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Pennsylvania's



Early Care & Education Crisis February 2023 Survey Results

1,107 Programs Responded

84% indicated they have a
staffing shortage.

Low wages
and lack of benefits
have resulted in

3,980
open staff positions.

Our economy **can't recover**
if child care is not available to support
the workforce.

Impacts

38,321
children currently sit on
waiting lists.

1,599
classrooms are **closed.**

Programs reported **30,047**
additional children could be
served if fully staffed.

PA state and federal elected
officials must continue to invest
to strengthen our early care and
education system.