



Parent Voices Give Children Choices

Be In The Know! New Jersey Child Care Fact Sheet #1

The High Price of Child Care in New Jersey

Did You Know?

- In 2013, the average annual price of full-time center-based care for an infant 0-12 months in a licensed child care center in New Jersey was \$11,534; parents of a pre-school age child paid an average of \$9,546 annually and parents with a school-age child paid an average of \$3,475 annually.
- In 2013, the average annual price of full-time family child care for an infant 0-12 months in a registered family child care home in New Jersey was \$8,699; parents with a pre-school age child paid an average of \$7,790 annually and parents with a school-age child paid an average of \$3,268 annually.
- Two parent families earning the median household income spend between 10.8% and 19.26% of their income on infant care in a child care center, depending on the county in which they live, with a state average of 13.5%; female head-of-households spend between 20.73% and 65.41% with a state average of 41.8%.
- Two parent families with pre-schoolers ages three to five spend between 8.85% and 15.84% of their income on child care in a child care center, depending on their home county, with a state average of 11.2%; female head-of-households spend between 16.96% and 52.47% with a state average of 34.6%.
- The monthly cost of child care for two children exceeds the monthly housing costs for renters in all counties.
- In nine counties, the average annual price of infant care was higher than the average annual tuition and fees at a four-year New Jersey public college (2013).

What You Can Do To Be In The Know:

- Visit the Child Care Aware of New Jersey website (www.ccanj.org) to learn more about Parent Voices, child care, and how you can get involved;
- Sign up for Parent Voices New Jersey e-alerts at www.ccanj.org/parentvoices.
- Become a friend of CCANJ on Facebook and follow us on Twitter;
- Send regular messages via email, regular mail, or by phone to elected officials regarding your concern over the high cost of child care;
- Visit with your representatives to discuss child care issues and concerns;
- Testify before legislative and budget committees;
- Participate in Town Hall meetings;
- Write letters to the editor on issues related to child care to get more people informed and involved; and
- Encourage other parents to join Parent Voices New Jersey!

Parent Voices, a project of CCANJ, is a parent driven initiative that represents the interests and needs of New Jersey families. Parent Voices empowers parents to advocate for access to high quality and affordable child care that supports learning for healthy growth and development, ensures safety, and promotes future independence for families. Child Care Aware of New Jersey (CCANJ) is New Jersey's network of child care resource and referral agencies. For more information on how you can get involved and become a strong child care advocate contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.