



Association for Child Development





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"Educating parents and caregivers about nutrition to promote the development of children and establish healthy eating habits to last a lifetime."

Who We Are

ABOUT ACD

The Association for Child Development (ACD) is a 501c(3) tax exempt organization that provides partial reimbursement to child care providers and centers for serving healthy meals to the children in their care. **83%** of the children receiving meals are low income. For many children, the only substantial and healthy meals they receive during the day are given in a child care setting.

ACD is a proud sponsor of child care homes and centers under the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). ACD administers one of the oldest and largest CACFP sponsorships in the nation, disbursing more than **\$24 million** to more than 3,400 child care homes and 170 centers in the states of Michigan and Illinois. ACD ensures state and federal CACFP compliance through regular monitoring visits, nutrition education, and the processing of partial reimbursement for sponsored child care homes and centers.

NEARLY 1 IN 4 CHILDREN STRUGGLE WITH HUNGER

– the equivalent of 13 million children in America according to a 2017 No Kid Hungry research study –



ACD'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Association for Child Development is a non-profit organization that educates parents and caregivers about nutrition to promote the development of children and establish healthy eating habits to last a lifetime.

GET INVOLVED

During the past year, ACD has been able to positively impact the lives of nearly **40,000 children** in Michigan and Illinois.

In order for ACD to fulfill its mission and reach more children and families, it needs to combine its creativity, expertise, and strong partnerships with a diversified set of funding streams.



ACD's History



1970s

The Michigan Young World Association operates first child care centers in Michigan to provide infant swimming classes, gymnastics, and leisure activities.

1976

The Michigan Young World Association changes its name to **Association for Child Development**. ACD becomes a statewide sponsor of the Child and Adult Care food Program (CACFP).

1979

ACD becomes a state-wide CACFP sponsor in the state of Illinois.

1981

ACD closes the last of its 11 original child care centers.

2011

The organization becomes one of the largest CACFP sponsors in the United States.

2020

Today, ACD continues to serve Child Care Providers in Michigan and Illinois by monitoring more than **3,400 child care homes** and more than **170 child care centers**. Because of ACD, **approximately 40,000 children** receive nutritious meals and snacks each day!

Our Providers (IL)

Provider Locations

17,483

Number of children served nutritious meals and snacks in the state of Illinois through ACD

1,513

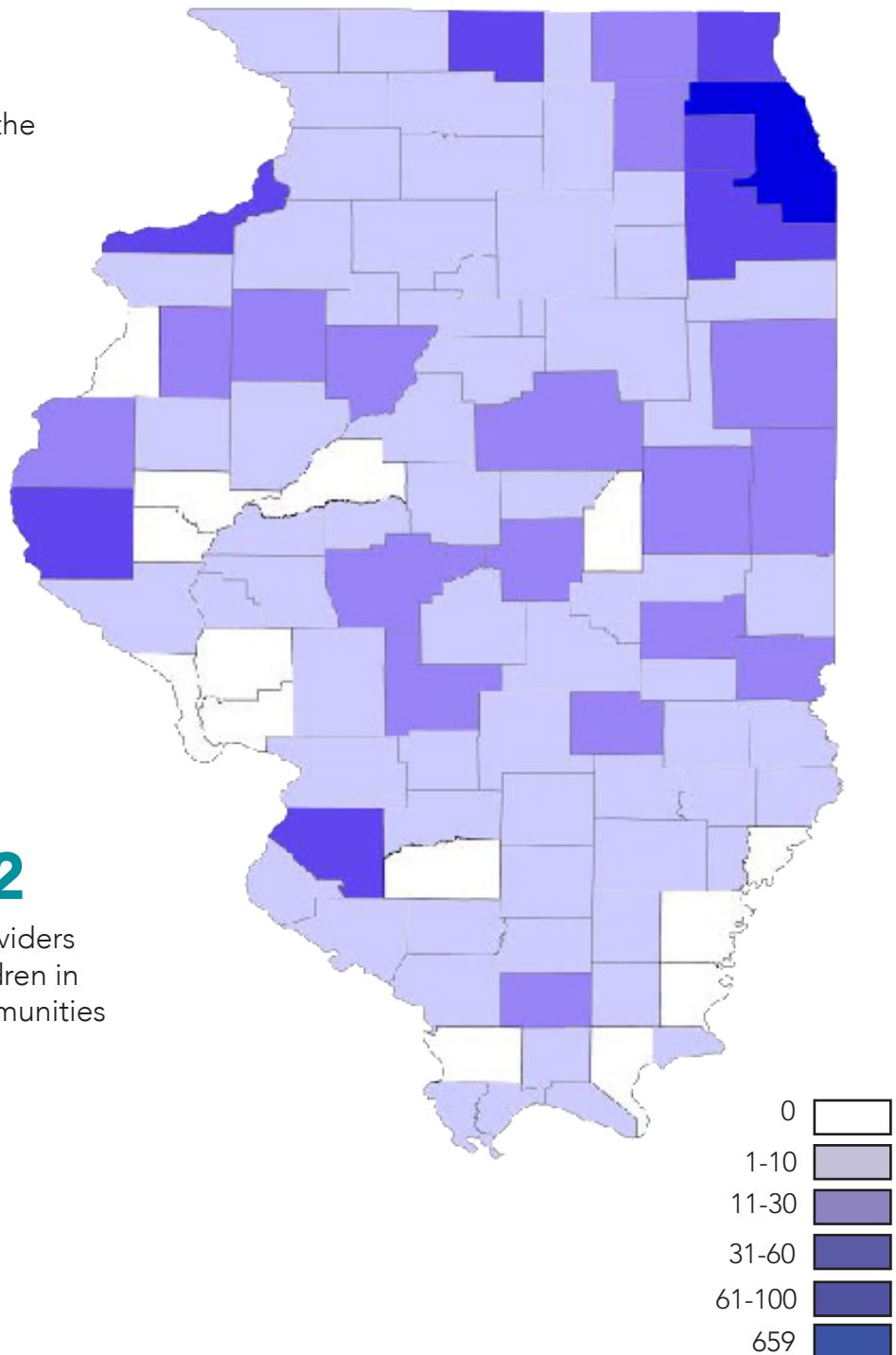
Number of Child Care Providers in Illinois

82

Number of Child Care Centers in Illinois

1,172

Child Care Providers who serve children in low-income communities



Our Providers (MI)

21,771

Number of children served nutritious meals and snacks in the state of Michigan through ACD

1,698

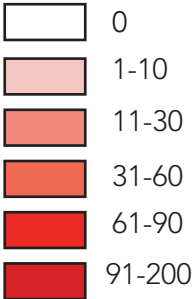
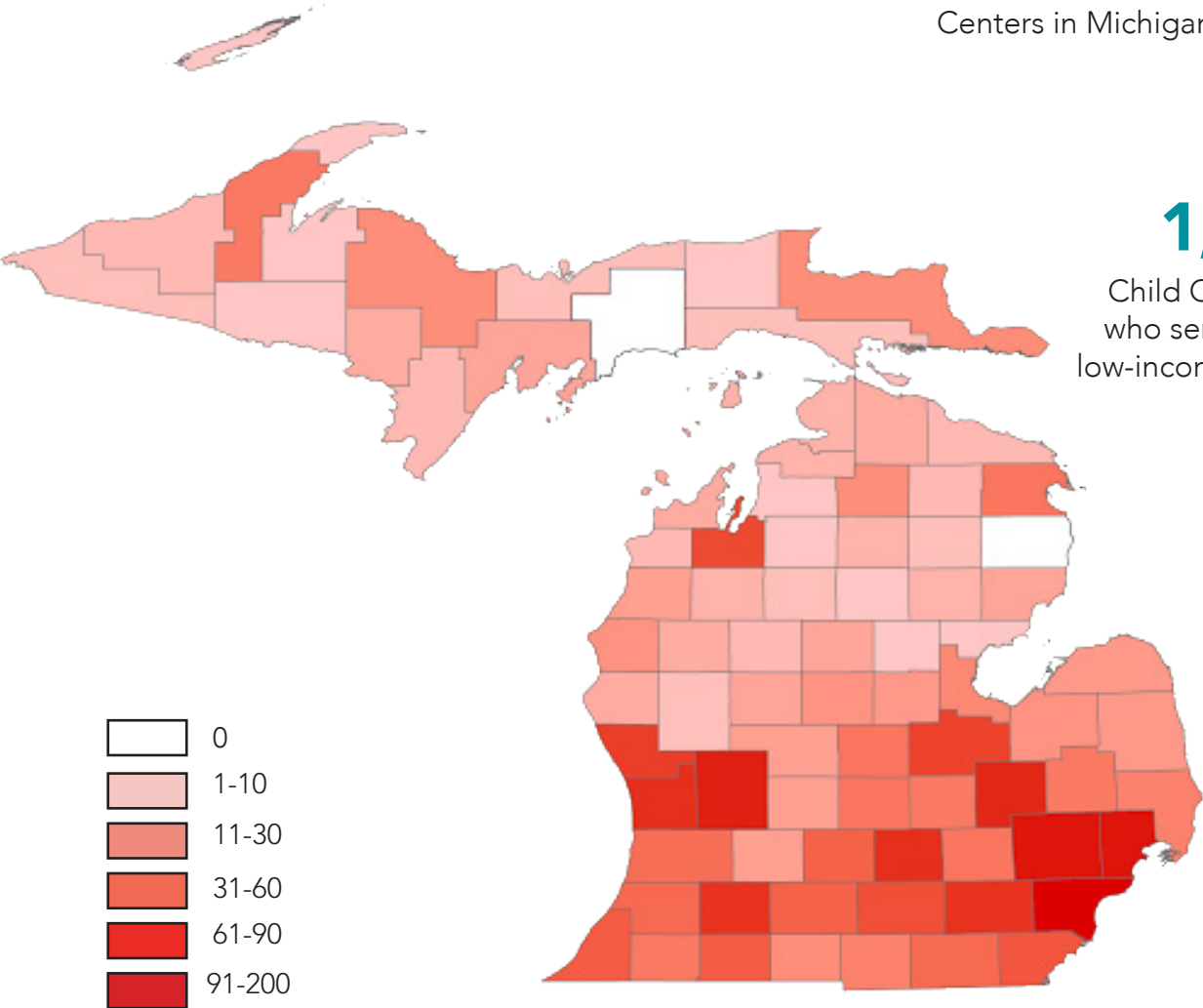
Number of Child Care Providers in Michigan

72

Number of Child Care Centers in Michigan

1,497

Child Care Providers who serve children in low-income communities



Provider Locations

Why ACD?

TRUSTED EXPERIENCE

ACD has been in business for more than **40 years** and has extensive experience with the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

QUALITY SUPPORT

Our customer service experts are always ready to assist with any problems, and go above and beyond to meet provider needs!

EXPERT ADVICE

We are the only CACFP sponsor in Michigan to employ a full-time Registered Dietitian to provide training opportunities, nutritional information and menu planning ideas.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ACD provides members with a number of professional development opportunities, including workshops, webinars and statewide conferences.

EXCELLENT RESOURCES

Providers receive a Desktop Calendar & Record Keeper each year, as well as a monthly magazine free of charge.

AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

All publications, resources, and website materials are translated to Spanish by ACD's in-house translator.



"For many children, the only healthy meal they receive is the one they get at child care. ACD is committed to our role to help provide a healthier tomorrow for children in child care."

– Denise Meyer
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