

PURPOSE

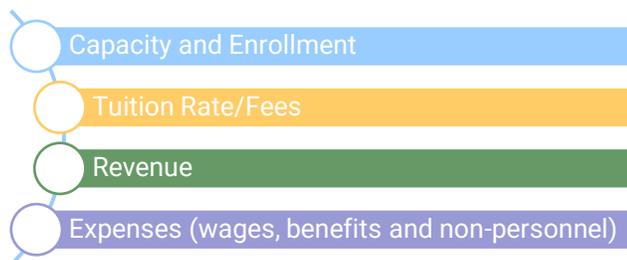
The purpose of the 2022 DC Child Care Provider Survey is to help inform the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE's) understanding of DC child care providers' current costs and revenues. The information gathered through the survey will help to inform future child care subsidy reimbursement rates and the implementation of the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund in fiscal year 2024 and beyond.

APPROACH

OSSE, in partnership with DC Child Care Connections, is working with Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies (P5FS) to conduct the provider survey. P5FS is led by Jeanna Capito and Simon Workman, and consists of a team of early childhood system, program and financing experts with experience working in multiple states and communities at the program and policy level.

This survey will provide data-driven and unbiased information on the current costs of child care operations for child development centers, child development homes and expanded child development homes.

The program has four primary components:



The P5FS approach is guided by several foundational principles, specifically that the early care and education system needs to:

- Work for *all* children and families, particularly those who are furthest from opportunity.
- Compensate the workforce at a level that allows for financial stability and acknowledges the critical role they play in the lives of our youngest children.
- Be fair to providers and support their ability to cover the full costs of implementing and improving quality.
- Use public resources wisely and efficiently.

DATA COLLECTION

P5FS is working closely with OSSE and DC Child Care Connections to engage all licensed providers with child development facilities in DC. Data collection, via online survey and interviews, will occur between September and October 2022.



Only members of the P5FS study team will have access to the detailed data that providers share; the team is committed to ensuring that all data collected from providers is kept confidential and secure. Only data that is combined across providers, and stripped of all personally identifiable information, will be shared with anyone outside of the study team, including OSSE. P5FS will not publish the responses of any individual child care facility.

Providers will be supported through the data collection process and have multiple opportunities to participate. While the primary data collection tool is an online survey, some providers (particularly providers with multiple facilities) will be engaged through interviews.

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the study and ways you can get involved and share your input, please visit www.prenatal5fiscal.org/washingtondc.

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