

# Early Childhood Resource Center

The mission of Early Childhood Resource Center is to promote the healthy development of young children by strengthening families, improving the quality of early learning experiences, increasing school and community readiness, and informing public policy.

#### **CHILD CARE SERVICES PROVIDED**

- · Workforce recruitment, retention, and onboarding
- · Staff coaching, training, and quality improvement
- · Administrative business support and leadership development
- · Credentialing and business start-up services
- Family engagement support

#### **OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED**

- · Child care referrals
- Fatherhood services
- · Parent education and ambassador services
- SPARK Kindergarten Readiness Program
- · Foster, adoptive, and kinship resources



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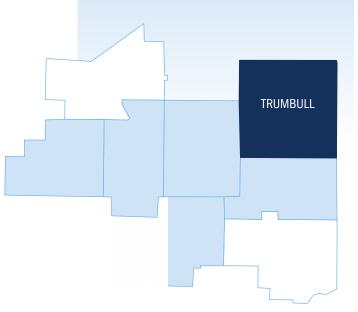
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**OUR SERVICE AREA** 

Early Childhood Resource Center is the state-appointed Child Care Resource and Referral agency serving Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull counties.



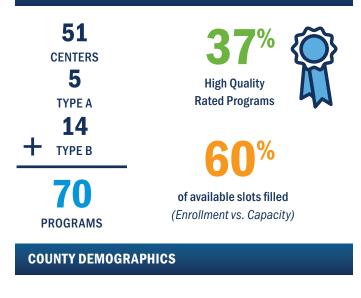
## Trumbull County AT-A-GLANCE

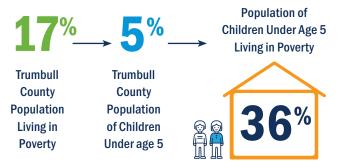


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(State of Ohio)

#### LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS





#### **OHIO KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT (KRA)**



### 64% NOT DEMONSTRATING READINESS

(Percentage of students not on track) The KRA is a tool used by the state to gauge each child's preparedness for kindergarten instruction

based on Ohio's kindergarten standards, focusing on foundational skills and behaviors. At the beginning of each school year, children entering public and community school kindergarten programs, and those chartered non-public schools that have opted to participate, are given the assessment, which measures a child's knowledge and abilities in four areas of early learning: **1. Social foundations** (including social and emotional development and approaches toward learning); **2. Mathematics; 3. Language and literacy; 4. Physical well-being and motor development** 

#### **CHILD CARE WORKFORCE**

#### **Reported Challenges**

- **Staffing:** low qualifications, wages, lack of benefits, and turnover
- Decreasing enrollment: high cost of care, non-traditional hours needed

**2**%



Average Turnover Total Trumbull County Child Care Workforce

#### **COST OF CHILD CARE**



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MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME

**The Breakdown:** A family with two children, making the median income in Trumbull County would spend **64% of their income on child care.** 

64%

#### WHY INVESTMENTS MATTER

- 90% of brain development takes place by age 5
- Investments in high quality care have a 13% return on investment



• Parents rely on high quality, affordable child care to participate in the workforce

Investing in high quality early care and education boosts economic growth, increases workforce participation, enhances earnings, improves business productivity, and leads to better child outcomes.

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