



KENTUCKY CHILDCARE IMPACT



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Impact of YMCA Childcare Statewide



Early Child Development

Full-day centers serving children ages six weeks to five years

1,100 CHILDREN
(600 on wait lists)



Out of School Time (OST)

Includes before and after school programs

3,500
CHILDREN
(500 on wait lists)



Continuing hurdles

- Licensing challenges
- Recruiting and retaining staff
- Increased operational costs (supplies, food, transportation)
- Meeting education and social/emotional needs of children post-pandemic

Licensing Issues

Recommendation: Review licensing requirements to differentiate between early childhood centers and out of school programs.

(Additional recommendation in handout.)



ARPA Funding Impact

- **Financial and staff challenges existed before COVID-19**
- **ARPA funding allowed us to sustain childcare**
 - Increased staff salaries and benefits
 - 80% of childcare expense is staff-related



What is Happening Now?

- **Funding sunsets by the end of 2023**
- **What we're seeing in the industry:**
 - Centers closing, citing end of funding and on-going staff challenges
 - Centers reducing staff salaries to pre-COVID levels
- **YMCAs are assessing financial viability of programs**





THANK YOU

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