Decline of Family Child Care

California Child Care Resource & Referral Network

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Agenda

– Overview of R&R, the Network, and our history with family child care
– Presentation of family child care data
– Why is this important?
– Why is it happening?
– Policy recommendations
– Questions
The California Infrastructure of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
Data Sources

- California Child Care Portfolio (1997-2017)
- Survey of family child care providers (2017)
- Feedback from R&Rs (anecdotal)
Family Child Care Homes (FCCH)

- Licensed and regulated
- Small businesses
- Small = 8, large = 14
- Licensed for all ages, restricted by age ratios
- Predominantly female, represent the racial/ethnic/linguistic diversity of California’s children
Licensed Child Care Spaces

- Child Care Center: 708,929
- Family Child Care Home: 283,496

Graph showing licensed child care spaces from 1996 to 2017.
Licensed Family Child Care Home Spaces

-26%
Licensed Family Child Care Homes

Decline in homes 2008-2017

-30%

-11,786
Licensed Family Child Care Homes

FCCH Decline by Region 2008 - 2017

-31% -6,632
-23% -2,657
-38% -1,695
-39% -802

South  Bay Area  Central Valley  North

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Counties with Largest FCCH Decrease 2008–2017

- Sutter
- Yuba
- Trinity
- San Bernardino
- San Benito
- Kings
- Mono
- Tehama
- El Dorado
- Nevada
Number of family child care homes. Percent change, base year 2008

2010

2012

2014

2017

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Importance of Family Child Care Homes

More likely to care for infants

**Center spaces**
- 93% Preschool and schoolage
- 7% Infants

**Infants in California**
- 95% Center space available
- 5% No center space available
Importance of Family Child Care (cont.)

- More affordable
- More likely to offer non-traditional hours of care
- Flexibility
- Cultural and linguistic fit

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Reasons for Decline

**Top Challenges in Keeping Business Open**

- **Open FCCH**
  - Low wages: 22%
  - Employment options with benefits: 13%
  - Not able to fill program: 12%
  - n=196

- **Closed FCCH**
  - Family Circumstances: 20%
  - Employment options with benefits: 17%
  - Housing: 10%
  - n=35

*Percentage of respondents that ranked each as their top challenge*
Provider Insights

- Low pay
- No benefits
- Difficulty filling program
- Regulations and requirements
- Low respect
- Social isolation
- Minimum wage
Provider Insights

When asked what supports would be helpful:

- “A network of substitutes who are background cleared and could work in any facility when someone is ill.”
- “At the minimum paid sick days.”
- “More in depth workshops for financial planning, cost of living increases, retirement, health care.”
- “Access to Grants and or Fundraising for in home child care rather than having to be licensed differently to be able to access them”
- “For most, in home child care is the owners livelihood, and often the owner has to make personal sacrifices to keep and pay employees.”
- “Tips/help from previous child care providers.”
R&R Insights

- Retirement
- Young people aren’t interested
- Affordability and housing (shared housing, low quality housing)
- Leaving for a different job (with benefits)
- Increased regulations and requirements (health & safety, sleep regulations)
Policy Recommendations

Expand the CCIP infrastructure to provide support to FCCs

Increase I/T Rates
– AB 125 (McCarty)/SB 174 (Leyva)

Vouchers based on enrollment
– AB 194 (Reyes)

Shared Services Model
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