



# KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years, their families, and the child care system that serves them

# Delaware

2005 estimated population: 843,524

*U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate*

Total population: 783,600

*U.S. Census 2000*



## An average of 2,177 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

*(FY 2005 ACF-801 data)*

## In Federal Fiscal Year 2006 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$221,774

*(FY 2006 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks, U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)*



## 135 children served by 2 grantees are in Early Head Start

*(2006 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment) (EHSNRC Database—September 2006)*

## 34% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

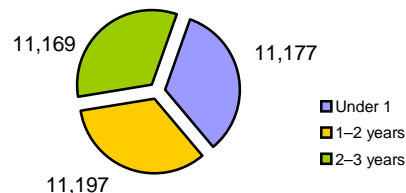
*(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)*



## 985 children under 3 receive early intervention services under IDEA, Part C

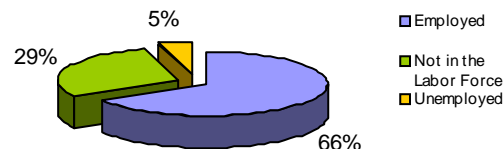
*(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs, Data Analysis System (DANS), 2005)*

## 33,543 Children Under the Age of 3 Live in Delaware



*U.S. Census 2005 Population Estimate*

## 66% of Delaware Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



*Current Population Survey, March 2001*

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential: No

Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA)\*: 9 issued in 2005  
 \*Council on Professional Recognition  
 9 issued in 2002  
 3 issued in 1998

Early Learning Guidelines for 0-3: Delaware Infant and Toddler Early Learning Foundations: A Curriculum Framework

Infant/Toddler Specialist Network: No

**Average annual fee for full-time child care for an infant in center based care..... \$6,515**

**Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for two-parent families ..... 9%**

**Cost of child care for an infant as percent of median income for single parent families..... 28%**

*Child Care in America: 2006 State Fact Book, NACCRRA*

### In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:4 for 0 to 12 months; 1:7 for 12 to 24 months; 1:10 for 2 to 3 years; 1:12 for 3 to 4 years  
*(State Licensing Regulations)*

### In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios\* are

1:5 (with no more than 4 children under 2, and of these, no more than 3 children under 12 months. No school-aged children are allowed) OR 1:4 (with no more than 3 children under 12 months and 2 school-aged children allowed before and after school)  
*(State Licensing Regulations)*

### In Group Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios\* are

1:12 (with no more than 5 children under 2. School-age care and overlapping care is not allowed)

\*These ratios apply to Type II Homes, which have the option of being designated as Infant/Toddler Homes. Providers in Type II homes are more qualified based on educational, credential and/or experience requirements set forth in the regulations.  
*(State Licensing Regulations)*

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