

How Do Federal Supports Impact Child Care Providers in Colorado?



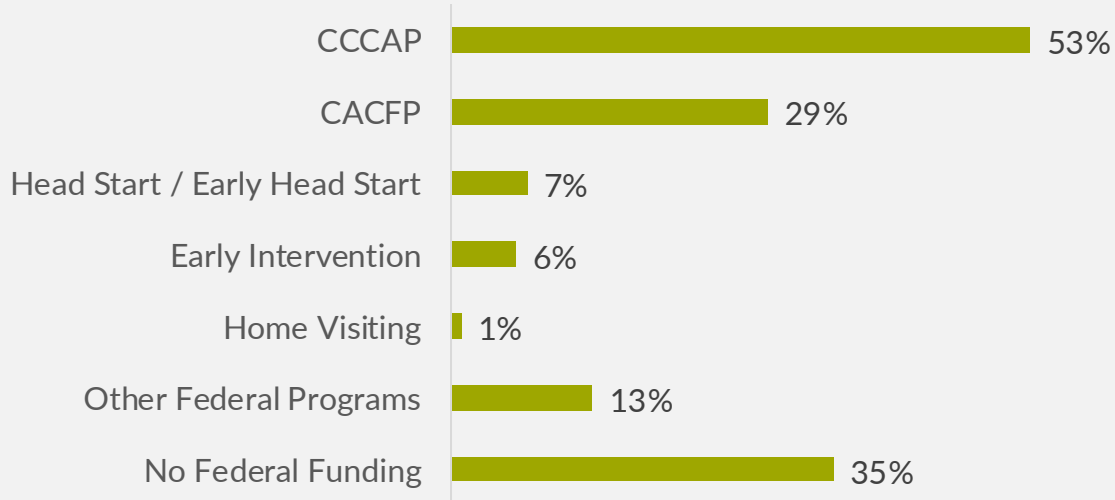
EARLY MILESTONES
COLORADO

Listening to Colorado Child Care Providers

- 1 We surveyed 297 licensed child care providers in Colorado from February to March 2025. (15% were running more than one program.)
- 2 65% of respondents were receiving federal support.
- 3 48% of respondents were receiving support for Quality Improvement.
- 4 31% of respondents were experiencing a CCCAP freeze or waitlist in their county.

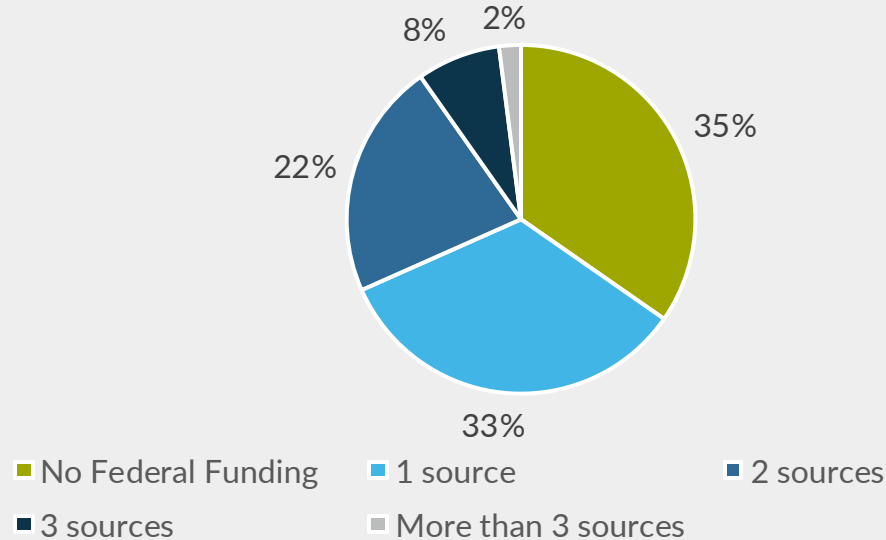
Sources of Federal Funding among Child Care Providers

What sources of federal program funding did licensed child care providers report? (n=297)

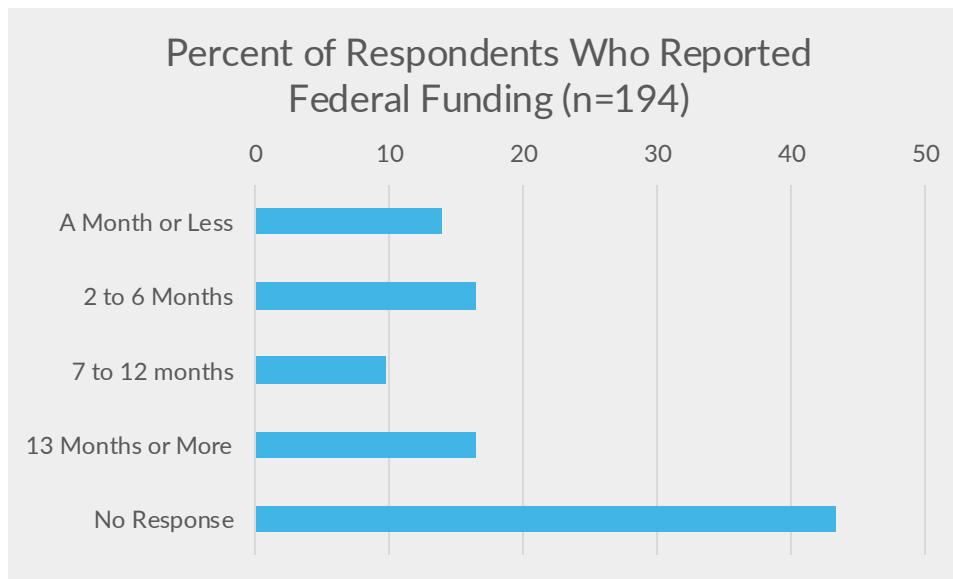


Sources of Federal Funding among Child Care Providers

How many sources of funding support did providers report? (n=297)



How long could you operate **without funding** for these programs?





Provider Voices

1. **Business Sustainability**
2. **Access and Affordability**
3. **Broad Economic Impacts**
4. **Child Development**



BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY

“We must have this funding to survive. Without it, we would have to close our doors due to the increased overhead and wages, which do not meet the cost of living for our staff.”

BROAD ECONOMIC IMPACTS

“Dedicated teachers and staff could lose their jobs, further destabilizing our economy.”

ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

“We serve all families and children equally. Homeless, CCAP, foster, kinship, private pay, sliding scale, EHS, and so much more. Lack of funding from federal programs will force us to cut care to children and only serve private pay families to keep our doors open.”

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

“We are currently the poorest county in the in Colorado. Our children need a program to attend. The children need stability at a young age, and learning is the beginning foundation of their lives.”

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

surveys@research.earlymilestones.org



EARLY MILESTONES
COLORADO