



START  
STRONG  
PA



# Washington County's Early Care & Education Crisis February 2023 Survey Results

## 18 Programs Responded

**94%** indicated they have a  
**staffing shortage.**

Low wages  
and lack of benefits  
have resulted in

**80**  
**open staff positions.**

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

## Impacts

**417**  
children currently sit on  
**waiting lists.**

**15**  
classrooms are **closed.**

Programs reported **864**  
additional children could be  
served if fully staffed.

**PA state and federal elected  
officials must continue to invest  
to strengthen our early care and  
education system.**