

Child Care Task Force Survey

The is asking formerly licensed providers who closed their licenses in the last 3 years to fill out a brief survey so that we can understand their experiences and why they left. This survey asks questions about the impact various factors had on your decision to close your child care business and the extent to which certain requirements made your work difficult. As a former provider, you have valuable input that will be used to help other family child care providers.

The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Please be candid. The survey is anonymous and the information will only be shared in summary form. The deadline for providing your answers is ____.

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Some questions require a response. You will not be able to advance through the survey until you respond to those questions.

Thank you for your time and valuable input,
Family Child Care Task Force

Q1 What year did you close your family child care license?

2017

2018

2019

I didn't close my child care license between 2017 and 2019.

- Q2 What region of the state did you live in when you were licensed to provide family child care?
- Northwest
 - Northeast
 - Minneapolis or Saint Paul
 - Suburban Metro
 - Central
 - Southwest
 - Southeast

Q3 How many years did you hold your family child care license?

Q4 Did you close your family child care license before you intended to?

- Yes
- No

Q5 How old were you when you closed your family child care license?

- Less than 25 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65+ years old

Q6 Where did you provide licensed family child care?

- In my home (where I live)
- Not in my home

Q7 How much impact did these business factors have on your decision to close your child care business?

No Impact or
Not
Applicable

High Impact

Medium
Impact

Low Impact

Families couldn't pay the rate I would need

CCAP (child care subsidy) reimbursement rate was too low

Food program reimbursement rates were too low

Long hours, schedule

Lack of benefits (health insurance, retirement, etc.)

Managing relationships with parents

Managing enrollment, turnover in families

Isolation from other adults

Limited or no professional support

Mentally and physically-demanding work

Difficulty finding substitute providers

Q8 How much impact did these administrative factors have on your decision to close your child care business?

	High Impact	Medium Impact	Low Impact	No Impact or Not Applicable
Completing required paperwork, documentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Complying with other regulations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inability to get a variance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resolving citations with licensor or DHS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interactions with licensor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interactions with DHS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q9 How much impact did these personal factors have on your decision to close your child care business?

	High Impact	Medium Impact	Low Impact	No Impact or Not Applicable
Wanted a change in job field or job conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health or medical issues (me or my family)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retirement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other personal reasons	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q10 Documentation is required as part of running a licensed child care business. To what extent were the following types of documentation burdensome for you?

	Very burdensome	Burdensome	Not very burdensome	Not burdensome at all or not applicable
Relicensing forms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ongoing updates to children's records	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Record keeping (i.e. taxes, employee records)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food program forms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) forms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent Aware forms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q11 Were there any other types of paperwork that were very burdensome or burdensome for you?

Q12 Training is required for all licensed providers. To what extent were the following factors related to training difficult for you?

	Very difficult	Difficult	Not very difficult	Not difficult at all or not applicable
Ability to afford training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to find training that's convenient for me (time offered, frequency, location)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to find training of interest to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking time away from business or family to attend training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding training requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q13 Were there other factors related to training that were very difficult or difficult for you?

Q14 Regulations protect children's health and safety. To what extent was complying with these regulations difficult for you?

	Very difficult	Difficult	Not very difficult	Not difficult at all or not applicable
Infant safe sleep requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home maintenance requirements (wear and tear on my home)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water, food, and nutrition requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Background study requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Activities and equipment requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capacity, ratio and age distribution requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Behavior guidance requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q15 Were there other regulations that were very difficult or difficult for you to comply with?

Q16 What was your primary reason for becoming a licensed family child care provider? Select the top reason.

- To work in child care or early childhood education field
- To earn a regular income
- To provide child care for my own children (there was a lack of other options)
- To raise my own children
- To work from home
- Other


Q17 Did you make use of any of the following supports, payments, or assistance during the time your business was in operation? Select all that apply.

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- A regional grant through Child Care Aware
- CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program)
- Early Learning Scholarships
- Parent Aware Quality Coaching
- Parent Aware Grants to improve quality
- Child Care Aware Professional Development Advisor support
- Coaching, consultation or training through First Children's Finance
- Coaching or consultation through the Center for Inclusive Child Care
- T.E.A.C.H or CDA Scholarships
- R.E.E.T.A.I.N. Grants
- Mentor program

Q18 Which of these additional supports, if any, would have helped you keep your child care business open for longer? Select all that apply.

- Greater availability of substitutes
- Guidance on finding and applying for a grant
- Grants to fund professional development, curriculum, equipment, or home improvement expenses
- Business support (tax information, setting rates, etc.)
- Guidance on licensing requirements from licenser or DHS
- Training or professional development opportunities
- Higher CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) rates
- Support from an association or provider group
- Mentor program
- Additional supports such as these would not have mattered
- Coaching Support
- Other

Q19 Do you have any other comments you would like to share about why you closed your business or what could have helped to keep your business open longer?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin grey border, intended for the respondent to provide their comments on why they closed their business or what could have helped to keep it open longer.

Thank you for taking the survey. Please click submit below (the check mark on mobile devices) to make sure your responses are recorded.