



## A Snapshot of Child Care in Webster

### Facts about child care in Webster

There are currently 21 NYS regulated child care programs in the village of Webster with a combined capacity of 1,243 children (ages 6 weeks to 12 years old).

- There are **10 registered family child care** programs. Combined, they can care for a total of **80 children**.
- There are **9 licensed child care centers**. Combined, they can care for a total of **927 children**.
- There are **10 registered school age programs**. Combined, they can care for a total of **236 children**.

4 of the child care centers in Webster are nationally accredited, and one school-age program is nationally accredited.

### Potential need for child care<sup>1</sup>

Webster has a population of approximately 9,739 children under 6 years old. Of these children, 1,919 have a potential need for child care (19.7%) simply for their parents to work. This number includes children who live with two parents and both parents work, and children who live with one parent who works. Many families will network with friends and families or two parents may work opposite shifts to eliminate or minimize the need for child care, but this is recognized as a potential need for care.

If you remove the capacities of school-age programs, there is a potential capacity for regulated care in Webster to enroll only 1,007 children. This includes school-age care in child care centers and family child care programs. This leaves at least 900 children under the age of six with working parents no possibility of enrolling in regulated care in their home town.

### Demand for Child Care (Child Care Council service utilization)<sup>2</sup>

In the past 12 months, Child Care Council has given referrals to families calling for a total of **147 children** in Webster. 110 of them were under 6 years old.

Child Care Council tracks state-required data from parent and caregiver referral calls, including the location of care needed, the type of care requested, the ages of children care is needed for, scheduling, and any special medical, environmental, and developmental needs. Many parents find care, regulated and unregulated, through others sources, such as local advertising from programs, driving by, word-of-mouth, and the NYS OCFS website. Parents who call for child care referrals receive high-quality consumer education from our referral specialists, including referrals to licensed and registered programs that might meet their needs.

<sup>1</sup> Potential need for care data based on Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data.

<sup>2</sup> Based on Child Care Council's referral database, requests between 4/1/2012 and 3/31/2013.

## The cost of child care

Child care rates vary throughout Monroe County based on many factors, including location, the age of the child, and the type of care. Child Care Council updates rate information for individual programs annually.<sup>3</sup> Below is a break-down for the average costs of care in Webster based on children's ages and types of care.

**Average Full-Time Weekly Rates**

Age of Child	Family Day Care	Child Care Center	School-Age Program
Infant	\$ 175.71	\$ 241.91	
Toddler	\$ 166.88 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 230.45	
Preschooler		\$ 219.70	
School-ager	\$ 132.29	\$ 177.00	\$ 210.00

According to the American Community Survey, the average family size in Webster is 3.1, with an average family income of \$98,413. For families with one child, child care for an infant could cost 9% (for a family provider) to 12.8% (for a center) of their gross income.

## What does this mean?

Parents who work require child care, whether it is provided by a spouse, family member, friend, or regulated program. The more reliable the employee's child care situation is, the more productive the employee can be at work.

Child Care Council offers information and services to parents, caregivers, providers, and community members throughout Monroe, Wayne, and Livingston Counties. Parent services include high-quality consumer education and referrals, including referrals to regulated programs and information about legal child care, the cost of care, subsidies, tax credits, community resources, and quality indicators. Specialists can help parents with creative problem solving for difficult care needs and assist them in developing a child care plan.

Employers and businesses can benefit from the Council by offering employees information on Referral Services or arranging an information session for employees with the Referral team. We also offer enhanced referrals for employees through corporate contracts.

When parents have access to enough high-quality child care, everyone in the community wins.

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<sup>3</sup> Some programs decline to share rate information. Average rates are based on programs that have chosen to share rate information with Child Care Council.

<sup>4</sup> For family child care programs, "Toddler" indicates children 2 and older but not yet enrolled in school.

