

# Formerly Licensed Family Child Care Provider Survey

Minnesota Management and Budget, a state agency that supports informed decision-making, in collaboration with the legislative Family Child Care Task Force, is asking formerly licensed family child care providers who closed their licenses in the last three years to complete a brief survey. We would like to understand your experiences and why you closed your family child care business in order to better support potential and existing family child care providers.

This survey asks questions about the impact various factors had on your decision to close your business. As a former provider, you have valuable input that will inform state and local policymakers and be used to help other family child care providers as well as children and families in Minnesota.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. There is no consequence to you if you decide not to participate in the survey, but we will not have the benefit of your input. Responses to this survey are classified as public data, which means that our organization will be required to share the information if it is requested. However, we will only report information in summary form.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and you can return to a partially completed survey at any time. **Please complete and submit your responses by February 15.**

Please contact [ResultsFirstMN@state.mn.us](mailto:ResultsFirstMN@state.mn.us) if you have any questions.

What year did you close your family child care license? (required)

- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- I didn't close my child care license between 2017 and 2019.

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

- To provide child care for my own children
- To work in child care or early childhood education field
- To earn a regular income
- To raise my own children
- To work from home
- Other

If you selected other, please provide additional details

What region of the state did you live in when you were licensed to provide family child care?  
(required)

- Northwest
- Northeast
- Minneapolis or Saint Paul
- Suburban Metro
- Central
- Southwest
- Southeast

How many years did you hold your family child care license? (required)

Did you close your family child care license before you wanted to? (required)

- Yes
- No

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

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

	High Impact	Medium Impact	Low Impact	No Impact or Not Applicable
Long hours, schedule	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of benefits (health insurance, retirement, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Limited or no professional support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not enough income / low earnings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Families couldn't pay the rate I would need	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Managing relationships with parents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Managing enrollment, turnover in families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physically-demanding work	<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"/>
Difficulty finding substitute providers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CCAP (child care subsidy) reimbursement rate was too low	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food program reimbursement rate was too low	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments you would like to share:

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

	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"/>
No longer needed to care for my own family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retirement from work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentally demanding work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Isolation from other adults	<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"/>

Additional comments you would like to share:

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

	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"/>
Background study requirements	<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 the county licensor or the Department of Human Services (DHS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interactions with the county licensor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interactions with the Department of Human Services (DHS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional comments you would like to share:

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

	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"/>

Is there anything else about documentation requirements that you would like to share?

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

	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"/>

Is there anything else about training requirements that you would like to share?



Regulations are intended to ensure minimum health and safety standards. To what extent was complying with these regulations difficult for you? (required)

	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"/>
Physical location or space requirements	<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"/>

Is there anything else about regulations that you would like to share?

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
- I was not aware of these supports
- Other

If you selected other, please provide additional details

Which of these additional supports or services, 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 licensor or DHS
- Training or professional development opportunities
- Higher CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) rates
- Support from an association or provider group
- Mentor program
- Coaching Support
- Additional supports such as these would not have mattered
- Other

If you selected other, please provide additional details

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?

Have you considered re-opening your family child care business?

- Yes
- No

Are you willing to be contacted for a follow-up conversation?

- Yes
- No

Please provide your name

Please provide your phone number

Please provide your email

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