

HOW COVID-19 IMPACTED CHILD CARE IN COLORADO

Clayton Early Learning conducted a survey of child care programs in Colorado to learn the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their ability to deliver essential services in their communities. The voices we heard add value to many initiatives in the child care sector's long-term success, and the resulting data are being used to inform policy solutions directed at systemic improvement throughout the state. Results came from 172 provider responses in 29 counties across Colorado.

RESPONSES CAME FROM 29 COUNTIES ACROSS COLORADO

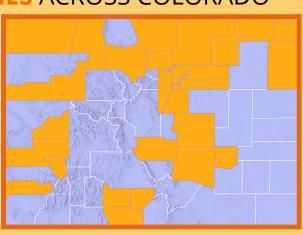
OPERATIONAL STATUS DURING COVID-19

AS OF MAY 26, 2020

CLOSED AT TIME OF SURVEY 22.3%

REMAINED OPEN 58.3%

PREVIOUSLY CLOSED, REOPENED 19.4%





The average amount of funding or increased funding needed for programs to remain operational is \$12,545 per month

Sources of financial support



95% of providers indicated that federal stimulus funds should be used to help providers through grants to reopen, provision of bonus pay, and funding for health and safety measures.



Where did providers find support?

Local Early Childhood Councils Office of Early Childhood Licensing Specialists

Child Care Health Consultants

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants Colorado Shines

Federal guidance and Small Business Administration

Lack of Food

"Food costs are skyrocketing in 13% our area."

Providers' Challenges

Rent/Mortgage

"Our rent is extremely high and due no matter my issues." 21%

Inability to Pay Bills

"...that left me with not paying bills or no

food for the week.'

31%

Private Pay Held Slots

'We provided tuition relief when requested, but the rest of the families have been paying tuition in full."

38%

Mental Health Concerns

"I am mentally worn-out because of the financial and health risks...'

39%

Money Driven Decisions

"l cannot afford to stay open without additional

financial resources or without increased volume of kids."

41%

No Access to PPE

"We had to close.

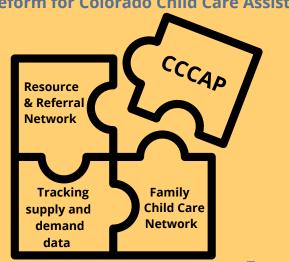
To re-open we need PPE supplies, disinfectant, non-contact thermometers..."

56%

WHAT'S NEXT...

Long-term policy change will help sustain the child care sector.

Reform for Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) is supported by 62% of providers.





CCCAP based on enrollment.



Increase CCCAP rates.



Contract for CCCAP slots.

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