

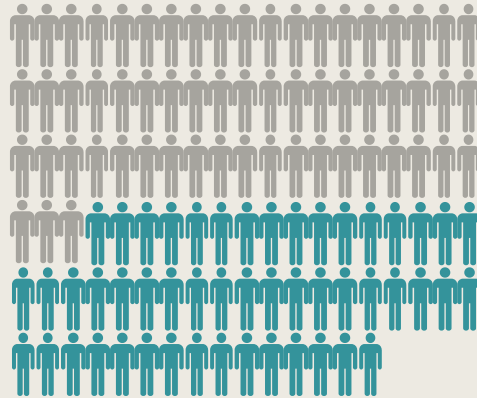
# Early Childhood Education Task Force Childcare Provider Survey

Survey was conducted in July 2020, by **ChildSavers** and **Smart Beginnings** in partnership with the **Community Foundation for a greater Richmond** and the **Robins Foundation**. 600 surveys were distributed electronically (n= 110).

## ENROLLMENT

“The current guidelines require fewer children be enrolled in order to maintain social distancing. Yet, at the same time, I need additional staff to manage the disinfecting and space requirements. So, **I have less money coming in and more going out. It is near impossible to stay afloat.**”

-Childcare Provider



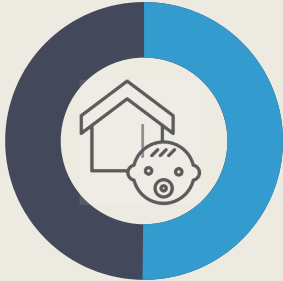
**9,566**

Children enrolled in childcare pre-COVID

**4,738**

Children currently enrolled in childcare

## CAPACITY



**50%**

of childcare centers reported experiencing significant challenges in recruiting and retaining staff

“Due to the social distancing requirements **it is inevitable that we will have to layoff staff.** While we understand the need to social distance we also recognize the hardship that our staff will face without a paycheck. We are dealing with a “double-edged” sword during this pandemic.”

-Childcare Provider

## FINANCES

Survey respondents were asked how many months they anticipated their programs would be able to survive without financial assistance:

