CHILD CARE IN CT
COVID-19 CHALLENGES

OEC
Open & Closed Child Care Programs by License Type (5/26/20)

- **Group Home**
  - Open: 12
  - Closed: 9

- **License Exempt**
  - Open: 1
  - Closed: 648

- **Child Care Center**
  - Open: 396
  - Closed: 913

- **Family Day Care**
  - Open: 1171
  - Closed: 326

Legend:
- Orange: Open
- Blue: Closed
FRONTLINE WORKERS
CALLS TO 211 CHILD CARE

Distribution of Dedicated Line 211 Calls N=342
(3/16/20 - 5/4/20)

- Hospital staff: 51%
- Other calls: 29%
- Nursing home staff: 7%
- Doctor's Office: 6%
- Correction Officer: 2%
- First Responder: 1%
- Home Health Aid: 4%
CT’S USE OF CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING & STATE/PHILANTHROPY SUPPORT
CTCARES for Hospital Workers: Emergency child care for hospital employees. $3.5 million. Philanthropy funded and state funds

CTCARES for Child Care: Funds for child care programs caring for essential workers’ children. Supports for smaller classrooms size requirements, enhanced staff wages. $5 million. Federal and state funds

CTCARES for Frontline Workers: Helps frontline workers find/pay for child care. $10 million. Federal and state funds

CTCARES for Family Child Care: Helps licensed family child care providers during the emergency. Connects providers with a Family Child Care Network for funding, quality improvement and other resources. $850,000. Philanthropy and state funds

CTCARES for Child Care Businesses: Coming week of 5/26 - grants to private programs to sustain/restart. $8 million. Federal funds
OEC & OPM COVID-19 RESPONSE TO STABILIZE CT FUNDED PROGRAMS
Programs funded through state funds regardless of enrollment status of the child:

- CT supported its School Readiness, Child Development Centers, Smart Start, Head Start and Even Start - fully funding programs through June 30, 2020.

- CT funded all programs that were accepting Care 4 Kids with the payment amount from March - through June 30, 2020.

- Total funding of state funded and C4K funding to programs = $78 million.
$105 million of state and federal funds kept programs viable through the pandemic.

> 90% of newly allocated Federal funds will run out by June 30, 2020.

OEC working on approaches to maintain supply of state funded programs using state funds, and meet family child care needs in 2020. These will predominantly support only 25% of programs, and these programs will still face significant challenges.
Over the past 15 years, the number of child care providers in the U.S. has dropped by 30%, according to the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Home-based providers have been hit particularly hard, with about half closing up shop.  CNBC, 2/11/20
OEC Provider Survey, April/May 2020

How detrimental has COVID-19 been to your program? (n=1432)
Finding and Purchasing Personal Protective Equipment or Cleaning Supplies (n=1432)

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Child Care providers will face severe budget challenges with smaller group sizes, cost of cleaning and safety supplies, and parent hesitancy to return to child care.

The vast majority of providers cannot last 2 months without additional supports.
A recent survey of child care centers and homes, conducted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), found that:

- 11 percent of providers could survive a closure of an indeterminate length of time without government support.
- 27 percent could survive a closure of a month.
- Center for American Progress concluded that CT could lose more than 45,000 licensed child care spaces, in a state already short 50,000 infant and toddler spaces for families who need to work.

Ready Nation Report

- Productivity challenges affect employer & employee.
- 86% of primary caregivers said problems with child care hurt their efforts or time commitment at work.
- 20% have been reprimanded, 8% have been fired, and 10% have been demoted, transferred or fired.
- Employers lose $12.7 bil. annually in productivity due to child care challenges in their workforce.
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