DEMOGRAPHICS
715 Families
- 52% Two-parent families
- 48% Single-parent families
- 94% At least 1 parent working outside the home

Family Income
- <$32k: 32%
- $32k-$60k: 31%
- $60k-$100k: 16%
- $100k-$249k: 18%
- $250k+: 3%

CHILD CARE COSTS AND PAYMENT
Average cost of full-time child care:
- Infants: $20,508
- Toddlers: $18,348
- Preschoolers: $15,960

Child Care Subsidy Eligible:
- 37% of responding families
- 29% have trouble paying their family share

The Council’s Subsidy Specialist helped 707 parents with the subsidy application from 2015 to October 2017. As is true nationally, many parents are still unaware of the subsidy, unsure whether they qualify, or unable to correctly complete the application without help. Continuous subsidy assistance is needed.

If cost was not a factor, parents would take the following steps:
- 28% Look for higher quality
- 14% Place child in regulated care
- 7% Other

55% of families at all income levels have had trouble paying for child care in the last 6 months.

CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS AND SELECTION
Parents often use multiple options, and continue to cite location as their top selection factor.

Top Factors for Child Care Selection

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* Statistics from the Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. Referral Database

*The cost of care to subsidy recipients is the same regardless of the type of care they select.*
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68% Call out
65% Leave early
51% Arrive late
49% Feel distracted
20% Cut back hours
25% Feel unproductive
7% Quit job
6% Lose job

Parents have taken following actions because of child care:
- Turned down job: 32%
- Chose a specific job: 32%
- Reduced working hours: 30%
- Left a job: 17%
- Delayed returning to work: 18%

Specific issues that impact parents’ work:
- Child care not available: 33%
- Child care not always reliable: 18%
- Not always able to pay for child care: 25%
- Worried child is not receiving the best care: 14%
- Worried about child’s safety: 7%

How many days of work did you miss in the past 12 months due to child care issues?
- 8 to 14 days: 17%
- 1 to 7 days: 40%
- 15 to 30 days: 7%

Is/was child care an important part of your decision to work where you do? Yes 66%

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