

COVID-19 Child Care Update

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Overview



- State of Child Care during COVID-19
- Short term supports
- Long term state supports



State of Child Care during COVID-19

Realities

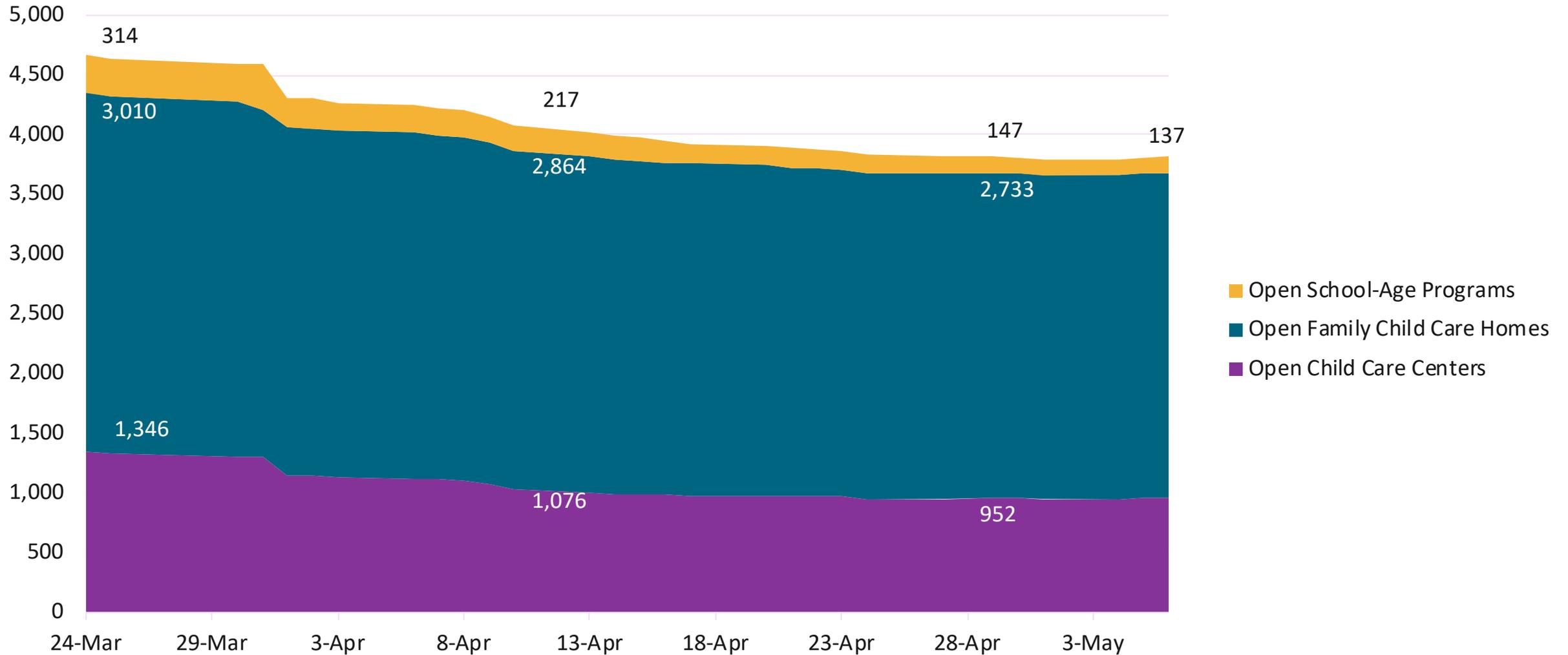
- Statewide 'Stay Home' orders, school closures, and small group guidance
- Child care site closures & re-openings

Guiding Principles

- Stabilize the child care industry now and into the future
- Ensure low-income families have access to care
- Support COVID-19 public health & economic recovery response



Open Child Care Providers, by Type



Short Term Supports: Temporary Program and Licensing Requirement Flexibility



- Emergency licensing waivers & exceptions
- Background checks
- Early Achievers timelines
- Submit COVID-19 questions or concerns to dcyf.covid-19@dcyf.wa.gov

Short Term Supports: Temporary Changes to Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)



- Part-time care authorizations automatically increased to full day
- Enrollment based payment March 16 - June 30
- Family copays waived for the months of April, May and June
- Additional flexibility in approved activities for families reapplying for WCCC in March, April & May



Short Term Supports: Child Care COVID-19 Grants

Providers who are open and currently providing care may apply to receive one-time funds. Funding amounts are based on licensed capacity:

Small (0-49)

\$6,500

Medium (50-99)

\$11,500

Large (100+)

\$14,000

Funds can be spent on facility/space rent, personnel, utilities, health and safety/cleaning supplies and food. An online application will be available in DCYF's licensed provider portal.

Long-term Supports for Child Care Providers

- Child Care of Washington (CCA) is providing technical assistance, coordinating supplies, and working with regions to coordinate requests to county emergency management departments for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- DCYF and the Imagine Institute have expanded the Substitute Worker Pool to support licensed providers' workforce capacity
- Enterprise Community Partners can help connect providers to local, state, and federal business supports

Thank you!

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