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Pennsylvania's

Child Care Crisis

February 2023 Survey Results

1,082 Programs Responded

85% indicated they have a
staffing shortage.

Low wages
and lack of benefits

have resulted in

3,600

open staff positions.

Our economy **can't recover**

if child care is not available to support
the workforce.

Impacts

35,469

children currently sit on

waiting lists.

1,526

classrooms are

closed.

Programs
reported

27,940

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.**