

Grants reduce risk of program closures

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

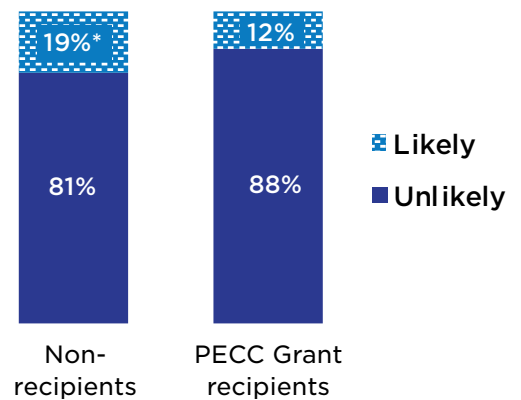
This fact sheet has been updated to correct the inaccurate labeling of the bar chart titled “Providers who did not receive the PECC grant were more likely than recipients to indicate risk of closure in the next 6 months.” We had labeled the bar on the left “PECC Grant recipients” and the bar on the right “Non-recipients”; instead, the bar labels should be the reverse.

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. 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 from the survey on program closures and factors related to COVID-19.

12 percent of PECC Grant recipients, compared to **17 percent*** of non-recipients, **closed at some point** since the March 25th Stay-At-Home order.

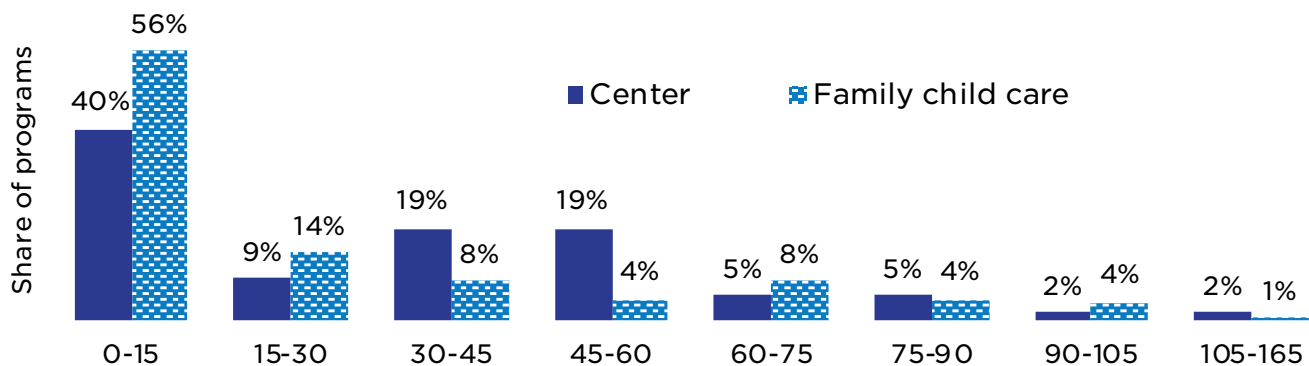
43 percent of center-based providers identified **low enrollment or attendance** as a factor that influenced their decision to close.

Providers who did not receive the PECC grant were **more likely than recipients to indicate risk of closure in the next 6 months.**



39 percent of family child care providers identified a possible exposure to COVID-19 from someone in their program (family, child, or staff) as a factor that influenced their decision to close.

Regardless of receiving the grant or not, the number of days programs closed **rangd from 1 to 165.**



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