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Chester County's Early Care & Education Crisis February 2023 Survey Results

41 Programs Responded

85% indicated they have a
staffing shortage.

Low wages
and lack of benefits
have resulted in

202
open staff positions.

Our economy **can't recover**
if child care is not available to support
the workforce.

Impacts

1,754
children currently sit on
waiting lists.

73
classrooms are **closed.**

Programs reported **1,167**
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.