



The average cost of infant care is higher than the cost of tuition at any of NJ's four-year public colleges

The average cost of care for a 4-year old is higher than the cost of tuition at all but one of NJ's ten state public colleges.



OUR MISSION

Parent Voices New Jersey 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.



Over 11 million children under the age of 5 years-old spend on average about 36 hours a week in the care of someone other than their mother.

HAVE YOU EVER...

- ? Had to choose between buying groceries and sending your child to child care?
- ? Had safety concerns about leaving your child in child care?
- ? Felt you had to choose child care based on the cost and not safety and reliability?

These are a just a few of the concerns many parents have. Help your child have a safe and healthy experience in child care. Join us as an advocate addressing these issues.

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ABOUT US

Parent Voices New Jersey is a project of NJACCRRRA. It is a parent-driven initiative that represents the interests and needs of New Jersey families. Parent Voices is based on the philosophy that child care allows families to earn, and children to learn.

Through an online community of support and sharing, parents join together to advocate for access to high-quality, affordable child care. Members represent their local interests and keep each other updated through electronic communication that includes email, website postings, and Facebook updates.

NJACCRRRA promotes a universally accessible, affordable & high quality system of early care & education that is responsive to parental choice. We believe that all children deserve access to high quality, affordable child care.

We recognize that families need support in understanding and accessing the child care options in their community and we represent those agencies that help them do so.

The Department of Health and Human Services recommends that parents not spend more than 10% of their family income on child care.

Yet NJ families earning the median household income spend between 13% and 19% of their income on infant care.

*NJACCRRRA. (2009). *The High Price of Child Care.*

OUR GOALS

- To recognize current concerns parents face accessing child care.
- To collaborate with local legislators and advocate for policy changes within child care subsidy programs.
- To maintain safe and healthy growth and development for children.
- To increase future independence for families.

PARENTS SPEAK OUT



"I just found out that my provider, who is caring for my child, has not been fingerprinted or has had a background check."

"Although I receive subsidy, and make a co-payment, the amount of additional money I would have to pay for the higher quality center makes it unaffordable."

"Now that I receive subsidy for all three of my children, I am finally able to attend school full-time and will soon be able to afford child care on my own!"

