**Child Care Survey Summary**

Results of a survey of parents with children aged 12 years or under conducted from April 15 to July 15, 2016

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**Response by County**

- Cayuga: 47
- Onondaga: 408

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**Family Size**

- Two: 81
- Three: 146
- Four: 148
- Five: 50
- Six: 16
- Seven: 7
- Eight: 3
- Nine: 1
- Ten: 3

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**Family Composition & Employment Status**

- Single Mother, Working: 185
- Single Mother, Not Working: 27
- Single Father, Working: 11
- Single Father, Not Working: 1
- 2 Parents, Working: 190
- 2 Parents, Not Working: 3
- 2 Parents, 1 Working: 37

Only 6% of households had no employed adults.
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**Annual Household Income**

- 37% of households report an annual income of less than $32,000.

**Weekly Cost of Care by Age of Child**

- 25% of Parents pay $200 or more per week for infant care.
- 55% of Parents pay less than $100 per week for child care.
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**46% ExperIENCE Difficulty Paying For Child Care**

- Always=45
- Often=34
- Sometimes=103
- Rarely=49
- Never=165

**How Families are Paying for Child Care**

- Parents struggling to pay for child care must make difficult financial decisions.

Other includes:
- Family or friends provide care for free
- Refinanced home
- Pay late
- Transfer from savings account
- Retirement loan
- Child’s grandparents pay for child care
- Husband switched shifts
- Postpone payments

- Credit/Borrow 22%
- Child Care Subsidy 11%
- Cut Back on Expenses 23%
- Cut Back Work/Care Hours 11%
- Changed/Used a Patchwork of caregivers 17%
- Other 16%
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**Type of Care Used by Age of Child**

- 33% of children are cared for by a parent or relative; 46% are in licensed/registered care (21% are in a licensed Day Care Center).

**Top 5 Factors Impacting Caregiver Selection**

- Strong Learning Environment
- Cost
- Children Happy In Program
- Hours
- Location
56% Experience Negative Child Care Issues

- No Issues: 44%
- Reliability: 10%
- Affordability: 10%
- Safety/Quality: 11%
- No One To Watch Child: 14%
- Other Concerns: 11%

75% Report that Child Care Issues Negatively Impact Their Work

- No Work Issues: 25%
- Call Out Of Work: 17%
- Arrive Late/Leave Early: 31%
- Cut Hours/Quit Job/Fired: 12%
- Distracted/Unproductive At Work: 15%
25% of Parents Report Their Employer Provides Child Care Assistance

- Work From Home when child is sick
- Dependent Care Assistance Program
- Financial Assistance
- Extended Maternity Leave
- Resources To Find Care
- Child Care At Work Site
- Paternity Leave
- Other

“Other” includes:

- Flexible spending reimbursement (max $5000)
- Able to bring child in with me if day care closes
- Dependent care flex spending account
- Must use PTO when there's a childcare issue.
- Flex plan for child care
- There is financial assistance that I don't qualify for
- Flex spending
- Child care at a different site
- If child is sick I get sick time
- When school closed I was allowed to bring child to work with me and no problem