

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS: SURVEY OF BEHAVIORAL AND EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES IN CHILD CARE

**TACCRRRA and RAISING TEXAS
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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Number of Surveys Submitted*	401	100%	58	14%	57	14%	15	4%	94	23%	66	16%	87	22%	24	6%
*all in English except 1 in Spanish from Houston																
I. Emotional Difficulties in Children																
1. Do you have children in your care with suspected or diagnosed behavioral or emotional difficulties?																
yes	266	66%	40	69%	38	67%	9	60%	66	70%	39	59%	54	62%	20	83%
no	135	34%	18	31%	19	33%	6	40%	28	30%	27	41%	33	38%	4	17%
2. If yes..																
How many?																
Many respondents answered with information on enrollment rather than children with behavioral difficulties; therefore, this question is not tabulated. However, it appears that centers and family child care homes responding "yes" to question #2 typically have from 3 to 5 children and 1 to 2 children, respectively, with behavioral or emotional difficulties. Some centers report higher number of suspected or diagnosed difficulties.																
What ages?																
All age groups, but most frequently mentioned are preschoolers and schoolagers.																
3. Which of these behaviors do children in your care exhibit?																
Ups and downs in activity, attention, emotions, and ability to "settle down"	241	60%	34	59%	36	63%	8	53%	55	59%	36	55%	54	62%	18	75%
Inability to start an interaction or keep it going	152	38%	18	31%	19	33%	4	27%	38	40%	23	35%	38	44%	12	50%
Problems with communicating and relating to others	211	53%	28	48%	31	54%	5	33%	49	52%	36	55%	45	52%	17	71%

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Severe sadness and crying or fearfulness about certain situations which interferes with daily functioning	89	22%	14	24%	8	14%	4	27%	17	18%	13	20%	25	29%	8	33%
Inability to manage everyday "give and take" interactions, leading to aggression, rage or withdrawal	202	50%	30	52%	28	49%	6	40%	43	46%	30	45%	48	55%	17	71%
Unusually destructive (such as breaking things)	136	34%	19	33%	24	42%	4	27%	33	35%	11	17%	33	38%	12	50%
Wets or soils outside of toilet or diaper	74	18%	14	24%	11	19%	2	13%	15	16%	5	8%	17	20%	10	42%
4. Have you seen an increase in the number or severity of behavioral or emotional difficulties in the past 5 years?																
yes	222	58%	32	59%	37	65%	7	50%	45	51%	32	51%	52	61%	17	71%
no	164	42%	22	41%	20	35%	7	50%	44	49%	31	49%	33	39%	7	29%
5. Are you seeing more children at younger ages with behavioral or emotional difficulties than in the past 5 years?																
yes	237	63%	32	58%	34	63%	7	58%	59	67%	30	49%	58	69%	17	71%
no	141	37%	23	42%	20	37%	5	42%	29	33%	31	51%	26	31%	7	29%
6. Over the past 3 years the number of incidences of rage and anger outbursts in children in your care has...																
decreased	38	10%	5	9%	1	2%	2	14%	11	13%	8	12%	7	9%	4	17%
remained about the same	193	52%	26	49%	32	57%	9	64%	41	49%	45	67%	34	45%	6	25%
increased	142	38%	22	42%	23	41%	3	21%	32	38%	14	21%	34	45%	14	58%
7. Over the past 3 years the severity of incidences of rage and anger outbursts in children in your care has...																

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decreased	49	13%	6	11%	3	5%	2	14%	14	16%	9	15%	12	16%	3	13%
remained about the same	205	55%	30	57%	35	64%	7	50%	47	54%	39	63%	39	52%	8	33%
increased	116	31%	17	32%	17	31%	5	36%	26	30%	14	23%	24	32%	13	54%
8. Has it ever been necessary for you to ask parents to remove a child from your care/program due to safety concerns for the child, yourself, the teacher and/or other children?																
yes	236	60%	32	56%	43	75%	6	43%	57	63%	36	55%	46	55%	16	67%
no	157	40%	25	44%	14	25%	8	57%	34	37%	30	45%	38	45%	8	33%
9. Have you used community resources to assist children with behavioral or emotional difficulties?																
yes	238	61%	31	55%	38	68%	7	50%	56	62%	40	63%	48	56%	18	75%
no	151	39%	25	45%	18	32%	7	50%	35	38%	23	37%	37	44%	6	25%
10. If yes, what resources did you use?																
mental health consultant	77	32%	8	26%	12	32%	0	0%	20	36%	12	30%	15	31%	10	56%
counselor	116	49%	15	48%	15	39%	3	43%	22	39%	22	55%	30	63%	9	50%
positive behavioral support specialist	73	31%	6	19%	11	29%	0	0%	16	29%	11	28%	19	40%	10	56%
pediatrician (health professional)	135	57%	17	55%	19	50%	4	57%	29	52%	20	50%	34	71%	12	67%
other - ECI*; internet; ISD staff*; CCR&Rs*; library; other child care with smaller groups; LPC therapists; special education staff at public schools*; community child guidance programs and other community resources*; CPS; churches; counselors/therapists*; PPCD in public schools*; speech therapists; social workers; written materials*; occupational therapists; classes	126	53%	15	48%	19	50%	6	86%	30	54%	18	45%	23	48%	15	83%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
11. What resources are needed?																	
training for parents and staff - positive behavioral support, autism, ADD, ADHD, sensory integration, anger management, etc.*; counseling*; parent education*; parent involvement*; more extensive, in-depth training*; parent information on resources*; special care facilities; more behavioral specialists*; on-site specialists - who come to observe and work with teachers and parents*; specialists we can contact with questions*; lower child to staff ratios*; teacher training on communicating with parents*; free or low cost support services*; support groups*; pediatricians who understand child development; art therapy; more information on resources*; parents, teachers and therapists working together; physician diagnoses; website with resources; more strategies to deal with specific problems; assessment and intervention																	

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12. Have you referred parents to community resources to assist their children with behavioral or emotional difficulties?																	
yes	237	62%	31	54%	38	72%	8	62%	51	56%	39	59%	53	65%	17	71%	
no	148	38%	26	46%	15	28%	5	38%	40	44%	27	41%	28	35%	7	29%	
13. If yes, to what resources did you refer parents?																	
pediatricians*; counselors*; mental health hospitals; play therapy; MHMRA; ECI*; public school specialists special education, PPCD, counselors, etc.*; community child guidance centers and other community resources; churches*; libraries; play therapy; mental wellness program within agency																	
14. What resources are needed?																	
classes - identification of behaviors, positive behavioral guidance, anger management, communications, etc.*; written materials*; free or low cost counselors and other support services*; resources in rural areas; help from doctors; insurance coverage for specialists; bilingual materials; quicker and more available testing and assessments*; parent educators; on-site counseling services*; parent support groups; awareness of outreach programs; nutritional information; work with whole family*; referral packets; role modeling; respite; lower child to staff ratios; mental health clinics; mental health professionals																	

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15. Has your training prepared you to address children with behavioral or emotional difficulties?																	
not at all	37	10%	9	16%	3	5%	2	14%	9	10%	6	9%	6	7%	2	9%	
somewhat	275	71%	40	70%	37	66%	8	57%	65	73%	49	74%	63	78%	13	57%	
confidently	74	19%	8	14%	16	29%	4	29%	15	17%	11	17%	12	15%	8	35%	
16. Have you received training on working with children with challenging behaviors?																	
yes	294	76%	46	81%	42	76%	11	85%	65	72%	50	76%	60	72%	20	83%	
no	94	24%	11	19%	13	24%	2	15%	25	28%	16	24%	23	28%	4	17%	
17. If yes, what training have you received?																	
positive behavior support	188	64%	31	67%	28	67%	7	64%	37	57%	33	66%	36	60%	16	80%	
positive beginnings (for birth to 3)	119	40%	19	41%	19	45%	3	27%	27	42%	9	18%	33	55%	9	45%	
other - college courses*; special education; workshops*; advice from professionals; written materials; training from residential programs; ECI workshops; information from specialists, i.e. occupational therapists, psychologists, counselors, etc.*; conscious discipline training	126	43%	18	39%	14	33%	5	45%	33	51%	18	36%	27	45%	11	55%	
18. Do you have access to training and/or support in addressing children with behavioral or emotional difficulties?																	
yes	241	63%	31	55%	38	70%	6	43%	58	64%	45	71%	49	59%	14	58%	
no	144	37%	25	45%	16	30%	8	57%	33	36%	18	29%	34	41%	10	42%	
19. What additional training and/or information do you need regarding children with behavioral or emotional difficulties?																	

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written materials*; training - identifying behavioral problems, positive guidance, communications with parents, hands-on techniques, videos*; training on local resources*; information targetting specific problems, not just general information*; support network; handbook; someone to call with questions; research findings; assessment training and tools*; parent meetings; more in-depth, cutting edge training; information on resources and how to access them*; resources for children over age 2; current information on regular basis; more information on autism and bipolar disorder*																	
II. General Information																	
20. Your position is...																	
director	187	47%	19	33%	23	40%	3	21%	55	60%	36	55%	36	42%	15	63%	
assistant director	12	3%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	4	4%	1	2%	2	2%	3	13%	
owner	39	10%	8	14%	10	18%	2	14%	6	7%	5	8%	4	5%	4	17%	
teacher	11	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	3%	1	2%	7	8%	0	0%	
family home child care provider	113	29%	26	45%	18	32%	9	64%	19	21%	17	26%	23	27%	1	4%	
other	33	8%	4	7%	5	9%	0	0%	5	5%	5	8%	13	15%	1	4%	
21. How many years experience do you have working with children in a childcare setting?																	
0-6months	5	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	2%	3	4%	0	0%	
7-12 months	7	2%	3	5%	1	2%	0	0%	1	1%	1	2%	0	0%	1	4%	
1-3 ears	29	7%	4	7%	2	4%	0	0%	6	7%	8	13%	7	8%	2	9%	
4-5 years	32	8%	2	3%	6	11%	0	0%	6	7%	7	11%	8	10%	3	13%	
6-10 years	71	18%	8	14%	8	14%	4	29%	18	20%	10	16%	18	22%	5	22%	
11-15 years	67	17%	15	26%	4	7%	0	0%	23	25%	12	19%	8	10%	5	22%	
16-20 years	64	16%	10	17%	10	18%	2	14%	16	17%	12	19%	13	16%	1	4%	
over 20 years	116	30%	16	28%	26	46%	8	57%	21	23%	13	20%	26	31%	6	26%	

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22. Your preparation for working with children includes:																	
experience as a parent	280	70%	45	78%	42	74%	13	87%	65	69%	49	74%	55	63%	11	46%	
high school degree/GED	227	57%	38	66%	32	56%	11	73%	57	61%	38	58%	41	47%	10	42%	
1-year certificate	35	9%	4	7%	5	9%	3	20%	9	10%	8	12%	5	6%	1	4%	
CDA	78	9%	10	7%	9	9%	1	20%	21	10%	10	12%	17	6%	10	4%	
CCP	3	1%	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	4%	
AA	42	10%	4	7%	2	4%	1	7%	14	15%	2	3%	16	18%	3	13%	
degree in child development	47	12%	6	10%	8	14%	2	13%	14	15%	1	2%	11	13%	5	21%	
BA/BS in child development/early childhood education	76	19%	7	12%	13	23%	3	20%	16	17%	16	24%	14	16%	7	29%	
graduate degree	53	13%	4	7%	12	21%	1	7%	16	17%	8	12%	9	10%	3	13%	
training	285	71%	45	78%	43	75%	12	80%	67	71%	47	71%	56	64%	15	63%	
other - experience*; written materials*; contact with specialists; college courses*; PAC; accreditation*; training*; working on degree*; mentoring; Montessori certification; administrators' credential; special education degree; pediatric nursing degree; NAC; registered nurse; psychology classes	123	31%	17	29%	25	44%	3	20%	22	23%	22	33%	26	30%	8	33%	
23. You are (optional)...																	
male	11	3%	1	2%	3	5%	0	0%	3	3%	0	0%	1	1%	3	13%	
female	368	97%	56	98%	53	95%	13	100%	84	97%	63	100%	79	99%	20	87%	
African-American	48	16%	9	20%	4	9%	1	11%	23	33%	5	10%	6	9%	0	0%	
Anglo	180	58%	29	64%	37	84%	5	56%	38	54%	38	78%	29	41%	4	19%	
Asian	7	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	2	3%	2	10%	
Hispanic	66	21%	5	11%	1	2%	1	11%	7	10%	4	8%	33	47%	15	71%	
Native American	7	2%	2	4%	2	5%	2	22%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	
18-24 years old	5	1%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	1	2%	2	3%	0	0%	
25-29 years old	21	6%	1	2%	2	4%	0	0%	7	8%	4	6%	6	8%	1	4%	

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30-40 years old	111	30%	17	31%	13	24%	3	21%	24	28%	19	31%	25	31%	10	43%
41-50 years old	120	32%	20	36%	15	27%	4	29%	29	34%	25	40%	22	28%	5	22%
51-60 years old	89	24%	11	20%	18	33%	5	36%	17	20%	11	18%	21	26%	6	26%
61-70 years old	27	7%	5	9%	6	11%	1	7%	8	9%	2	3%	4	5%	1	4%
over 70 years old	2	1%	0	0%	1	2%	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
24. The program you own, direct or work for...																
is open full time	319	86%	44	92%	52	93%	11	85%	73	80%	49	78%	70	89%	20	95%
is open part time	52	14%	4	8%	4	7%	2	15%	18	20%	14	22%	9	11%	1	5%
is center based	190	58%	21	44%	30	63%	0	0%	49	63%	32	59%	41	58%	17	94%
is home based	139	42%	27	56%	18	38%	12	100%	29	37%	22	41%	30	42%	1	6%
serves infants	277	69%	42	72%	47	82%	8	53%	67	71%	39	59%	59	68%	15	63%
serves toddlers	333	83%	48	83%	54	95%	11	73%	77	82%	57	86%	66	76%	20	83%
serves 3-5 year-olds	329	82%	46	79%	52	91%	11	73%	82	87%	50	76%	68	78%	20	83%
serves schoolagers	243	61%	34	59%	36	63%	11	73%	65	69%	29	44%	46	53%	22	92%
has 0-50 children	168	48%	25	56%	19	35%	12	92%	36	41%	32	55%	37	51%	7	33%
has 51-100 children	91	26%	11	24%	17	31%	1	8%	20	23%	13	22%	22	30%	7	33%
has 101-150 children	45	13%	5	11%	12	22%	0	0%	17	19%	5	9%	4	5%	2	10%
has 151-200 children	21	6%	3	7%	3	6%	0	0%	4	5%	5	9%	4	5%	2	10%
has more than 200 children	27	8%	1	2%	3	6%	0	0%	11	13%	3	5%	6	8%	3	14%
*multiple responses																