

State Data Child Care Providers are Sacrificing to Stay Open and Waiting for Relief

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The coronavirus pandemic continues to devastate child care programs, affecting children, families, and economies across the country. To understand the depth of the ongoing crisis and the extreme measures child care providers have taken to stay open as long as they can, NAEYC surveyed thousands of programs across states and settings between November 13 and 29, 2020. For access to the national analysis, and prior survey data and analyses from March, May, and July 2020, visit [NAEYC.org/pandemic-surveys](https://naeyc.org/pandemic-surveys).

Individuals who worked in child care programs that have closed are difficult to reach, which means that **93%** of respondents to this survey work in programs that, to date, have managed—often at great personal and professional cost—to remain open for the children and families they serve.

But open does not mean okay. On a national level:

- › **56%** of child care centers are losing money each day they remain open.
- › **44%** are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › **One-in-four** centers and **one-in-three** child care homes say that if enrollment stays where it is and no additional support comes forward, they will have to close in the next three months. That rises to **51%** of minority-owned businesses who won't survive more than three months at the current status quo.
- › Nearly half of respondents know of multiple centers or child care homes in their community that have closed permanently. This includes **42%** for those who are minority-owned businesses and rises to **56%** for those who describe their community as suburban.

Survey respondents are resorting to desperate measures to stay open:

- › **42%** of respondents reported taking on debt for their programs by putting supplies or other items on their own personal credit cards.

- › **39%** reported trying to meet families' needs by dipping into their own personal savings accounts.
- › **60%** work in programs that have tried to reduce their expenses by engaging in layoffs, furloughs, and/or pay cuts.

They are doing this as they experience significant increases in operating costs:

- › **91%** of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies.
- › **73%** are paying additional costs for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- › **60%** are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, in an environment in which **69%** say recruiting and retaining qualified staff is more difficult now than it was before the pandemic.

State data from 29 states from responses to the November survey are shared on the following pages alongside quotes from child care providers collected through the survey. Despite the variations in the number of responses, the data across states and at the national level are remarkably similar in terms of the story they tell, particularly around the measures programs are taking to stay open in the face of higher costs, lower enrollment, and insufficient public support. The data also echo state surveys and data reports. However, because this survey, like the ones before, was entirely voluntary, and because programs that are permanently

closed are both harder to reach and increasing in number, we recommend seeking official sources from the states that are tracking program closures on an ongoing basis. Finally, we note that states with smaller numbers of responses are not included in this report. For a complete description of the methodology for this survey, please see the second footnote of the national brief.

Arizona

- › 102 responses; 78% from child care centers and 22% from family child care homes.
- › 54% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 45% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 55% of family child care homes.
- › 93% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 69% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 59% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 70% of child care centers.
- › 43% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, one in three say they will have to close within three months if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 43% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

California

- › 158 responses; 68% from child care centers and 32% from family child care homes.
- › 65% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 46% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 66% of family child care homes.
- › 89% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 75% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 59% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 66% of child care centers.
- › 46% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 37% say they will have to close within three months, including 45% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 49% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“Our program is closing next week. We are very sad and worried about our families who have expressed concern about paying for child care elsewhere, and even about finding other care.” — Joann Gansen, Dubuque, Alabama

“Additional grant funding during the pandemic has allowed me to keep my doors open. These grants are ending in December. Without additional funds I will be forced to lay off my employees, and reduce the number of children I can care for. After that it would just be a matter of time before I couldn't afford to stay open. I've been doing [this] for 39 years and this is the first time I've been nervous about the future.” — Jessie Kiffer, Ketchikan, Alaska

“Relief from Congress would mean we would be able to provide safer care. We would not have a fear of having to close our doors and lose our homes. I have lost so many families due to this pandemic, I have had to max out credit cards just to pay rent and my assistant. Child care is an essential business and we also need to be recognized.” —Amanda Mallison, Murrieta, California

Colorado

- › 66 responses; 38% from child care centers and 62% from family child care homes.
- › 49% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 62% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 73% of family child care homes.
- › 87% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 67% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 39% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 78% of child care centers.
- › 44% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open
- › Of those who do know, 25% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 62% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Connecticut

- › 329 responses; 63% from child care centers and 37% from family child care homes.
- › 54% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 47% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 67% of family child care homes.
- › 96% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 81% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 54% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 70% of child care centers.
- › 44% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 19% say they will have to close within three months, including 28% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 50% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Florida

- › 585 responses; 83% from child care centers and 17% from family child care homes.
- › 58% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 56% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 72% of family child care homes.
- › 91% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 66% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 69% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 77% of child care centers.
- › 40% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open
- › Of those who do know, 35% say they will have to close within three months, including 46% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 49% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“I have families that are in need of child care every day, where would my children go? This is where they are safe. This is where they get their meals and education. My families are all struggling. Some are working two jobs. They need child care. My teachers, where would they be without a job? They depend on my business to stay open. This is my livelihood and my center staying open would mean everything.” — Vanessa Mangroo, Tampa, Florida

Georgia

- › 267 responses; 68% from child care centers and 32% from family child care homes
- › 57% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 55% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 74% of family child care homes.
- › 90% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 73% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 62% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 76% of child care centers.
- › 44% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 32% say they will have to close within three months, including 40% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 38% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Illinois

- › 742 responses; 48% from child care centers and 52% from family child care homes
- › 62% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 61% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 77% of family child care homes
- › 93% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 85% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 62% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 82% of child care centers
- › 44% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 39% say they will have to close within three months, including 48% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 48% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Iowa

- › 106 responses; 50% from child care centers and 50% from family child care homes.
- › 43% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 47% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 66% of family child care homes.
- › 95% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 63% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 34% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 62% of child care centers.
- › 52% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 29% say they will have to close within three months, including 38% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 37% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“We serve a rural community. Once the funding runs out we will be faced with making difficult decisions regarding a business that I have invested all of my energy into for 11 years. But without child care centers like mine, there will be children who will have no safe place to go if their parents are working. If we can not offer the needed child care, poverty levels will increase because parents can't work. If we have to close, children will not receive the early education needed to succeed in public school.” — Denise Alexander, Mount Vernon, Kentucky

Kansas

- › 50 responses; 30% from child care centers and 70% from family child care homes.
- › 31% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 62% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 71% of family child care homes.
- › 91% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 62% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 44% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 73% of child care centers.
- › 43% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 19% say they will have to close within three months, including 23% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 54% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Maine

- › 78 responses; 53% from child care centers and 47% from family child care homes.
- › 54% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 47% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 51% of family child care homes.
- › 97% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 73% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 62% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 85% of child care centers.
- › 44% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 16% say they will have to close within three months, including 22% of child care centers, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 62% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“My program had 14 children and then ended up with 3. It was very hard to stay open, but I had no other income. We have thought about closing doors and finding a job with steady income.” — Julie Jones, Wiscasset, Maine

Maryland

- › 213 responses; 51% from child care centers and 49% from family child care homes.
- › 64% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 68% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 73% of family child care homes.
- › 91% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 73% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 53% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 76% of child care centers.
- › 36% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 32% say they will have to close within three months, including 36% of child care centers, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 56% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Massachusetts

- › 92 responses; 71% from child care centers and 29% from family child care homes.
- › 66% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 53% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 82% of family child care homes.
- › 95% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 90% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 51% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 58% of child care centers.
- › 49% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 18% say they will have to close within three months, including 28% of child care centers, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 70% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Michigan

- › 286 responses; 53% from child care centers and 47% from family child care homes.
- › 49% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 52% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 65% of family child care homes.
- › 92% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 78% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 55% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 76% of child care centers.
- › 40% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 26% say they will have to close within three months, including 29% of child care centers, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 49% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Minnesota

- › 97 responses; 46% from child care centers and 54% from family child care homes.
- › 48% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 54% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 69% of family child care homes.
- › 88% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 59% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 51% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 82% of child care centers.
- › 45% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 18% say they will have to close within three months, including 23% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 63% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“Our small rural area has very few licensed facilities to offer families in the area. If these few don't survive the pandemic, I'm afraid our small communities will have to rely on unlicensed, or unmonitored child care, which can be risky. I went from having a very long waiting list to enter our program, to not having any new enrollments for many months now.” — Teri Fosdick, Bethany, Missouri

Montana

- › 48 responses; 35% from child care centers and 65% from family child care homes.
- › 40% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 56% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 68% of family child care homes.
- › 93% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 74% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 64% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 75% of child care centers.
- › 36% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 20% say they will have to close within three months, including 30% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 63% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

New Hampshire

- › 54 responses; 91% from child care centers and 9% from family child care homes.
- › 66% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 74% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 80% of child care centers.
- › 85% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 57% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 79% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 83% of child care centers.
- › 43% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › 61% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

New Jersey

- › 54 responses; 91% from child care centers and 9% from family child care homes.
- › 82% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 42% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts.
- › 92% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 75% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 79% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 85% of child care centers.
- › 50% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 27% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 59% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“Child care is essential infrastructure; it’s just like a bridge. And no one notices a bridge unless it washes out and you can’t get across a river. If we don’t open, hundreds of parents can’t go to work and dozens of employers are affected. We are essential and we need support to keep going.” — Marianne Barter, Concord, New Hampshire

New York

- › 233 responses; 56% from child care centers and 44% from family child care homes.
- › 62% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 60% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 82% of family child care homes.
- › 92% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 80% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 64% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 74% of child care centers.
- › 41% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 29% say they will have to close within three months, including 40% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 53% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

North Carolina

- › 228 responses; 81% from child care centers and 19% from family child care homes.
- › 33% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 34% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 67% of family child care homes
- › 84% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 66% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 50% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 55% of child care centers
- › 67% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 21% say they will have to close within three months, including 38% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 35% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Ohio

- › 271 responses; 75% from child care centers and 25% from family child care homes.
- › 67% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 47% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 61% of family child care homes.
- › 90% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 66% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 63% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 76% of child care centers.
- › 48% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, one-third say they will have to close within three months, including 51% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support..
- › 45% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“If we had had more funding, there is the possibility we would have been able to remain open and continue to serve children and families, including students with children who were working to gain a college degree.”
— MaryBeth Kula, Victor, New York

“If elected officials have learned anything during the pandemic, they should have learned that without reliable, safe, high quality child care, Americans cannot work. Our industry is the foundation upon which working America is built. It is time to realize a crumbling foundation leads to an unstable economy.” — Crystal Gwyn, Portland, Oregon

Oklahoma

- › 114 responses; 27% from child care centers and 73% from family child care homes.
- › 46% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 60% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 67% of family child care homes.
- › 98% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 63% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 41% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 81% of child care centers
- › 56% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 24.5% say they will have to close within three months, including 39% of child care centers, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 46% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Pennsylvania

- › 471 responses; 73% from child care centers and 27% from family child care homes.
- › 69% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
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- › 41% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 31% say they will have to close within three months, including 34% of family child care homes, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 48% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

South Carolina

- › 69 responses; 90% from child care centers and 10% from family child care homes.
- › 47% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 52% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts.
- › 85% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 72% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 57% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 62% of child care centers
- › 53% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 25% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 35% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“I am currently three weeks away from wondering how I will meet payroll. The situation is critical.”
— Michelle Perry, West Columbia, South Carolina

Texas

- › 204 responses; 91% from child care centers and 9% from family child care homes.
- › 59% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
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- › 51% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Utah

- › 69 responses; 30% from child care centers and 70% from family child care homes
- › 32% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 62% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 71% of family child care homes.
- › 90% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 68% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 46% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 76% of child care centers.
- › 39% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open. Of those who do know, 34% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › One in five respondents said they know of multiple multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Vermont

- › 95 responses; 54% from child care centers and 46% from family child care homes
- › 42% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 53% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 77% of family child care homes.
- › 93% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 80% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 52% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 80% of child care centers.
- › 28% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 19% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 63% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“Child care relief would mean that I can not cry myself to sleep or stress trying to stay one step ahead of the needs of the families, staff and city I serve. It would mean I could get back to providing quality care instead of “this is what you get” care. These children, families, teachers and myself deserve more. So much more than I can put into words. It would mean the world to get more help.” — Shawn Wagner, Sweeny, Texas

“I’m struggling to keep my facility open every day and going without the supplies that are necessary to operate under safe conditions because we cannot buy them with money we do not have. This is why we have so many facilities closing and continuing to close each and every day. There has got to be immediate change or the child care system in America is going to get to a place where I do not believe it will ever in my lifetime recover.” — Allison Cannon, Millcreek, Utah

“I love what I do, but currently closing would be more economical than staying open, after almost 30 years of child care. There are so many families that depend on me. I don’t want to let them down.” — Darcie Kuzik, Burkeville, Virginia

Virginia

- › 95 responses; 73% from child care centers and 27% from family child care homes
- › 57% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 50% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 58% of family child care homes
- › 92% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 83% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 60% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 75% of child care centers
- › 53% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 18% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 45% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Wisconsin

- › 439 responses; 58% from child care centers and 42% from family child care homes
- › 31% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 35% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 52% of family child care homes.
- › 88% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 60% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 56% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 73% of child care centers.
- › 51% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 17% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 35% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

Wyoming

- › 62 responses; 61% from child care centers and 39% from family child care homes
- › 48% of respondents from child care center and family child care homes said they are currently losing money by remaining open, even as they are desperately trying to stay open for the children and families they serve.
- › 54% of respondents reported putting supplies or other items on their personal credit card or dipping into their personal savings accounts, including 74% of family child care homes.
- › 88% of respondents are paying additional costs for cleaning supplies; 63% are paying additional costs for PPE, and 66% are paying additional costs for staff/personnel, including 83% of child care centers.
- › 24% are confronting so much uncertainty that they are unable to say how much longer they will be able to stay open.
- › Of those who do know, 11% say they will have to close within three months, if enrollment stays where it is and they don't receive additional public support.
- › 53% of respondents said they know of multiple child care centers and/or family child care homes in their community that have closed permanently.

“Families are desperate for child care so that they can work, but they are financially stretched. Children are deeply in need of the enrichment, support and engagement of child care. Teachers are sacrificing deeply, and deserve compensation, job security, and a program operating in a way that allows them to do their job. The way we operate now is not sustainable.”
— Sandra Redmore, Arlington, Virginia

“If we could receive federal funding for income loss, that would help. Increased child care subsidies to reflect the current rates we charge would help as well. Bottom line is we need help. If they want child care centers to be here after the pandemic, then they need to help us now.” — Jamie Gaeger, Charleston, West Virginia

“Additional funding would help to ensure our program is able to continue to operate. We were founded in 1965 and have had thousands of students go through our school. We want to be here for thousands of more students in the future.” — Elizabeth Truman, Seattle, Washington