



National Association for the Education of Young Children

Child Care is Essential and Needs Emergency Support to Survive

At least one thing has been clear in this difficult week: child care is essential and early childhood educators are a crucial part of our nation's fabric.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is proud to stand with and on behalf of this essential and extraordinary field, and has issued an **important statement** regarding the unprecedented public health crisis and its impact on child care. You may also remember that last week, we asked you to share and complete a **brief survey** regarding your experiences and challenges. Today, we share the **first release** from that data gathering, taking a national look at key responses about the effects of the pandemic and the urgent need for support, from more than 6,000 programs across all states and settings.

As you review, we also ask you to take a moment to **call your federally-elected officials**, especially your Senators, and ask them to provide significant, flexible and emergency funding that will maintain our nation's quality child care supply today and into the future. For more on the immediate relief that is needed, please check out **this letter to Congress** from many of the nation's leading child advocacy organizations. In this moment of crisis, we must #FundChildCare, for the good of our country's children, families, communities, and economy

Thank you for everything you do to advance our shared commitment to the health and well being of young children and all who care for, educate, and work on their behalf.