

Financial impact of Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant funds

Results from a 2020 study of the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed child care services in Minnesota and across the nation. To help providers withstand the financial burden caused by the pandemic, Minnesota created the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant program (PECC) and distributed the first round of funds in April 2020. To understand providers' experiences with and perceptions of the PECC program, an online survey was shared with applicants (N=5297). A total of 1,898 center-based and family child care applicants (36 percent) completed the survey between July 31, 2020 and September 9, 2020. Among the respondents, 58 percent applied for and received the grant (PECC Grant recipients) and 42 percent applied but did not receive the grant (non-recipients). This fact sheet presents initial findings on the financial impact of the grant program.

How providers used PECC grant funds (check all that apply)

Family Child Care



83 percent
cleaning and
sanitizing supplies/
health and safety
materials



67 percent
food



61 percent
rent/
mortgage

Center-based child care



79 percent
wages

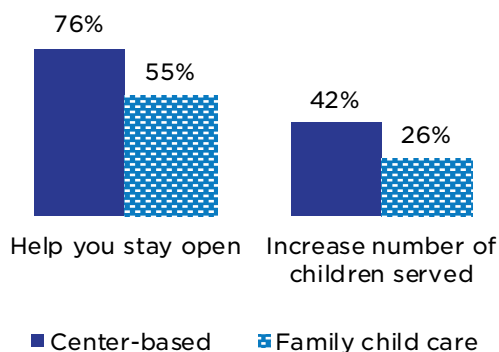


64 percent
cleaning and
sanitizing supplies/
health and safety
materials

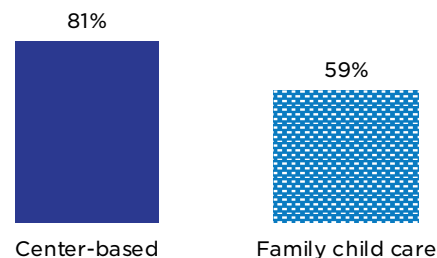


58 percent
rent/mortgage

- **The majority of center-based and family child care providers** who received the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grants said **it helped them stay open**.
- **Fewer than half of providers said they were able to increase the number of children served** as a result of receiving the grant.
- Center-based providers **were more likely to say the grant helped them stay open*** and serve more children.



81 percent of center-based child care providers and **59 percent** of family child care providers who applied for the Peacetime Emergency Grants also **received other types of financial assistance**, including loans, grants, and donations for their child care programs.*



Note: * indicates a statistically significant difference ($p < .05$)

This is one in a series of fact sheets from a study of Minnesota's Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant program. For more information, visit: <https://www.childtrends.org/project/minnesota-child-care-policy-research-partnership>