## 2024 South Carolina Cost of Child Care Survey – Child Care Centers

#### I. Introduction

This survey is being conducted by a non-profit organization called <u>Prenatal to Five Fiscal</u> <u>Strategies</u> (P5FS) on behalf of the **South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS)**, **Division of Early Care and Education (DECE)** as part of the <u>2024 South Carolina</u> <u>Alternative Methodology Project</u> to better understand child care providers' costs and revenues. The survey asks about enrollment, revenue, and expenses (e.g., staff wages, benefits, rent/mortgage, supplies, equipment, etc.).

The information you provide will be combined with input from conversations with all types of child care providers from all regions of the state. SCDSS will use this information to inform future child care subsidy payment rates for SC Child Care Scholarships (formerly called SC Vouchers) and to understand the true cost of child care.

The survey is for individuals, organizations, and programs that provide child care services to children from birth through twelve years in South Carolina. Because most of the survey questions ask about the costs incurred providing care to children, the best people to complete this survey are the following:

- An executive director, program director, or financial director of a
  - o licensed child care center
  - tribal child care program
  - o licensed or registered faith-based child care center
  - o license-exempt child care center enrolled in ABC Quality
  - o school-age, afterschool, and summer program
- An owner of a licensed or registered family child care home or licensed group child care home.

For those who run a child care business, you may want to gather your expense statements and/or budget (if you have one) to help answer the questions (for example, it may be helpful to have your <u>Schedule C</u> IRS tax form nearby for reference if you run a family child care home).

All information will be kept completely confidential and only the P5FS team will be able to see your individual responses. Your data will be combined with data from other child care programs and only the combined data will be shared in summary form and cannot be linked back to you or your program.

The survey should take **15-20** minutes to complete if you have your financial information and child enrollment data nearby. The survey allows you to save your responses and come back to it later. If you have any questions about this survey or need any additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to: <u>SouthCarolina@prenatal5fiscal.org</u> or call (217) 469-5250 and someone from our team will return your call.

Each child care facility completing the survey will receive a \$100 grant from the South

Carolina Department of Social Services, Division of Early Care and Education similar to how other grants have been provided.

## Privacy Policy and Consent

Your individual responses will not be available to anyone other than the Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies (P5FS) team. Your personally identifiable information will not be used for any other purpose other than to ensure you are able to receive the grant for completing the survey or to contact you in case we have a clarifying question. Only de-identified data that has been combined across respondents will be shared with anyone external to the P5FS team. P5FS will not report any sample sizes that are less than 10 to support confidentiality. Your personally identifiable information will be stored in secure systems.

### 1. Please confirm the following:\*

I have read the above information and I consent to having my information collected and stored.

### II. Contact/Facility Information

Please complete the following information to make sure you receive your grant from SCDSS DECE.

2.	Name*	
3.	What is your primary role at this site?*	
	Business Ow	ner/Family Child Care Provider
	Center Owne	er
	Executive Dir	rector
	Program Dire	ector/Site Director
	Assistant Dire	ector
	Finance/Acco	ounting Staff
	Teacher/Teac	cher Assistant/Teacher Aide
	Other – Write	e In

As a reminder, the best people to complete this survey are:

- Executive director, program director, or financial director of a licensed child care center.
- Owner or provider of a licensed or registered family child care home or a licensed group child care home.
- Executive director, program director, or financial director of a tribal child care program; school-age, afterschool, or summer program; or faith-based child care program.
- Executive director, program director, or financial director of a license-exempt child care center enrolled in ABC Quality.

4.	Phone number*			
5.	Email*			
6.	From the list below, please select the option that best describes the type of child care			
	your program provides (please select one):*			
	Licensed child care center			
	Licensed family child care home			
	Registered family child care home			
	Licensed group child care home			
	School-age, afterschool, or summer program			
	Tribal child care center			
	Tribal family child care home			
	License-exempt child care center enrolled in ABC Quality [skip question 8]			
	Licensed faith-based child care center			
	Registered faith-based child care center			
7.	Program/site name*			
8.	Program/site license or registration number*			
9.	Program/site CC number*			
	(same number used for background checks) (6)			

10.	Program/site street address and city*				
11.	Program/site zip code*				
12.	Program/site county* (if you are unsure, enter the address here and it will identify the				
	county)				
	Abbeville	Greenwood			
	Aiken	Hampton			
	Allendale	Horry			
	Anderson				
	Bamberg	Kershaw			
	Barnwell				
	Beaufort				
	Berkeley				
	Calhoun				
	Charleston	Marion			
		Marlboro			
	Chester	McCormick			
	Chesterfield	Newberry			
	Clarendon				
	Colleton	Orangeburg			
	Darlington	Pickens			
	Dillon	Richland			
	Dorchester	Saluda			
	Edgefield	Spartanburg			
	Fairfield	Sumter			
	Florence				
	Georgetown	Williamsburg			
	Greenville	York			

## III. Capacity and Enrollment

13.	What is the program's/site's licensed (or registered) capacity for each c ages?*	f the following	
	24/30 months and younger		
	24/30 months and older		
	TOTAL CAPACITY		
14.	How many of your program/site's spaces are <u>currently</u> filled/enrolled?*		
	Under age 1 (birth to 12-months)		
	1-year-olds (12-months up to 24-months)		
	2-year-olds (24-months up to 36-months)		
	3-year-olds (36-months up to 48-months)		
	4-year-olds		
	5-year-olds not in school		
	5-years-old through 12-years-old in school		

	TOTAL				
	Comments				
45					
15.	What is your <u>desired</u> enrollment?*				
	Under age 1 (birth to 12-months)				
	1-year-olds (12-months up to 24-months)				
	2-year-olds (24-months to 36-months)				
	3-year-olds (36-months to 48-months)				
	4-year-olds				
	5-year-olds not in school				
	5-years-old through 12-years-old in school				
	TOTAL				
	Comments				
16.	On average, how many children are surrently enrolled in <b>REFORE</b>				
10.	On average, how many children are <u>currently</u> enrolled in <b>BEFORE</b> <b>AND AFTER SCHOOL</b> care?				
17.		<u> </u>			
17.	Do you offer care any hours before 6:00 AM, after 6:00 PM,		□ No		
	overnight, and/or on weekends (Non-Traditional Hour Care)?	∐ Yes			
	[if yes, continue] [if no, skip to 20] Comments				
	Comments				
18.	Which of the following times does this program/site offer to provide ca	are?			
	6:00 PM to 12:00 AM				
	10:00 PM to 6:00 AM				
	3:00 AM to 6:00 AM				
	Varied and flexible care for families whose schedules change from week to week				
	or day to day				
	Drop-In Care				
	Care on weekends				
	None of the above				
19.	On average, how many children are currently enrolled in <b>NON-</b>				
17.	<b>TRADITIONAL HOUR</b> care (before 6:00 AM, after 6:00 PM,				
	overnight, and/or on weekends)?				
	Comments				
	Comments				
20.	Do you offer <b>FULL-TIME</b> care (30 hours per week or more)?*		_		
20.	[if no, skip full-time rate questions]	Yes 🗌	🗌 No		
21.	Do you offer <b>PART-TIME</b> care (15-29 hours per week)?*				
د ۱۰	[if no, skip part-time rate questions]	Yes 🗌	🗌 No		

22.	Is there anything else you would like to share about capacity and enrollment?

#### IV. Rates

The definition of rates includes what is charged to private-paying families who pay the full price of child care because they don't receive a federal, state, or tribal government subsidy such as the SC Child Care Scholarship (formerly SC Voucher). Rates should be for on-time payment and on-time pick-up of children without any discounts or extra charges.

As an alternative to answering questions about your rates, you may upload a standard rate/fee schedule for this program/site by clicking on the "browse" link below or by emailing <u>southcarolina@prenatal5fiscal.org</u>.

23.	Did you upload or email the program/site's standar schedule?* [if yes, skip to 38] [if no, continue]	d rate/fee	Yes No
Full-	Time Rates		
		Rate	This rate is charged:
24.	What is the <b>FULL-TIME</b> rate for <b>children under</b> <b>age 1</b> (birth up to 12-months-old)?		Weekly Monthly
	Comments		
25.	What is the <b>FULL-TIME</b> rate for <b>1-year-olds</b> (12- months-old up to 24-months-old)?		Weekly Monthly
	Comments		
26.	What is the <b>FULL-TIME</b> rate for <b>2-year-olds</b> (24- months-old to 36-months-old)?		Weekly Monthly
	Comments		
27.	What is the <b>FULL-TIME</b> rate for <b>3-year-olds</b> (36 months-old to 48-months-old)?		Weekly Monthly
	Comments		
28.	What is the FULL-TIME rate for 4-year-olds?		Weekly Monthly
	Comments		

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29.	What is the FULL-TIME rate for 5-year-olds not in		Weekly
	school?		Monthly
	Comments		
30.	What is the FULL-TIME rate for 5 through 12-		Weekly
00.	year-olds in school?		Monthly
	Comments		
Part	 -Time Rates		
		Rate	This rate is
		Nuto	charged:
31.	What is the <b>PART-TIME</b> rate for <b>children under</b>		Weekly
	age 1 (birth up to 12-months-old)?		Monthly
	Comments		
32.	What is the <b>PART-TIME</b> rate for <b>1-year-olds</b> (12-		Weekly
	months-old up to 24-months-old)?		Monthly
	Comments		
33.	What is the <b>PART-TIME</b> rate for <b>2-year-olds</b> (24-		Weekly
	months-old to 36-months-old)?		Monthly
	Comments		:
34.	What is the <b>PART-TIME</b> rate for <b>3-year-olds</b> (36		Weekly
0	months-old to 48-months-old)?		Monthly
	Comments		
35.	What is the <b>PART-TIME</b> rate for <b>4-year-olds</b> ?		Weekly
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	Comments		
36.	What is the <b>PART-TIME</b> rate for <b>5-year-olds not</b>		Weekly
	in school?		Monthly
	Comments		

37.	What is the PART-TIME rate for 5 through 12-	
	year-olds in school? Monthly	
	Comments	
38.	Is there anything else you would like to share about your rates?	

### V. Revenue

39.	Which of the following sources of revenue does this child care program/site receive? (select all that apply)*
39.	Private parent/family child care payments
	Additional fees beyond private parent/family child care payments (application
	L fees, field trip fees, late fees)
	SC Child Care Scholarship payments (formerly SC Vouchers)
	Head Start/Early Head Start/Tribal Head Start funds (for those programs separate
	from this child care program)
	SC 4K/First Steps 4K funds (for those programs separate from this child care
	program)
	USDA food program reimbursements (Child and Adult Care Food Program
	(CACFP), School Nutrition Program)
	Other – Write In
	Comments
40.	Of the revenue sources selected, which is the <b>LARGEST</b> source of revenue for this child care program/site?* (select one)
	Private parent/family child care payments
	Additional fees beyond private child care payments (application fees, field trip fees,
	L late fees)
	SC Child Care Scholarship payments (formerly SC Vouchers)
	Head Start/ Early Head Start/Tribal Head Start funds (for those programs separate
	from this child care program)
	SC 4K/First Steps 4K funds (for those programs separate from this child care
	program)
	USDA food program (Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), School
	Nutrition Program)
	Other – Write In
	Comments

## VI. Subsidy

41.	Do you participate in the SC Child Care Scholarship Program						] No	
	(formerly SC Vouchers)?* [if yes, continue] [if no, skip to 45]							
42.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							
	receive a SC Child Care Scholarsh					<u> </u>		
43.	Is the SC Child Care Scholarship (							
	client fee are less than the price you charge private-paying families,					′es 🛛	Nc	
	do you charge families the difference?							
	[if yes, continue] [if no, skip to 45]			_				
44.	How much and how often do you	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		?				
		:	etween your					
			ice and total of					
			Scholarship (SC nent plus client	How	often d	lo you c	harac	
			e			e differe		
		Difference	Difference					
		charged for	charged for					
		<u>full-time</u> child	<u>part-time</u>					
	Age of Children	care	child care	Wee	ekly	Mor	nthly	
	Under age 1	\$	\$			L	_	
	1-year-olds	\$	\$			Ļ	_	
	2-year-olds	\$	\$				_	
	3-year-olds	\$	\$			Ļ	_	
	4-year-olds	\$	\$				_	
	5-year-olds not in school	\$	\$			Ļ	_	
	5 through 12-year-olds in school	\$	\$			L	_	
45.	If you chose not to enroll in ABC Quality to be eligible to accept SC Child Care							
	Scholarships (SC Vouchers), what are the barriers, or challenges, if any that keeps you							
	from enrolling?* (select all that apply)							
	Don't know enough about the program							
	Need more information about how to enroll in the program							
	Program is confusing							
	Don't have the time							
	Don't have the resources							
	Cannot handle administrative requirements (paperwork is too difficult)							
	Issues receiving client fees from parents/families							
	Payment rates too low							
	Delay in payment							
	Not enough families qualify for SC Child Care Scholarships (SC Vouchers)							
	90-day requirement for pre-service health and safety training							

H	Other staff training/educational requirements Overtime pay for staff to meet requirements
	No slots are available for SC Child Care Scholarship children, we have a waiting list
	I do not have challenges or experience barriers with the program
	Other – Write In
Corr	nments

## VII. Staffing and Wages

46.	Which of the following is closest to the average hourly wage/salary before taxes for a
	full-time teacher?* (annual wage/salary based on a 12-month schedule)
	Less than \$8 per hour (Less than \$16,640 annually)
	\$8 to \$9/hour (\$16,640 to \$18,720 annually)
	\$9 to \$10/hour (\$18,720 to \$20,800 annually)
	\$10 to \$11/hour (\$20,800 to \$22,880 annually)
	\$11 to \$12/hour (\$22,880 to \$24,960 annually)
	\$12 to \$13/hour (\$24,960 to \$27,040 annually)
	\$13 to \$14/hour (\$27,040 to \$29,120 annually)
	\$14 to \$15/hour (\$29,120 to \$31,200 annually)
	\$15 to \$16/hour (\$31,200 to \$33,280 annually)
	\$16 to \$17/hour (\$33,280 to \$35,360 annually)
	\$17 to \$18/hour (\$35,360 to \$37,440 annually)
	\$18 to \$19/hour (\$37,440 to \$39,520 annually)
	\$19 to \$20/hour (\$39,520 to \$41,600 annually)
	\$20 to \$21/hour (\$41,600 to \$43,680 annually)
	\$21 to \$22/hour (\$43,680 to \$45,760 annually)
	\$22 to \$23/hour (\$45,760 to \$47,840 annually)
	\$23 to \$24/hour (\$47,840 to \$49,920 annually)
	\$24 to \$25/hour (\$49,920 to \$52,000 annually)
	More than \$25/hour (\$52,000 and above)
	Comments
17.	Which of the following is closest to the average hourly wage/salary before taxes for a
	full-time assistant teacher?* (annual wage/salary based on a 12-month schedule)
	Less than \$8 per hour (Less than \$16,640 annually)
	<ul> <li>\$8 to \$9/hour (\$16,640 to \$18,720 annually)</li> <li>\$9 to \$10/hour (\$18,720 to \$20,800 annually)</li> </ul>

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	\$10 to \$11/hour (\$20,800 to \$22,880 annually)
	\$11 to \$12/hour (\$22,880 to \$24,960 annually)
	\$12 to \$13/hour (\$24,960 to \$27,040 annually)
	\$13 to \$14/hour (\$27,040 to \$29,120 annually)
	\$14 to \$15/hour (\$29,120 to \$31,200 annually)
	\$15 to \$16/hour (\$31,200 to \$33,280 annually)
	\$16 to \$17/hour (\$33,280 to \$35,360 annually)
	\$17 to \$18/hour (\$35,360 to \$37,440 annually)
	\$18 to \$19/hour (\$37,440 to \$39,520 annually)
	\$19 to \$20/hour (\$39,520 to \$41,600 annually)
	\$20 to \$21/hour (\$41,600 to \$43,680 annually)
	\$21 to \$22/hour (\$43,680 to \$45,760 annually)
	\$22 to \$23/hour (\$45,760 to \$47,840 annually)
	\$23 to \$24/hour (\$47,840 to \$49,920 annually)
	\$24 to \$25/hour (\$49,920 to \$52,000 annually)
	More than \$25/hour (\$52,000 and above)
(	Comments
	<ul> <li>Which of the following is closest to the average hourly wage/salary before taxes for a ull-time teacher aide?* (annual wage/salary based on a 12-month schedule)</li> <li>Less than \$8 per hour (Less than \$16,640 annually)</li> <li>\$8 to \$9/hour (\$16,640 to \$18,720 annually)</li> <li>\$9 to \$10/hour (\$18,720 to \$20,800 annually)</li> </ul>
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	\$11 to \$12/hour (\$22,880 to \$24,960 annually)
	\$12 to \$13/hour (\$24,960 to \$27,040 annually)
	\$13 to \$14/hour (\$27,040 to \$29,120 annually)
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	\$15 to \$16/hour (\$31,200 to \$33,280 annually)
	\$16 to \$17/hour (\$33,280 to \$35,360 annually)
	\$17 to \$18/hour (\$35,360 to \$37,440 annually)
	\$17 to \$10/hour (\$37,440 to \$39,520 annually)
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	\$21 to \$22/hour (\$43,680 to \$45,760 annually)
	\$22 to \$23/hour (\$45,760 to \$47,840 annually)
	\$23 to \$24/hour (\$47,840 to \$49,920 annually)
	\$24 to \$25/hour (\$49,920 to \$52,000 annually)
	More than \$25/hour (\$52,000 and above)
(	Comments

<pre>(please check all that apply) Note: every program has different job titles but please do your best to match your roles to those listed.  Executive Director Program Director Assistant Director</pre>
those listed.         Executive Director         Program Director
Executive Director       Program Director
Program Director
Assistant Director
Education Coordinator/Curriculum Coordinator
Eligibility Coordinator
Nurse/Health Consultant
Instructional Coach
Parent Outreach Coordinator
Family Engagement Specialist
Office Manager
Administrative Assistant
Kitchen Staff
Transportation Staff
Financial Manager/Bookkeeper
Janitor/Maintenance Worker
Other – Write In
None of the Above
Comments
How many total full-time equivalent (FTE) <b>non-teaching</b> positions are
budgeted for at this program/site?* ( <u>click here</u> for more information about how to calculate the total FTE)

### VIII. Benefits

51.	Which of the following benefits are offered to employees at this program/site (select all
	that apply)?
	Health insurance
	Dental insurance
	Vision insurance
	Retirement
	Life insurance
	Long-term care insurance
	Paid sick days
	Paid vacation days
	Paid federal/state holidays
	Paid professional development/training days

	Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services	
	Funds/stipend for training or coursework	
	Other – Write In	
	None of the above	
	Comments	
52.	What is the average number of paid sick days an employee receives each year? [if selected 'paid sick days']	
53.	What is the average number of paid vacation days an employee receives each year? [if selected 'paid vacation days']	
54.	What is the maximum number of paid professional development/training days offered to an employee each year? [if selected 'paid professional development/training days']	
55.	Is there anything else you would like to share about compensation and be	nefits?
	Comments	

# IX. Non-Personnel Expenses

56.	Please estimate the approximate <b>MONTHLY</b> at this program/site.	amount for the following major expenses
	Expense	Monthly Amount
	Rent/lease/mortgage	\$
	Supplies and materials	\$
	Equipment	\$
	Food	\$
	Utilities	\$
	Transportation	\$
	Other – Write In	\$
	Other – Write In	\$
	Other – Write In	\$

## X. Special Populations

57.	Do you provide care for children and families experiencing any of the following	
	circumstances? (Please select all that apply)	
		Children learning more than one language
		Children requiring extra behavioral support (for example, children who have
		challenges managing their emotions/behavior beyond what is typical for their
		age or children with unusually limited communication or social skills)
		Children with particular needs related to delays, disabilities, or medical
		conditions

	Children involved in child welfare system (child protective services or foster
	care) or at risk of abuse or neglect
	Children who are experiencing homelessness/or are unhoused (those who lack
	a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children sharing
	housing due to loss of housing, living in motels or campgrounds, living in
	emergency or transitional shelters, or living in places unfit for human
	habitation such as cars, public spaces, or abandoned buildings).
	Families who need care during non-traditional hours (before 7:00 AM, after
	6:00 PM, on weekends, or who have schedules that vary from week to week or
	day to day)
	None of the above [if selected, skip to end]
58.	[If serve DLL]
50.	What additional costs, if any, do you incur when caring for <b>children learning more</b>
	than one language?
	Please describe:
	riease describe.
59.	[If serve behavior support]
57.	
	What additional costs, if any, do you incur when caring for <b>children requiring extra</b>
	behavior support? Please describe:
	Flease describe:
60.	[If serve disabilities]
	What additional costs, if any, do you program incur when caring for <b>children with</b>
	particular needs related to delays, disabilities, or medical conditions?
	Please describe:
61.	[If serve child welfare]
	What additional costs, if any, do you incur when caring for children involved in child
	welfare system (child protective services or foster care) or at risk of abuse or
	neglect?
	Please describe:
62.	[If serve homeless]
	What additional costs, if any, do you incur when caring for children who are
	experiencing homelessness/who are unhoused?
	Please describe:
63.	[If serve non-traditional]

What additional costs, if any, do you incur when caring for families who need care
during non-traditional hours?
Please describe:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help the SC Department of Social Services set SC Child Care Scholarship (SC Voucher) payment rates that are based on the cost of the care you provide. There are additional opportunities to provide input into this process, including online group discussions or "input sessions". If you would like to learn more about the project or sign up for one of these input sessions, please visit <u>http://www.prenatal5fiscal.org/southcarolina/sc-engagement</u>.

64. Equitable participation in this survey is important for capturing the full range of provider experiences. If you're willing, please consider sharing information about how you identify so we can know where there are gaps in our data collection efforts.

#### What is your race or ethnicity? Please select as many categories as apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black/African American
Latino/a/Hispanic
Middle Eastern/North African (MENA)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
White
Decline to state
Other – Write In