

## Holding On Until Help Comes

A Survey Reveals Child Care's Fight to Survive

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Among the key findings:

**2/5** Approximately two out of five respondents—and half of those who are minority-owned businesses—are certain that they will close permanently without additional public assistance.

**18%** Nationally, **18%** of child care centers and **9%** of family child care homes remain closed.

**86%** Of those who are open, **86%** of respondents are serving fewer children now than they were prior to the pandemic. On average, enrollment is down by **67%**.

**70%** At the same time, upwards of **70%** of child care centers are incurring substantial, additional costs for staff (**72%**), cleaning supplies (**92%**), and personal protective equipment (**81%**).

**1/4** One in four early childhood educators reported that they have applied for or received unemployment benefits, while a full **73%** of programs indicated that they have or will engage in layoffs, furloughs, and/or pay cuts. For minority-owned businesses, the situation is worse; only **12%** have not resorted to these measures in order to survive.

## Key Facts in Connecticut

**47%** of programs are open (as of July 2020)

- 604 Center based
- 1023 Family Childcare homes
- 14 Group homes

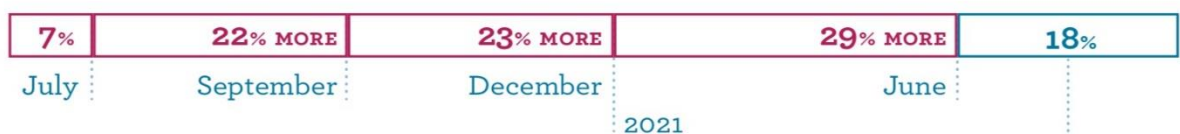
The 47 % programs open, are currently serving 41% of their normal capacity

**18** programs have closed permanently

According to the NAEYC survey this is what the next year could look like:

### Program Closures

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Only 18% of child care programs expect that they will survive longer than a year.