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# Pennsylvania's Child Care Crisis

## March 2022 Survey Results

### 994 Programs Responded

**91%** indicated they have a  
**staffing shortage.**

Low wages  
and lack of benefits

have resulted in

**6,983**

**open staff positions.**

Our economy **can't recover**  
if child care is not available to support  
the workforce.

### Impacts

**32,454**

children currently on **waiting lists**

**1,603**

classrooms are **closed.**

Programs  
reported

**30,243**

**additional** children could be  
served if fully staffed.

**PA state and federal  
elected officials must act  
now to #RaiseChildCare.**