



WALWORTH COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE REPORT 2017

In June 2017 there were 17 family child care homes in Dane County 3 more than in 2016 2 providers speak Spanish. None do over night or late shift care – one does evening 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		Family Child Care Training March 2017		YOUNGSTAR	
Some High School	0%	No Classes or Child Care Degrees	35%	None	59%
High School Diploma	9%	Minimum Required Courses	18%	One Star	0%
Some College	46%	More than Minimum Required Courses	29%	Two Star	23%
1 year certificate	0%	1 Year Diploma-Child Related	0%	Three Star	18%
Associate Degree	36%	2 Year Degree-Child Related	12%	Four Star	0%
BA Degree	9%	4 Year Degree-Child Related	6%	Five Star	0%
MA or Ph.D.	0%	Master's Degree-Child Related	0%		
W College Degrees	9.0%	CDA	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: 64% of the providers indicate they lack health insurance suggesting costs have exceeded many providers ability to pay. Of those with health care half of the providers with health care receive it via a government program and half are insured through their spouses.

BENEFITS BY TYPE OF PROGRAM AND COST

Have Substitute for Sick/Vacation Days	36%		
Maintain Liability Insurance	72%		All FCC
Paid Sick Days	6%	Has Health Care	36%
Average Provider Sick Days	3.00	Of those that have health care	
Paid Vacation Days	18%	Through spouse	50%
Average Provider Vacation Days	8.30	Through Medicare/Medicaid	50%
Late Pick up Fee	47%	Through Obamacare	0%
Average Late pick up fee by hour*	\$52.00	Through a second job	0%
Average pick up fee by minute	\$0.87	Through the family child care	0%
Registration Fee	60%		
Average Registration fee	\$25.00	Holding Fees	5%
Median Regsitration fee	\$30	Security Deposits	12%

**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 WALWORTH COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

The first line in each rate category is the number of homes using that rate. Hourly rates are for part-time regular care. 59% of the providers do not accept Wisconsin Shares. In addition 86% of the providers will not accept the maximum reimbursement rate and require additional co-pays making their programs unaffordable to many families on Shares. 35% offer discounts for siblings, 65% 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	4	5	4
Range	\$150-\$175	\$34-\$40	\$3-\$5
Average	\$168.00	\$36.80	\$4.12
Median	\$165.00	\$35.00	\$4.25
Toddlers (Age 1-2)			
# Homes Reporting	5	5	4
Range	\$150-\$175	\$34-\$40	\$3-\$5
Average	\$167.00	\$36.80	\$4.12
Median	\$175.00	\$35.00	\$4.25
Two Year Olds			
# Homes Reporting	5	5	4
Range	\$150-\$175	\$31-\$40	\$3.50-\$5
Average	\$160.00	\$34.68	\$4.38
Median	\$160.00	\$34.40	\$4.50
Preschool Ages 3-5			
# Homes Reporting	5	5	4
Range	\$130-\$165	\$31-\$40	\$3.25-\$5
Average	\$150.00	\$34.20	\$4.22
Median	\$150.00	\$33.00	\$4.15
School Age			
# Homes Reporting	5	4	4
Range	\$130-\$165	\$29-\$40	\$3.25-\$5
Average	\$148.00	\$33.25	\$4.08
Median	\$150.00	\$32.00	\$4

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 64% just charge the full cost of care. 36% provide some sort of sick day policy – a set number of days where their parent will not be charged if the child is sick and not attending the family child care home-the average being 4.25 days. 45% charge parents when the family takes a vacation. The average number of days allotted without charge by the other providers is 9.75 days.

RESOURCES:

- Get Paid for Part of the Cost of Food You Serve: 4-C Food Program 800-292-2428 – foodprog@4-C.org
- 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? certification@4-C.org 1-800-750-KIDS