range	\$110-\$200	\$32-40	\$3.25-\$5
Average	\$155.00	\$35.00	\$3.75
Median	\$160.00	\$34.00	\$3.62
Preschool Ages 3-5			
# Homes Reporting	8	4	8
Range	\$110-\$200	\$28-\$40	\$3.25-\$5
Average	\$145.62	\$33.50	\$3.72
Median	\$145.00	\$33.00	\$3.50
School Age	6	4	10
Range	\$110-\$160	\$24-\$40	\$3.25-\$5
Average	\$129.00	\$30.75	\$3.63
Median	\$122.50	\$29.50	\$3.63

PARENTS PAYING FOR DAYS THEIR CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND: Almost all of the child care providers have contracts that charge parents for time when their children are not in care. How they structure payments for those situations vary depending on whether the child is sick or on vacation. Some programs use an accrual process where days are accrued on a monthly basis. Others just set a flat number of days for the entire period covered by the contract. Virtually everybody who provided any type of sick or vacation day policy for children attending care only do it for children attending full time. There are no pro-rated options for families attending part time or on rotating schedules.

In terms of a sick child 80% just charge the full cost of care. The average number of days allotted without charge by the other providers is 2.6 days. 66% charge parents when the family takes a vacation. The average number of days allotted without charge by the other providers is 6.4 days.

#### **RESOURCES:**

Get Paid for Part of the Cost of Food You Serve: 4-C Food Program 800-292-2428 – <a href="mailto:foodprog@4-C.org">foodprog@4-C.org</a> Find family child care support groups in your area 1-800-750-KIDS - info@4-C.org

Know someone who would like to do child care? <a href="mailto:certification@4-C.org">certification@4-C.org</a> 1-800-750-KIDS