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Survey Snapshot: Federal Stabilization Funds Helped Child Care Centers Stay Open



In March 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act) into law which included nearly \$24 billion of child care stabilization grants. The grants were aimed to provide financial relief to child care providers by helping with unexpected business costs due to the pandemic and providing financial stability to these businesses in order to continue to provide care.

To better understand the impact of the funding and the consequences of the federal stabilization aid ending, ACNJ conducted a survey of more than 100 New Jersey center-based providers.

Center-Based Provider Survey Results

28%

of respondents expressed that their center would have closed without these funds

of providers participating in the survey applied for the federal stabilization grants

75%

of respondents reported that they will need to increase tuition after the funds are used

Jse of funds

89%

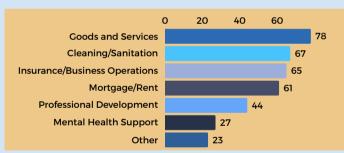
n= 104

of respondents reported using stabilization payments for personnel costs and increasing staff wages

Uses of stabilization funds:

n= 99

(aside from personnel costs and staff wages)



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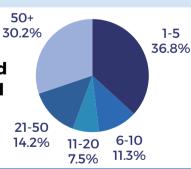
54%

n= 106

of surveyed providers reported being understaffed, with most needing 1-5 additional staff members

Number of enrolled children funded by NJDHS child care subsidy program:

n= 106



of respondents reported having children on a waiting list

In total, the survey included 141 respondents. Survey participants were not required to answer each question, leading some respondents to skip certain questions.

The survey focused solely on center-based child care. For information on family-based care please visit (https://acnj.org/federal-covid-child-carefunding-and-the-family-child-care-experience/)

Respondents included providers in the

following counties:

- Bergen
- Camden
- Cumberland
- Essex
- Hudson
- Mercer

- Middlesex
- Monmouth
- Morris
- Ocean
- **Passaic**
- Somerset
- Warren