

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS: INFANT/TODDLER CARE AND EDUCATION SURVEY

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Number of Surveys Submitted*	369	100%	50	14%	50	14%	13	4%	135	37%	44	12%	64	17%	13	4%
*all in English except 1 in Spanish from San Antonio																
I. Infant and Toddler Care and Education Services																
1. Do you care for children under the age of 3?																
Yes	359	97%	50	100%	48	96%	13	100%	131	97%	44	100%	60	94%	13	100%
No	10	3%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	4	6%	0	0%
2. If you do care for children under the age of three, what age children do you accept in your program?																
less than 6 weeks	112	31%	13	26%	11	23%	5	38%	26	20%	8	18%	15	25%	6	46%
6 weeks-11 months	276	77%	36	72%	37	77%	10	77%	102	78%	30	68%	40	67%	11	85%
12-17 months	286	80%	40	80%	37	77%	12	92%	106	81%	33	75%	43	72%	10	77%
18-23 months	309	86%	42	84%	43	90%	12	92%	116	89%	38	86%	50	83%	8	62%
2 years	305	85%	42	84%	42	88%	12	92%	114	87%	38	86%	48	80%	9	69%
3. Did you at one time care for children in one of the following age groups but no longer care for children of this age?																
less than 6 weeks	38	11%	1	2%	5	10%	5	38%	15	11%	1	2%	7	12%	4	31%
6 weeks-11 months	52	14%	8	16%	4	8%	2	15%	18	14%	6	14%	11	18%	3	23%
12-17 months	42	12%	7	14%	5	10%	2	15%	13	10%	4	9%	9	15%	2	15%
18-23 months	32	9%	6	12%	1	2%	2	15%	12	9%	3	7%	6	10%	2	15%
2 years	34	9%	4	8%	2	4%	2	15%	12	9%	2	5%	9	15%	3	23%

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4. If you discontinued care for one or more age groups, what was the reason?																
low enrollment	22	6%	3	6%	4	8%	1	8%	7	5%	1	2%	5	8%	1	8%
parents could not afford cost of care	27	8%	3	6%	5	10%	2	15%	8	6%	1	2%	6	10%	2	15%
low subsidized care reimbursement rates	17	5%	1	2%	4	8%	0	0%	2	2%	3	7%	4	7%	3	23%
economic considerations	14	4%	2	4%	2	4%	2	15%	5	4%	1	2%	1	2%	1	8%
other - not fair to other children, lack of training for age group, mothers staying home longer with babies, not enough space*, difficulties in mixing children*, older children get neglected, too much age difference, classroom never paid for itself, change in regulations, adjustment issues, it reduces capacity, not cost effective, need too much care, parents don't want to pay, difficult to accomodate with field trips, child to adult ratio, my age (note: 62% of the answers indicated misunderstanding of question, i.e. n/a, parents moved, individual family needs, serve all children, change in standards re: napttime ratios	69	19%	7	14%	11	23%	5	38%	25	19%	6	14%	12	20%	3	23%
5. Do you typically have more requests for care than you are able to serve in the following age groups?																
less than 6 weeks	45	13%	7	14%	4	8%	7	54%	9	7%	3	7%	12	20%	3	23%
6 weeks-11 months	225	63%	29	58%	31	65%	12	92%	73	56%	32	73%	41	68%	7	54%
12-17 months	174	48%	20	40%	26	54%	8	62%	56	43%	30	68%	33	55%	1	8%
18-23 months	131	36%	12	24%	21	44%	6	46%	50	38%	17	39%	23	38%	2	15%
2 years	131	36%	14	28%	20	42%	4	31%	55	42%	16	36%	19	32%	3	23%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
6. Do you serve children under the age of 3 with special needs?																
Yes	178	50%	18	36%	30	63%	9	69%	64	49%	22	50%	27	45%	8	62%
No	186	52%	32	64%	20	42%	4	31%	69	53%	20	45%	36	60%	5	38%
Note: Respondents may have been confused as to whether this question pertained to actually serving children with special needs or being available to service children with special needs.																
7. How many hours per day are you typically open for the care of children?																
less than 12 hours	227	63%	26	52%	30	63%	9	69%	79	60%	38	86%	38	63%	7	54%
12-17 hours	135	38%	23	46%	20	42%	3	23%	53	40%	6	14%	25	42%	5	38%
18-23 hours	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	2%	1	8%
24 hours	5	1%	1	2%	0	0%	1	8%	3	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
8. Are your child to staff ratios typically lower (fewer children per teacher/caregiver) than those required to meet State minimum standards in classroom(s) for children...																
yes - under the age of 12 months?	173	63%	23	64%	24	65%	7	70%	62	61%	21	70%	29	73%	7	64%
yes - 12-17 months?	181	63%	24	60%	22	59%	5	42%	73	69%	22	67%	29	67%	6	60%
yes - 18-23 months?	210	68%	28	67%	22	51%	4	33%	89	77%	27	71%	32	64%	8	100%
yes - 24-35 months?	219	72%	27	64%	27	64%	6	50%	94	82%	29	76%	28	58%	8	89%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
9. What is the average length of time teacher(s)/caregiver(s) in your program serving children under the age of 3 have worked with this age group?																
less than 1 year	14	4%	3	6%	0	0%	0	0%	4	3%	2	5%	4	7%	1	8%
1-2 years	64	18%	11	23%	9	19%	2	17%	18	14%	7	16%	16	27%	1	8%
3-4 years	90	26%	9	19%	13	28%	2	17%	35	27%	13	30%	14	24%	4	31%
5-10 years	102	29%	10	21%	14	30%	3	25%	43	33%	11	26%	15	25%	6	46%
more than 10 years	82	23%	15	31%	11	23%	5	42%	30	23%	10	23%	10	17%	1	8%
10. What method(s) do you use to plan services for children under the age of 3?																
observation	305	85%	41	82%	39	81%	11	85%	113	86%	38	86%	54	90%	9	69%
formal assessments	141	39%	16	32%	17	35%	6	46%	48	37%	23	52%	28	47%	3	23%
purchased curriculum	224	62%	32	64%	19	40%	9	69%	81	62%	20	45%	19	32%	44	338%
curriculum downloaded from internet	101	28%	8	16%	13	27%	9	69%	43	33%	7	16%	15	25%	6	46%
teacher-created curriculum	227	63%	32	64%	27	56%	8	62%	84	64%	28	64%	43	72%	5	38%
individualized daily activity plans	250	70%	33	66%	35	73%	9	69%	87	66%	29	66%	50	83%	7	54%
talking with parents about the child's development and activities	300	84%	39	78%	44	92%	13	100%	103	79%	39	89%	54	90%	8	62%
other resources	174	48%	21	42%	22	46%	11	85%	72	55%	19	43%	26	43%	3	23%
II. Training																
11. Have you (if you are a caregiver/teacher) and/or your staff caring for children under the age of 3 had specialized training in caring for infants and toddlers (other than shaken baby syndrome and infant CPR)?																
yes	294	81%	40	80%	42	88%	11	85%	109	81%	35	81%	46	73%	11	85%
no	70	19%	10	20%	6	13%	2	15%	25	19%	8	19%	17	27%	2	15%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
12. Have you (if you are a caregiver/teacher) and/or your staff caring for children under the age of 3 had training in infant CPR?																	
yes	357	99%	50	100%	46	98%	13	100%	132	99%	43	98%	60	98%	13	100%	
no	5	1%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	2	1%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	
13. What training do you (if you are a caregiver/teacher) and/or your staff caring for children under the age of 3 need?																	
developmental stages of growth	265	72%	38	76%	37	74%	9	69%	99	73%	32	73%	40	63%	10	77%	
care of infants and toddlers	230	62%	29	58%	34	68%	8	62%	86	64%	22	50%	43	67%	8	62%	
guidance and discipline	269	73%	37	74%	34	68%	8	62%	98	73%	31	70%	50	78%	11	85%	
supervision	207	56%	24	38%	31	51%	7	27%	78	54%	24	42%	36	49%	7	27%	
infant CPR	184	50%	28	56%	28	56%	5	38%	68	50%	18	41%	33	52%	4	31%	
language and literacy development	230	62%	29	58%	30	60%	10	77%	85	63%	28	64%	38	59%	10	77%	
resources for children and families	221	60%	27	54%	27	54%	11	85%	81	60%	28	64%	36	56%	11	85%	
building relationships with parents	222	60%	29	58%	25	50%	8	62%	87	64%	25	57%	36	56%	12	92%	
other - brain development*, sign language*, verbal skills/language*, Montessori*, early prevention, on-going training, curriculum*, ECI, motor development, arts and crafts*, planning activities*, transitioning, creative ways to learn, children with special needs*, resources for parents, understanding toddlers, stress in day care, autism, classroom management, more advanced training, Head Start, Early Head Start, professionalism and ethics, assessment, safety and hygiene, creativity, NAEYC, keeping up with current trends, CDA, block play	62	17%	6	12%	9	18%	2	15%	26	19%	7	16%	9	14%	3	23%	

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
III. General Information																
14. Your position is:																
director	242	49%	26	39%	34	49%	4	24%	94	55%	31	48%	42	47%	11	50%
assistant director	13	3%	2	3%	0	0%	1	6%	6	4%	0	0%	3	3%	1	5%
owner	84	17%	9	14%	17	25%	3	18%	22	13%	11	17%	16	18%	6	27%
teacher	30	12%	4	10%	2	6%	1	8%	12	16%	6	18%	4	9%	1	9%
licensed family child care home	20	8%	1	3%	4	11%	2	15%	2	3%	4	12%	5	11%	2	18%
registered family child care home provider	95	37%	22	55%	9	26%	5	38%	30	39%	11	33%	18	38%	0	0%
other	14	5%	2	5%	3	9%	1	8%	5	6%	1	3%	1	2%	1	9%
15. How many years experience do you have working with children in a childcare setting?																
0-6 months	6	2%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	5%	3	5%	0	0%
7-12 months	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%
1-3 years	24	6%	7	14%	2	4%	1	8%	5	4%	3	7%	5	8%	1	8%
4-5 years	35	9%	3	6%	3	6%	0	0%	14	10%	4	9%	10	16%	1	8%
6-10 years	45	12%	2	4%	10	20%	4	31%	18	13%	4	9%	4	6%	3	23%
11-15 years	84	23%	12	24%	9	18%	1	8%	41	30%	11	25%	6	9%	4	31%
16-20 years	56	15%	8	16%	4	8%	4	31%	19	14%	8	18%	13	20%	0	0%
over 20 years	117	32%	17	34%	22	44%	3	23%	37	27%	12	27%	22	34%	4	31%
16. Your preparation for working with children includes:																
experience as a parent	288	78%	45	90%	34	68%	13	100%	110	81%	33	75%	44	69%	9	69%
high school degree/GED	235	64%	37	74%	22	44%	10	77%	87	64%	25	57%	44	69%	10	77%
1-year certificate	36	10%	8	16%	0	0%	1	8%	16	12%	2	5%	6	9%	3	23%
CDA	64	17%	6	12%	7	14%	1	8%	26	19%	6	14%	13	20%	5	38%
CCP	12	3%	3	6%	1	2%	1	8%	4	3%	0	0%	3	5%	0	0%
AA degree in child development	40	11%	3	6%	7	14%	1	8%	14	10%	2	5%	10	16%	3	23%

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			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
BA/BS in child development/early childhood education	95	26%	7	14%	16	32%	1	8%	35	26%	16	36%	17	27%	3	23%
graduate degree	75	20%	6	12%	21	42%	1	8%	23	17%	10	23%	11	17%	3	23%
training	271	73%	38	76%	33	66%	11	85%	93	69%	37	84%	48	75%	11	85%
other - degrees in other areas*, experience*, workshops*, NCAA credential, director's credential*, public educator, pediatric RN, Montessori cert.*, PAC*, NAFCC, mentoring others, foster parent, certified teacher, work with children in church setting*, classes in ECE	109	30%	14	28%	12	24%	6	46%	41	30%	13	30%	18	28%	5	38%
17. You are:																
male	9	3%	0	0%	2	4%	0	0%	2	2%	1	2%	2	3%	2	17%
female	348	97%	49	100%	46	96%	13	100%	126	98%	42	98%	62	97%	10	83%
African-American	50	18%	4	13%	5	13%	0	0%	31	30%	2	5%	8	18%	0	0%
Anglo	171	63%	24	77%	30	79%	5	63%	55	53%	32	86%	21	47%	4	44%
Asian	4	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	3%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%
Hispanic	39	14%	2	6%	2	5%	1	13%	12	12%	3	8%	14	31%	5	56%
Native American	8	3%	1	3%	1	3%	2	25%	3	3%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%
18-24 years of age	4	1%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	2	3%	0	0%
25-29 years of age	15	4%	2	4%	3	6%	0	0%	5	4%	1	2%	3	5%	1	9%
30-40 years of age	108	31%	15	31%	14	28%	4	31%	36	28%	17	41%	17	28%	5	45%
41-50 years of age	105	30%	19	40%	11	22%	2	15%	40	31%	13	32%	17	28%	3	27%
51-60 years of age	94	27%	7	15%	14	28%	6	46%	39	31%	8	20%	19	31%	1	9%
61-70 years of age	24	7%	4	8%	7	14%	1	8%	7	6%	1	2%	3	5%	1	9%
over 70 years of age	1	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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18. The program you own, direct or work for:																
is open full time	286	84%	35	88%	37	79%	10	100%	107	83%	33	77%	52	85%	12	100%
is open part time	56	16%	5	13%	10	21%	0	0%	22	17%	10	23%	9	15%	0	0%
is center based	203	64%	23	53%	27	71%	3	25%	87	73%	23	61%	33	60%	7	78%
is home based	112	36%	20	47%	11	29%	9	75%	33	28%	15	39%	22	40%	2	22%
19. The program you work for serves:																
infants	295	80%	40	80%	38	76%	11	85%	111	82%	34	77%	48	75%	13	100%
toddlers	357	97%	48	96%	48	96%	13	100%	132	98%	42	95%	61	95%	13	100%
3-5 year-olds	339	92%	44	88%	46	92%	13	100%	125	93%	38	86%	60	94%	13	100%
schoolagers	229	62%	31	62%	30	60%	12	92%	82	61%	22	50%	41	64%	11	85%
20. The program you work for has:																
0-12 children	130	35%	24	48%	15	30%	9	69%	40	29%	15	34%	24	38%	3	23%
13-50 children	56	15%	7	14%	3	6%	2	15%	21	15%	11	25%	10	16%	2	15%
51-100 children	94	25%	10	20%	16	32%	2	15%	31	23%	11	25%	18	28%	6	46%
101-150 children	45	12%	7	14%	9	18%	0	0%	19	14%	2	5%	6	9%	2	15%
151-200 children	22	6%	1	2%	5	10%	0	0%	12	9%	1	2%	3	5%	0	0%
over 200 children	24	11%	1	4%	2	7%	0	0%	14	16%	4	17%	3	9%	0	0%
21. The program you own, direct or work for is in:																
an urban area	119	33%	14	28%	11	22%	6	55%	41	31%	17	40%	22	37%	8	62%
a suburban area	203	57%	32	64%	34	68%	1	9%	83	62%	21	49%	30	51%	2	15%
a rural area	37	10%	4	8%	5	10%	4	36%	9	7%	5	12%	7	12%	3	23%
*multiple responses																