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Pennsylvania's Child Care Crisis September 2023 Survey Results

677

providers responded
to the survey.

3,344

unfilled staff
positions.

The General Assembly must act now and invest \$284 million to implement a child care recruitment and retention initiative to prevent more classrooms from closing, further limiting availability for working families in need of care.

731

closed classrooms.

When families can't find child care, they can't work.

16,527

additional children
could be served if those
programs were fully
staffed.

The child care staffing shortage is driven by low wages.

Child care earnings fail to meet the cost of living in ALL 67 PA counties.