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I. Executive Summary

The 2010 Legislature passed E2SHB 3141, an act relating to redesigning the delivery of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), part of which involved reforming components of Working Connections Child Care (WCCC), Washington's child care subsidy program to promote stability for children, reliability for parents who are either working or preparing and searching for work, and predictability for the child care providers who serve low-income families. Beginning in state fiscal year (SFY) 2011, families with children enrolled in Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP), Head Start, or Early Head Start are allowed authorizations for 12 months unless a change in circumstances requires an authorization to end earlier than 12 months. ECEAP, Head Start, and Early Head Start will be collectively called "Comprehensive Preschool Programs" throughout this report.

This report describes an evaluation of the impacts of HB3141 with specific emphasis on:

- 1) Analyzing the impact of the 12-month authorization on the stability of child care, program costs, and administrative savings.
- 2) Reasons families leave WCCC.
- 3) Recommendations for expanding the application of the 12-month authorization period to additional populations of families that receive WCCC.

Methods

There are four main sources of data for this study:

- A telephone survey of families enrolled in the 12-month extended subsidy program.
- A telephone survey of families eligible for the 12-month extended subsidy program but who are not enrolled.
- An online survey of directors of Comprehensive Preschool Programs that accept children from the WCCC program
- Information from administrative databases of the Department of Early Learning and Department of Social and Health Services.

Impact on the stability of child care

The results of the survey of program participants suggests that the 12-month extended subsidy program has a substantial impact on both the stability and the quality of child care for these families. The 12-month extended subsidy leads to a greater percentage of children who are placed in a child care center or a family child care home. The difference is statistically significant, with 78.3% of those in the 12-month extended program compared with only 39.2% of those who are no longer enrolled having their child/children placed in a child care center or family child care home as opposed to some other arrangement.

Additionally, the 12-month extended subsidy leads to a greater percentage of children who are placed in a licensed facility and one that offers a learning curriculum. The difference is statistically significant, with 85.3% of those in the 12-month extended program compared with only 68.3% of those who are no longer enrolled, having their child/children placed in a licensed facility that offers a curriculum that helps children learn.

Finally, parents themselves recognize that the 12-month extended subsidy program has had a big impact on the stability of their child care. A clear majority (63%) of parents who are

enrolled in the 12-month extended subsidy program say the program has had a big positive impact and has improved the stability of their child care. A majority of parents (52%) also report the 12-month extended subsidy program has had a big positive impact on their child's development. Similarly, a third of Comprehensive Preschool Programs' directors agree the program has a positive impact on the continuity of child care for children who are enrolled in their program.

Impact on program costs

Overall, there has been a reduction in the number of families and children enrolled in the WCCC program from SFY10 to SFY11 due to cost-saving policy changes implemented in SFY11. There has also been a reduction in the average amount of the child care subsidy per family and per child. The average amount of the subsidy per family in SFY11 was \$685 less than it was in SFY10. The average amount of the subsidy per child in SFY11 was \$340 less than it was in SFY10.

When we compared the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per family and per child for families in the 12-month extended eligibility program versus those for families and children in the 6-month eligible program, we found the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts, regardless of the service area. The differences are substantial, with the average amount per family being \$724 less for the 12-month eligible program and the average amount per child being \$512 for the 12-month eligible program.

This reduction in average subsidies also is true for families enrolled in the Comprehensive Preschool Programs. For Comprehensive Preschool Program families, the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts in most service areas. The average subsidy amount per Comprehensive Preschool Program family is \$244 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program, and the average amount per child is \$348 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program.

It's not possible to conclude that the reduction in the average subsidy amounts is due exclusively to the 12-month extended eligibility program. However, there is no evidence that the program has led to any increases in subsidies. Instead, the data suggest the program has either had no impact on program costs or has contributed to reducing program costs per family and per child.

Impact on administrative savings

The WCCC program is administered by staff who work on both the 12-month eligibility program and the 6-month eligibility program; administrative costs are distributed among both of these programs as well as all other programs involved with child care subsidies.

In the opinion of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) staff involved with the child care programs, the administrative costs associated with administering the WCCC program are approximately 10% of total costs, and there is little difference between the costs for administering the 6-month program versus the 12-month program, except that the 6-month program requires additional time and effort for reprocessing applications to the program. DSHS staff suggested that if there is a difference in the administrative costs that it is in favor of the 12-month program because of the reduction in the number of times applications need to be processed.

Since the number of families enrolled in the 12-month program is currently only 2% of all families enrolled in the WCCC program, the administrative savings associated with the 12-month program are currently quite small. As more families who are in the 6-month program transition to the 12-month program, the associated administrative savings will increase and reduce overall administrative costs of the WCCC program.

Reasons families leave WCCC

There are a variety of reasons why families decide to leave the WCCC program, such as becoming ineligible due to a change in family circumstances, an increase in income, and other personal reasons. Thirty-one percent of families who were enrolled in the extended 12-month WCCC program last year left the program at some point and were no longer enrolled at the time this study was undertaken. This is significantly higher than the rate for people in the 6-month eligibility program. However, the reason for the higher rate among people in the 12-month program is that because of the 12-month time frame there is more time for people to leave than there is in the 6-month program. Thus, if people leave at a rate of about 3% per month, then we would expect about 18% leaving in a six-month period for the 6-month eligible participants, and about 36% leaving over a 12-month period for the 12-month eligible participants. The actual percents in the survey are 20% and 31%, respectively, which is well within the margin of error for this survey.

A large percentage of WCCC clients said there was nothing they disliked and/or that they were satisfied with the program (21% of 12-month eligible clients, and 27% of 6-month eligible clients). A higher percent of 6-month clients than 12-month clients said that they didn't like having to renew so often. A substantial percent of clients from both programs mentioned the difficulty of the application process and requirements (21% of 12-month clients, and 15% of 6-month clients).

Recommendations

Given the positive benefits of the 12-month extended eligibility WCCC program, and the lack of unique negative aspects to the program, the main recommendation is that the program be continued and that awareness of the program be expanded to other families and child care programs.

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| Recommendation #1 | Continue to offer the 12-month extended eligibility WCCC program to eligible families. |
| Recommendation #2 | Increase awareness of the 12-month extended eligibility WCCC program among families and child care programs. |
| Recommendation #3 | Find ways to reduce the burden of the application process. |
| Recommendation #4 | Find ways to do more to help families and child care programs with the eligibility process. |

II. Program Background

During the 2010 legislative session, Washington passed House Bill 3141, an act relating to redesigning the delivery of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The goals of TANF are to help job-ready participants secure gainful employment; to assist parents to prepare for and obtain sustainable employment that will lift families out of poverty and lead to economic self-sufficiency; and provide basic income assistance and support to parents who are disabled or otherwise exempt from work activity under federal law.

To achieve these goals, the state decided to reform components of Working Connections Child Care (WCCC), Washington's child care subsidy program to promote stability for children, reliability for parents who are either working or preparing and searching for work, and predictability for the child care providers who serve low-income families. Beginning in fiscal year 2011, families with children enrolled in Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP), Head Start, or Early Head Start are allowed authorizations for 12 months unless a change in circumstances requires an authorization earlier than twelve months.

The WCCC program is an income-based program that help families pay for their child care costs. In SFY11, new program policies were implemented in an effort to reduce costs. Priority is now given to families who receive TANF benefits and families of children with special needs. Priority is also given to families in which a parent is a minor who is living independently and who is a full-time student in a high school that has an on-site, school-sponsored child care program. Other families with incomes at 175% of the federal poverty level or less may apply and receive child care benefits on a first-come, first-served basis until the program reaches a set limit.

To assess the impacts of the HB 3141, the Social & Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) conducted an evaluation study and compiled the results of the study into this report. The report provides: 1) an analysis of the impact of the 12-month authorization on the stability of child care, program costs, and administrative savings; 2) reasons families leave WCCC; and 3) recommendations for expanding the application of the 12-month authorization period to additional populations of families that receive WCCC.

The report provides aggregate data and information such as the average family size and number of children per family who receive child care subsidies; the highest level of education obtained by adults in the family and if their educational levels changed during the 12-month authorization period; the average income level per family and if it changed during the 12-month authorization period; the average amount of child care needed per week; the industry in which the adults of the family were employed; whether the adults in the family maintained the same approved work or educational activity during the 12-month eligibility period; the typical approved activity/work schedule for the adults in the family; whether the family changed child care providers during the 12-month eligibility period, and if so, why; whether families decided to leave WCCC, and if so, why; whether the family received other state/federal social services; and other demographical information about families receiving WCCC. In addition to relying on information and data provided by DEL, the report also includes the results of a survey of families that are affected under HB 3141 and a separate survey of Comprehensive Preschool Programs' directors.

III. Methodology

There are four main sources of data for this study, including the following groups in the State of Washington:

- A. A telephone survey of families enrolled in the 12-month extended subsidy program
- B. A telephone survey of families eligible for the 12-month extended subsidy program but who are not enrolled
- C. An online survey of directors of Comprehensive Preschool Programs that accept children from the WCCC program
- D. Information from administrative databases of the Department of Early Learning and Department of Social and Health Services.

A. A telephone survey of families enrolled in the 12-month extended subsidy program

For this survey, DEL provided SESRC with a list of the names and telephone numbers of 604 families who were enrolled in the WCCC 12-month extended subsidy program during 2010 and are affected under HB 3141. Prior to the start of the telephone interviewing, a pre-notification letter was mailed to these 604 families. Telephone interviews were then attempted with as many people as could be reached during the survey period. The calling began on May 25, 2011 and was completed on June 22, 2011.

SESRC made use of a computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) system, and a call scheduler to ensure that up to 10 call attempts were made to reach each respondent. These call attempts alternated days of the week and time of the day. The average interview length for the survey was 13 minutes. By the end of the calling period, interviewers had completed or partially completed interviews with 181 WCCC respondents.

All interviewers received eight hours of basic interviewing training followed by an additional hour of project-specific training. At all times during the training and project calling, at least one supervisor was present and available to provide quality control and to respond to interviewers' needs and questions. To maintain data quality and continuity in the telephone data collection process, interviewer performance was regularly monitored and measured.

B. A telephone survey of families eligible for the 12-month extended subsidy program but who are not enrolled

For this survey, DEL provided SESRC with a list of the names and telephone numbers of 441 families who are eligible for the WCCC 12-month extended subsidy program but are not enrolled. Telephone interviews were attempted with as many people as could be reached during the survey period. The calling began on July 18, 2011 and was completed on July 24, 2011.

SESRC made use of a CATI system, and a call scheduler to ensure that up to 10 call attempts were made to reach each respondent. These call attempts alternated days of the week and time of the day. The average interview length for the survey was 13 minutes. By the end of the calling period, interviewers had completed or partially completed interviews with 98 WCCC respondents.

All interviewers received eight hours of basic interviewing training followed by an additional hour of project-specific training. At all times during the course of training and project calling at least one supervisor was present and available to provide quality control and to respond to interviewers' needs and questions. To maintain data quality and continuity in the telephone data collection process, interviewer performance was regularly monitored and measured.

C. An online survey of directors of Comprehensive Preschool Programs that accept children from the WCCC program

DEL provided SESRC with a list of 135 email addresses of the directors of Comprehensive Preschool Programs that serve families in WCCC. The SESRC sent email messages inviting directors to participate in an online survey about the WCCC 12-month extended eligibility. The online survey was available to directors from May 11 through May 30, 2011. SESRC controlled access to the survey by giving each director a unique access code. Once a survey was completed, that access code was no longer available and further access to the survey using that code was denied. Any attempts to log on with an access code that had already been used or using an access code that had not been authorized or attempts to enter the survey without a valid access code resulted in the user being redirected to a "help page." This page informed the user the code was invalid and gave the user contact information to reach research staff. A total of 43 respondents completed or partially completed the online survey during this survey period.

D. Information from administrative databases of the Department of Early Learning and Department of Social and Health Services

Data regarding program costs, enrollee characteristics, and other aspects of the WCCC program were obtained from databases maintained by DEL. Information about the WCCC program and its impacts was also obtained through discussions with program managers.

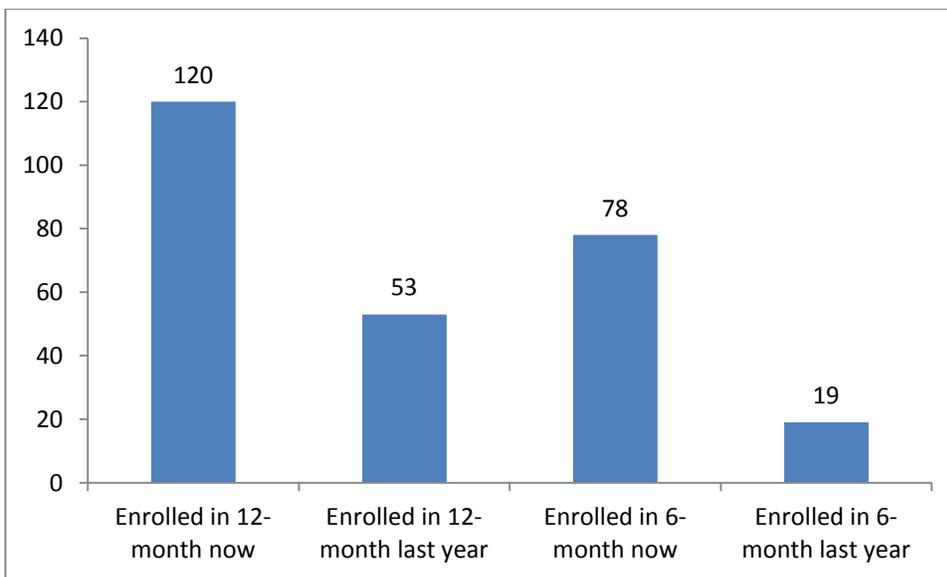
IV. Results

We designed and conducted three surveys to evaluate the impacts of HB3141 on WCCC and specifically on the stability of child care for families enrolled in the 12-month extended subsidy program.

1. One survey was of families who were enrolled in the 12-month extended subsidy program in 2010.
2. The second survey was of families were eligible for the 12-month extended subsidy but who had not enrolled in the program.
3. The third survey was of Comprehensive Preschool Programs' directors and was designed to obtain their views of the 12-month extended subsidy program.

A description of the three surveys undertaken for this evaluation is described in the methods section of this report. Detailed results for each survey, including the answers to all survey questions, and respondent comments to open-ended questions are included in the appendices to this report.

For the two surveys of families, we created four groups of respondents that could be compared for analysis. The four groups and the number of respondents in each group are shown in the chart below. In total there are 270 families participating in the parent survey, with 173 families enrolled in the 12-month extended eligibility program, and 97 families participating in the 6-month eligibility program.

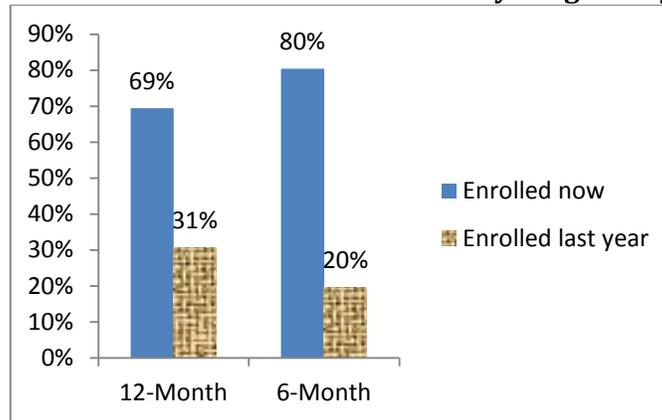


The analyses in this report focus on comparisons among these four groups of WCCC families. The main question of interest is whether there are differences between families enrolled in the 12-month extended eligible program compared with families enrolled in the 6-month program.

A. Program Participation and Stability

The surveys of parents enrolled in the 6-month and in the 12-month WCCC program were asked whether they were still enrolled or not in the program at the time of the interview. Among parents in the 12-month program, 31% were enrolled in the previous year but had dropped off by the time of the interview. Among parents in the 6-month program, 20% were enrolled in the previous year but had dropped off by the time of the interview. The difference in the number of dropping off is statistically significant ($p < 0.05$), indicating there may be an affect of the program.

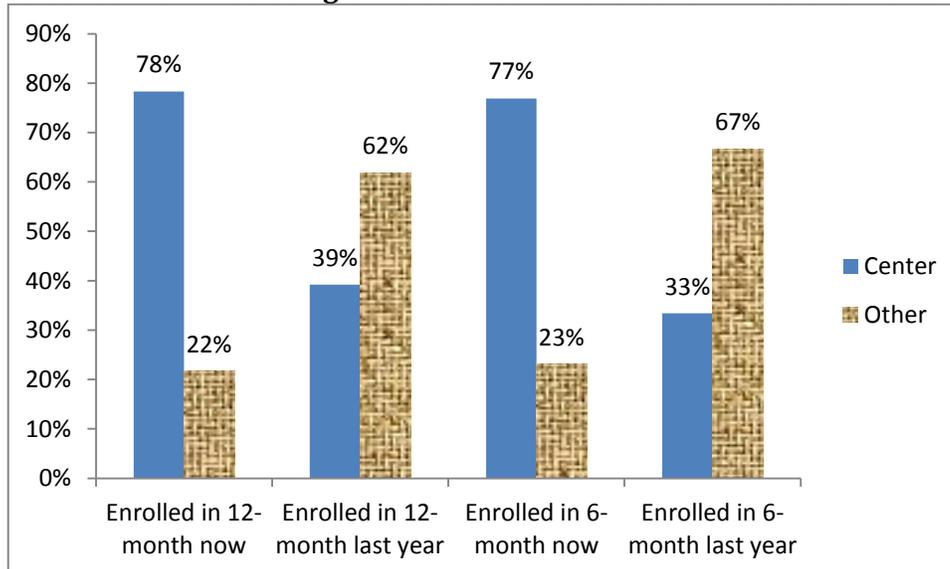
Percent of Families Enrolled in WCCC by Program Type



Child Care Differences

We next looked at whether there are differences in the type of child care between families who are enrolled in the 12-month and in the 6-month programs. We found no significant differences between the 12-month and the 6-month programs, but we did find significant differences between those currently enrolled with those enrolled last year but not now.

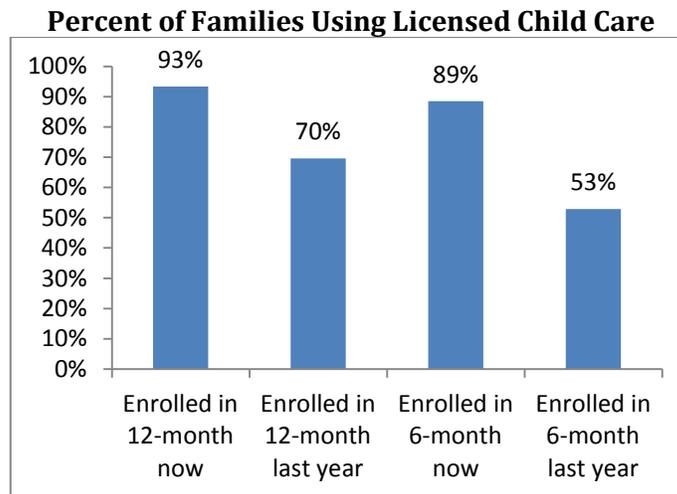
Percent of Families Using Child Care Centers vs Other Kinds of Child Care



We found a statistically significant difference between currently enrolled WCCC parents and those enrolled last year but not now in the type of child care used. WCCC-enrolled parents were twice as likely to be using a child care center or a family child care home than parents not currently enrolled. Most parents who were not enrolled indicated they were using some other arrangement for their child care. While 77% to 78% of families enrolled in the WCCC program have their child in a child care center, this drops to 33% to 39% if these families are no longer in the WCCC program. Families that drop out of the WCCC program are more likely to use other types of child care, including family members, friends, and neighbors.

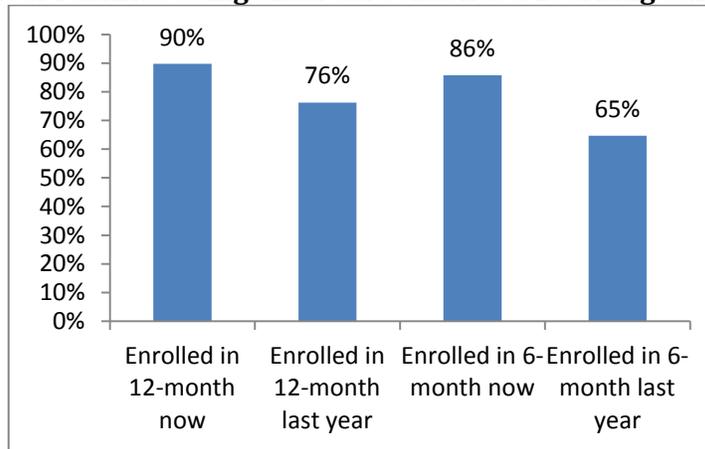
Parents were asked about the characteristics of the child care that they were currently using. Another statistically significant difference between currently enrolled WCCC parents and those enrolled last year but not now is whether the child care they use is licensed or unlicensed. We compared the responses of those who are enrolled now with the responses of those who were enrolled last year but are not now in the WCCC program. As shown in the tables below, parents currently enrolled in the WCCC program report more positive aspects of their child care than parents not currently enrolled. While more than 93% of WCCC enrolled parents reported using licensed child care, only 70% of parents not currently enrolled in WCCC reported using licensed child care.

As shown in the charts below, families who drop out of either WCCC program are also less likely to have their child in licensed child care, and less likely to have their child in a place that has a curriculum to help children learn. The differences between families in the 12-month program and the 6-month program are relatively small, with the majority of families in both programs using licensed child care that has a learning curriculum.



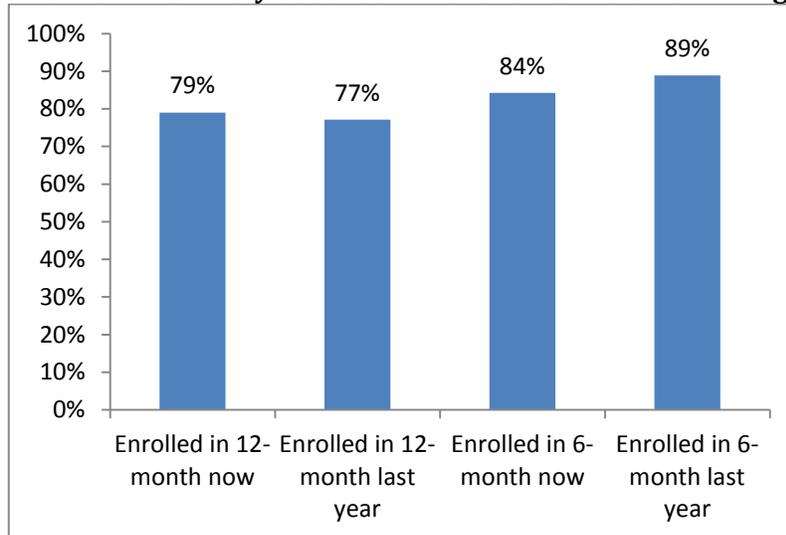
Another statistically significant difference between currently enrolled WCCC parents and those enrolled last year but not now is whether the child care provider offers a curriculum to help children learn. While almost 90% of parents enrolled in the 12-month eligible program reported their child care provider offers such a curriculum, only 76% of parents not enrolled in WCCC reported this. Almost one-fourth of parents not enrolled in the 12-month eligible program reported their child care provider does NOT offer curriculum to help children learn.

Percent of Families Using Child Care that has a Learning Curriculum



Despite the differences in child care arrangements between families currently enrolled in the WCCC programs and those who have dropped off, the majority of families say they are “very satisfied” with their current child care arrangement, as seen in the chart below. There are no significant differences between parents currently enrolled versus those who have dropped off. However, there is a slight difference between parents in the 12-month extended eligible program versus parents in the 6-month program, with a greater percentage of the 6-month enrollees saying they are “very satisfied.” Less than 5% of parents say they are dissatisfied with their child care provider, regardless of whether parents are currently enrolled in WCCC or not.

Percent of Families “Very Satisfied” with their Child Care Arrangement

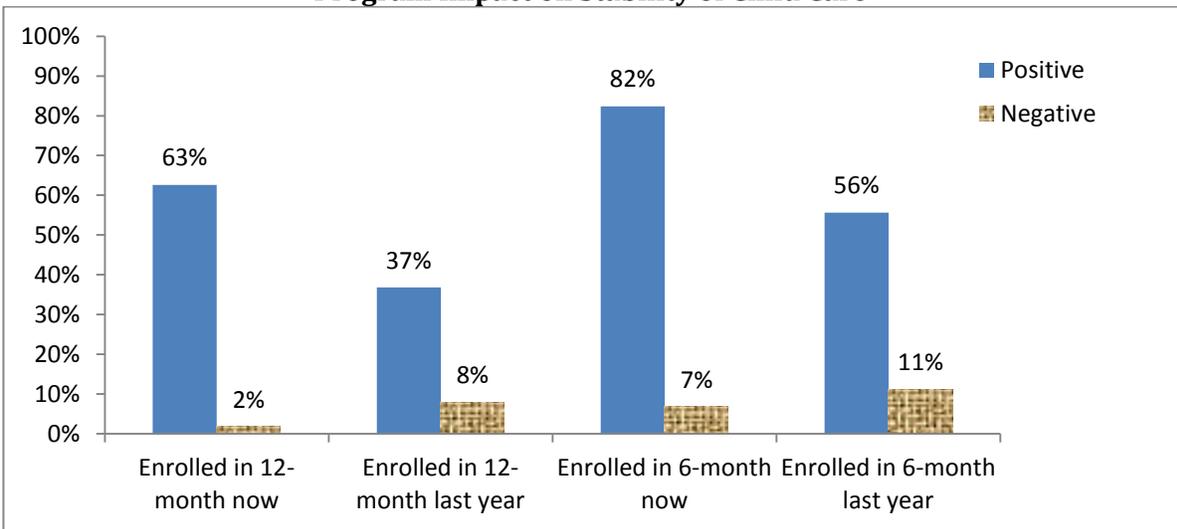


Program Impacts

Parents enrolled in the 12-month and the 6-month WCCC programs were asked about the impacts of the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility. We compared the responses of those who are enrolled now with the responses of those who were enrolled last year but are not now in the WCCC program.

Asked about the impact on the stability of their child care, a clear majority of those currently enrolled in the 12-month extended eligible program (63%) said the child care subsidy has had a big positive impact and has improved things. However, among those who are not currently but who were enrolled in the 12-month eligible program last year, a significantly smaller percent (37%) said the child care subsidy has had a big positive impact.

Program Impact on Stability of Child Care

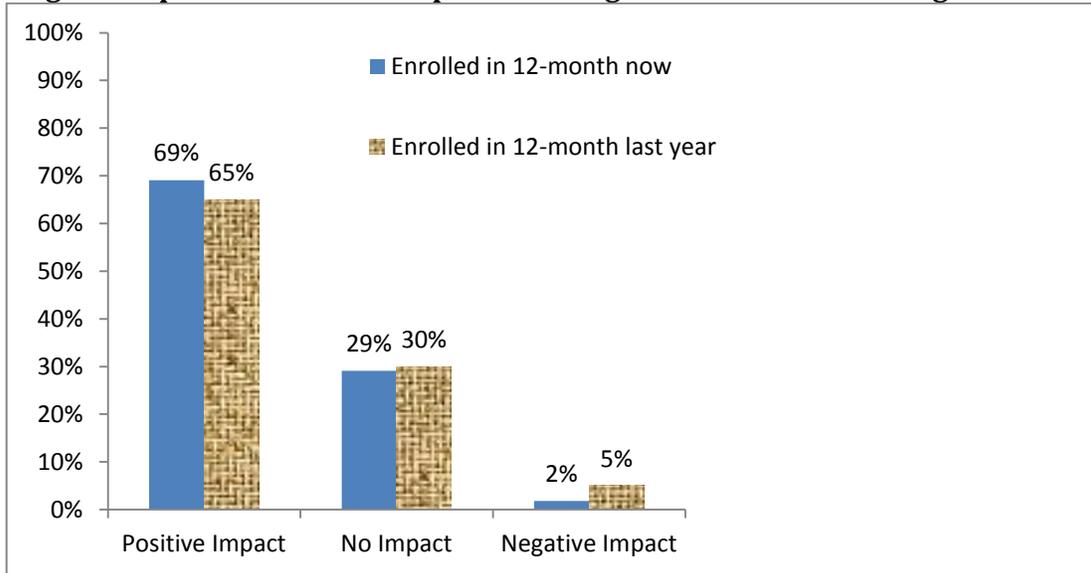


Similar results were obtained from parents enrolled in the 6-month eligible program, although the percentage indicating a big positive impact of the program on the stability of their child care was greater than those enrolled in the 12-month eligible program. Over 82% of the six-month program parents said the child care subsidy has had a big positive impact and has improved things. Again though, among those who are not currently but who were enrolled in the 6-month eligible program last year, a significantly smaller percent 56% said the child care subsidy has had a big positive impact.

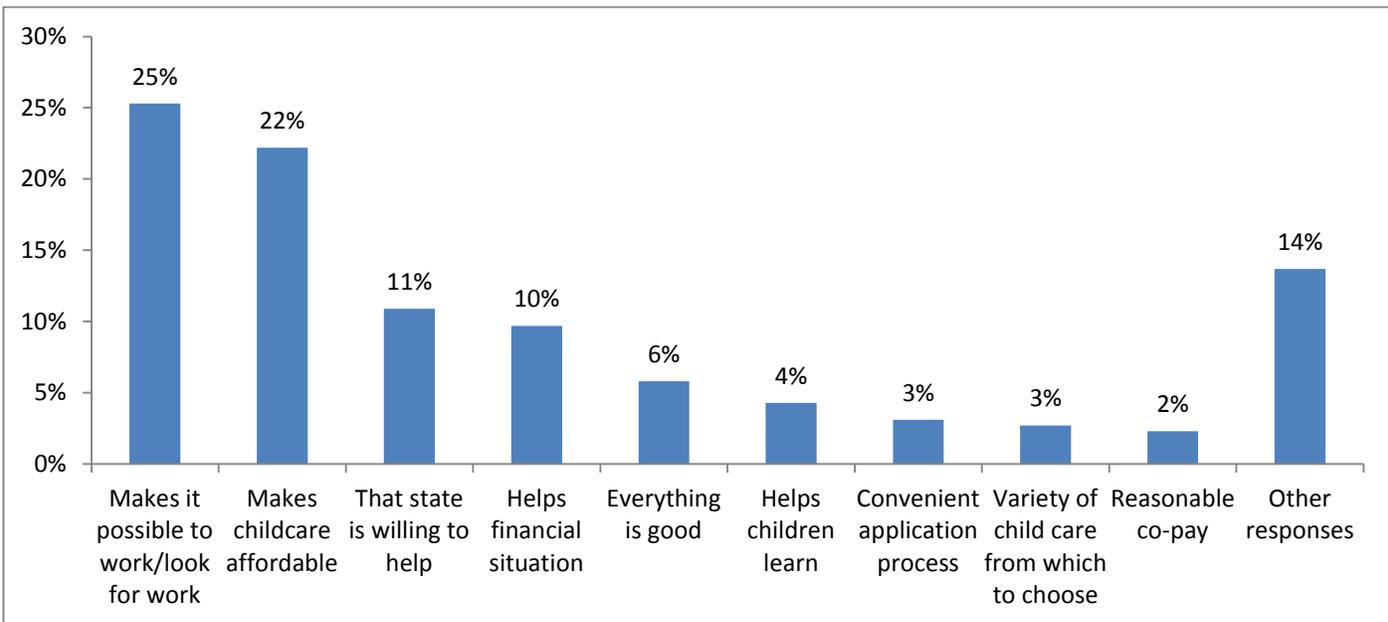
Only relatively small percentages of all parents, regardless of program, said the program had a negative effect on the stability of their child care. It is likely that the reason these parents said the impact was negative is because of dropping out of the WCCC program caused them to have to change their child care arrangements.

We asked parents enrolled in the 12-month extended eligible program about the impact on their children’s development and found no significant difference between parents who were currently enrolled in the 12-month WCCC program and those who enrolled last year but not now. Most parents said that the extended 12-month subsidy has had a big positive impact and has improved things. About 29% said that it has had no impact and nothing has changed. Only a very small number of parents said that the impact has been negative.

Program Impact on Child Development Among 12-Month Extended Eligible Parents



We asked parents what they liked best about the WCCC program. This was an open-ended question so parents could give whatever answer came to mind. The responses were sorted into the categories shown in the chart below. The dominant response was that the WCCC makes it possible for people to work, to look for work, and/or to go to school. The second most-frequent response was that it makes childcare affordable for participating families. Responses to this question were similar for those in the 12-month eligible program and for those in the 6-month eligible program.

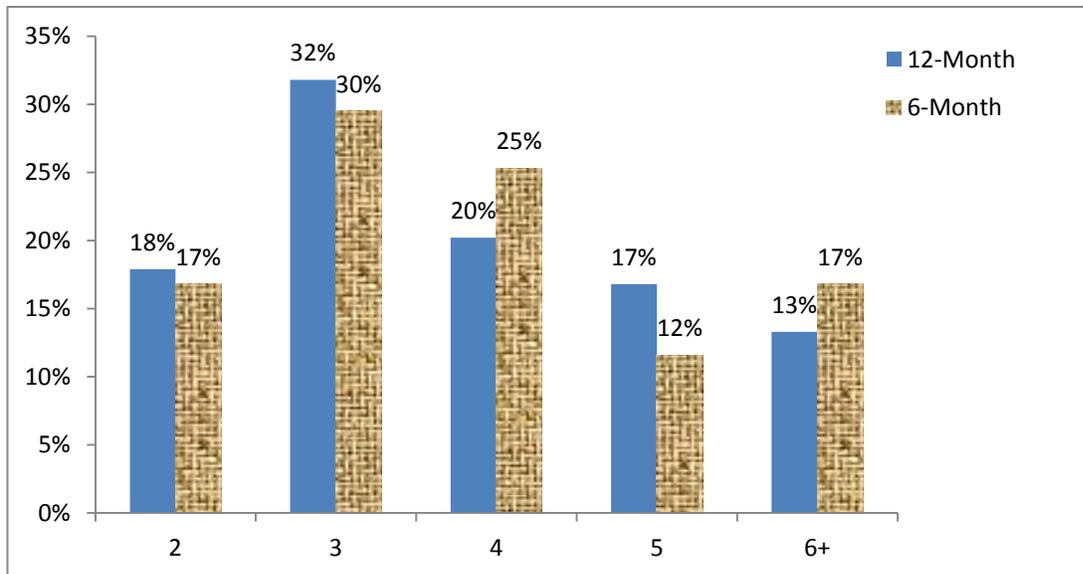


B. Characteristics of Enrollees

We examined the demographic and other household characteristics of people enrolled in the 12-month eligible program and compared them with those enrolled in the 6-month program to see if there are any differences. The charts in this section of the report show the characteristics of families in the two programs. In general there are few significant differences between families in the two programs.

Family Size

Family size varies from two people (parent and child) up to six or more. The median family size is four people. The majority of families in both the 12-month and the 6-month programs have between three and four people. Almost 27% of families have only one child. Over 35% have two children, 24% have three children, and 13% have four or more children. The majority of families consist of only one parent (63%), but 24% of families have two adults, over 7% have three adults, and only 5% of families have four or more adults living in the household. The differences in family size, number of children, and number of adults between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.



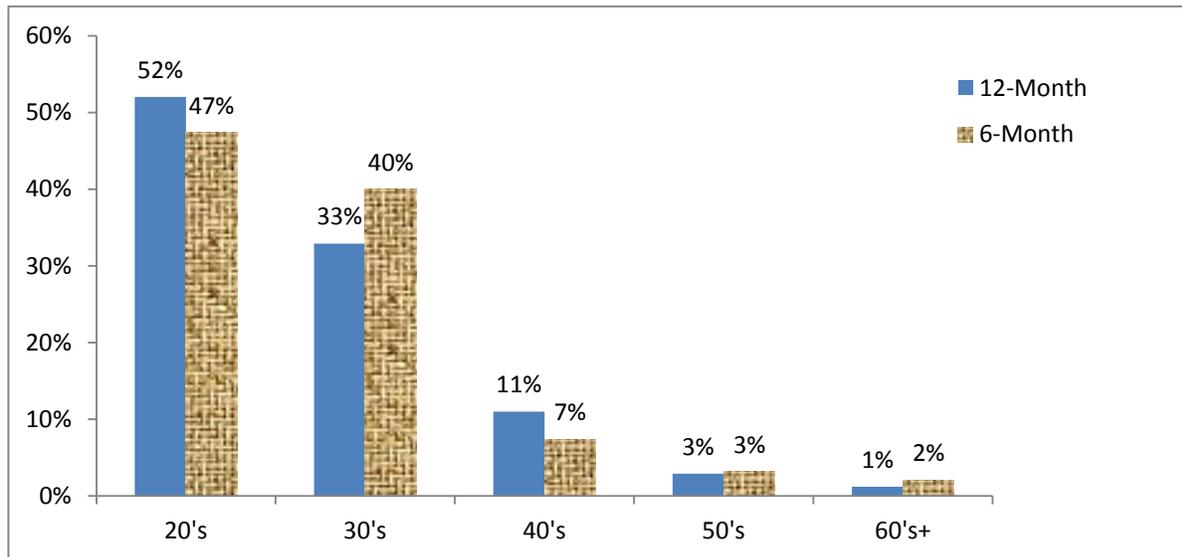
The table below displays the number of children who receive child care subsidies in families that are enrolled in WCCC and that vary in size from one to six children. More than 80% of children in families enrolled in WCCC receive child care subsidies.

Number of Children	Total Children	Number of Families	Number with Subsidy	Number without Subsidy	Total	Percent with Subsidy
1	34	34	29	2	31	93.55%
2	96	48	74	15	89	83.15%
3	78	26	58	17	75	77.33%
4	36	9	28	8	36	77.78%
5	10	2	6	4	10	60.00%
6	6	1	4	2	6	66.67%
Total	260	120	199	48	247	80.57%

*Source: Survey of parents.

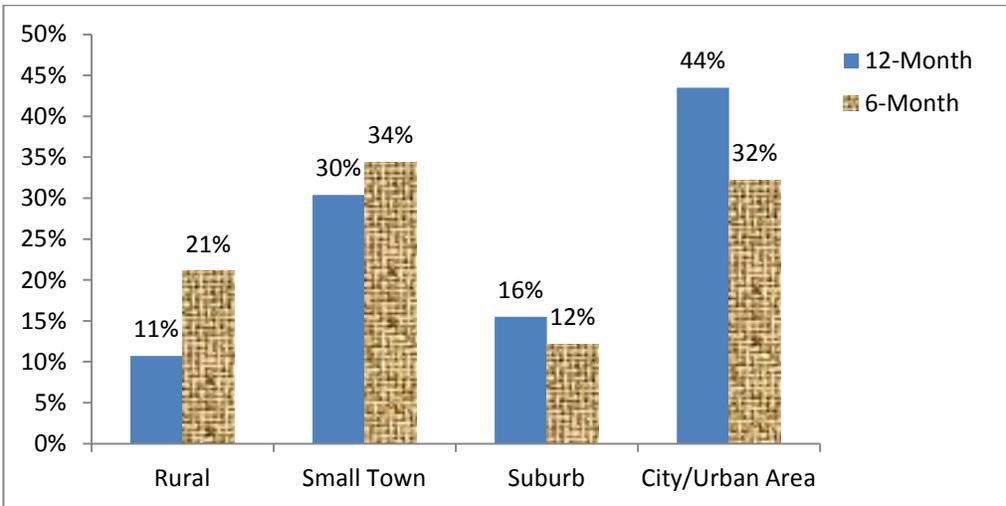
Client Age

People enrolled in the WCCC program tend to be young, with the majority being in their 20s and 30s, as shown in the chart below. The median age is 29 years, and the range is from 19 to 67 years of age. The differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.



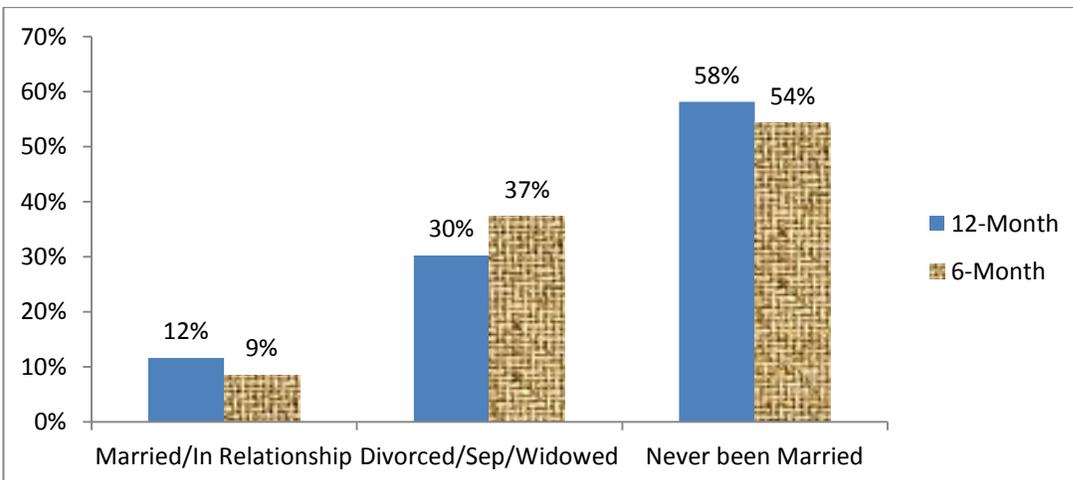
Geographic Region

People enrolled in the WCCC program come from all geographic regions. Program participants were asked whether they lived in a city, suburb, small town, or rural area. The chart below shows the distribution by 12-month versus 6-month program. The majority of 12-month eligible WCCC families live in a city or urban area, whereas the majority of families enrolled in the 6-month program live either in a small town or a city/urban area. Differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.



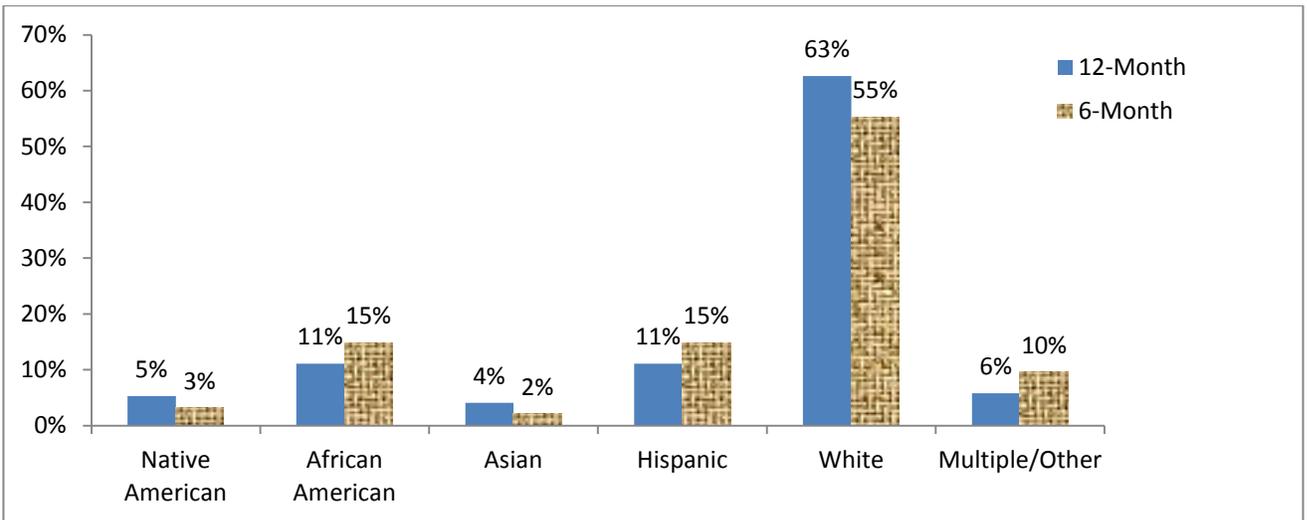
Marital Status

The majority of people enrolled in the WCCC program, regardless of whether they are in the 12-month eligible program or the 6-month program, have never been married and are single parents, as shown in the chart below. Among all WCCC families, almost 57% have never been married. Another third are divorced, separated, or widowed. And, only 11% are married or in a marriage-like relationship. The differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.



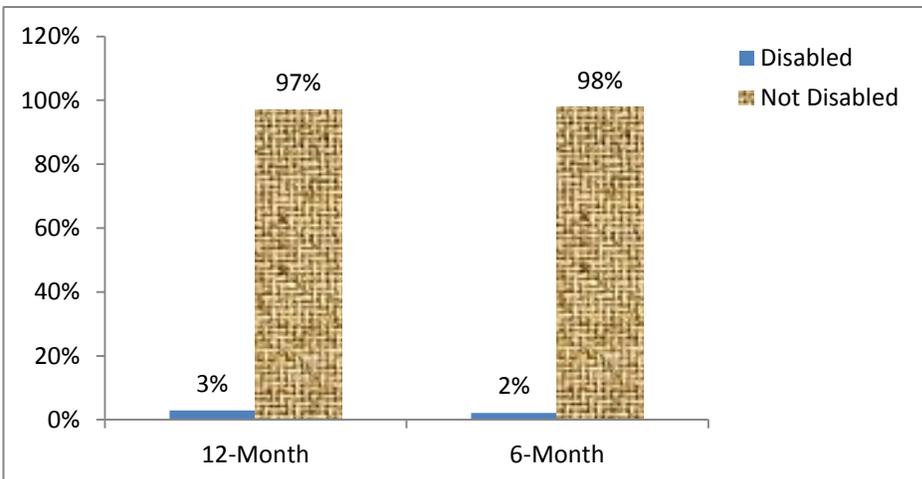
Ethnicity

The chart below shows the ethnic distribution of people enrolled in the WCCC program, and reflects the ethnic distribution of the Washington state population. Caucasians make up the majority of the WCCC clientele (60%), with the percent of other ethnicities as shown in the chart. Representing only 3% of all WCCC families, Asian, Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander clients have the smallest percent of enrollment. Hispanic families and African American families are represented in equal percentages (12.5%), and Native Americans account for 4.5% of all WCCC clients. Over 7% of WCCC clients identified themselves as being of multiple ethnicities or some other ethnic category. The differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.



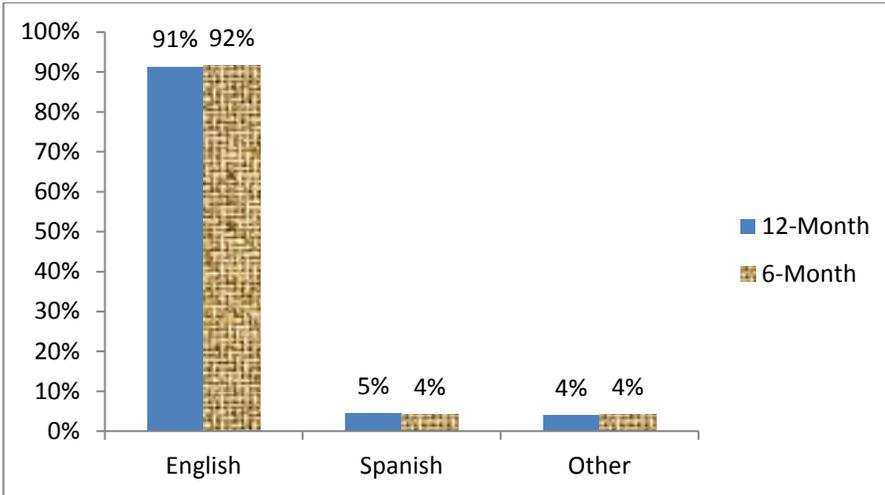
Disability

Only a small percent of people enrolled in the WCCC program are disabled. Only 3% of clients in the 12-month eligible program and only 2% of clients in the 6-month program are disabled. Differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.



Language

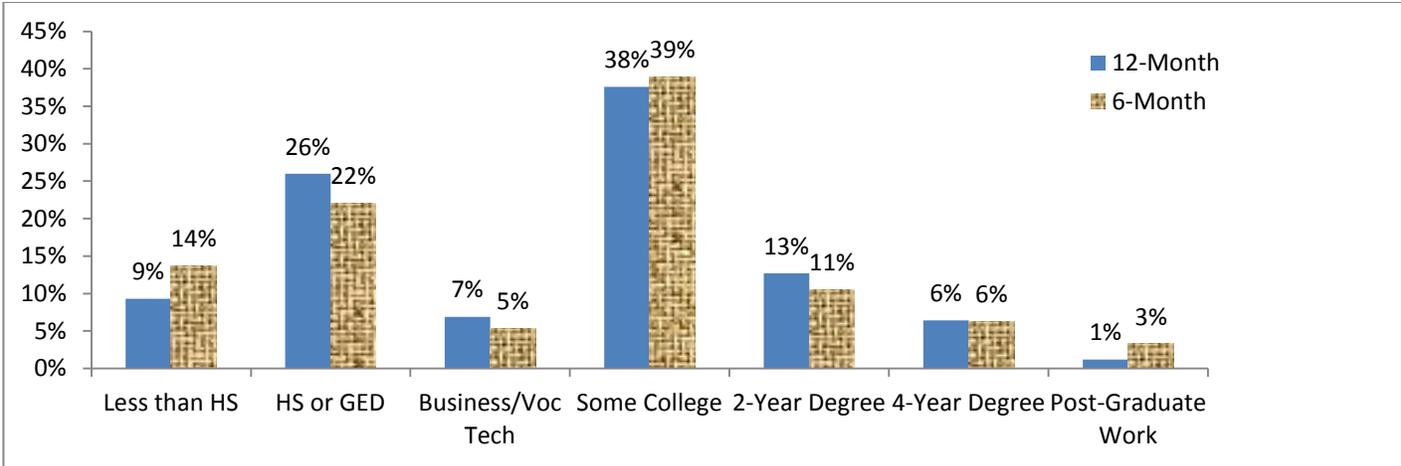
The majority of people enrolled in the WCCC program have English as their first language as shown in the chart below. Only 4.5% indicated that Spanish was their first language, and 4% indicated their first language was Russian, Vietnamese, or another language. The differences between the 12-month and the 6-month programs are not statistically significant.



Education

The chart on the next page shows the highest education for people enrolled in the WCCC program and indicates a broad range of education level, from those with less than a high school degree to a few who have had work at the post-graduate level. Those with some college (38%) and those with a high school degree (25%) make up the majority of the WCCC clientele (63%). The differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are not statistically significant.

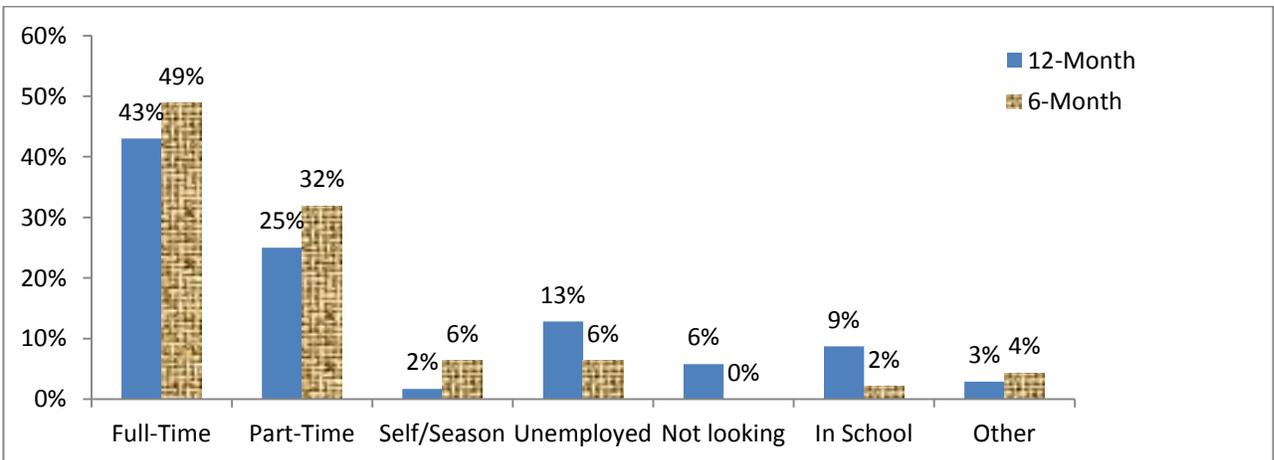
Although not shown, the education level of spouses is comparable to the results for WCCC clients. Approximately 40% of spouses have some college, and 25% of spouses of the clients who are married have a high school degree.



Employment

The chart below shows the employment status of people enrolled in the 12-month WCCC program and in the 6-month WCCC program. A majority of people enrolled are employed, either full time (45%), part time (27%), self-employed (2%) or seasonally employed (1%). The differences between the 12-month and the 6-month program are statistically significant. The main difference seems to be that people in the 12-month eligible program are somewhat less likely to be employed, and more likely to be in school than people in the 6-month program. Whether this difference is a result of the program or is simply due to random variation is not known, since clients weren't asked the reasons why they were not employed.

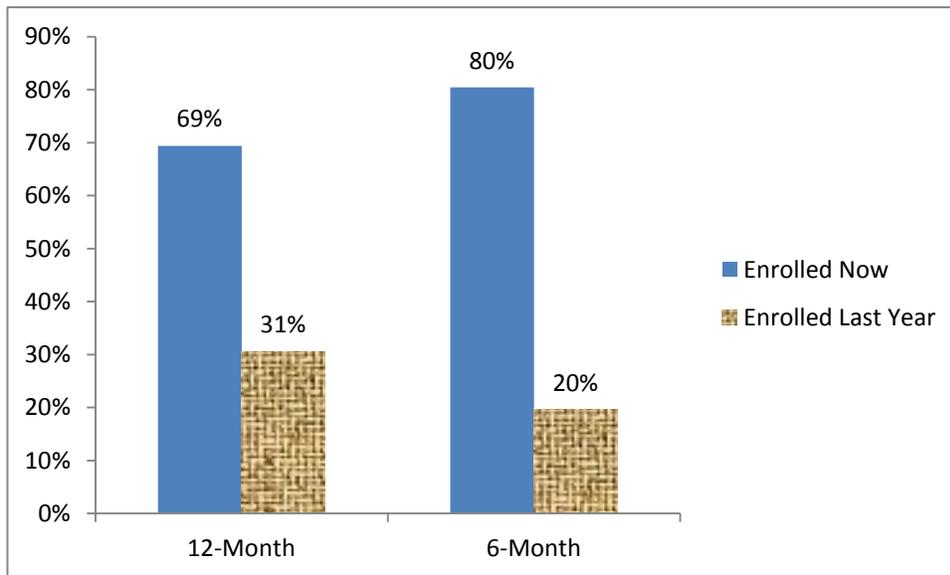
Although not shown, the employment status of spouses is comparable to the results for WCCC clients. Approximately 50% of spouses are employed full-time and 15% are in school.



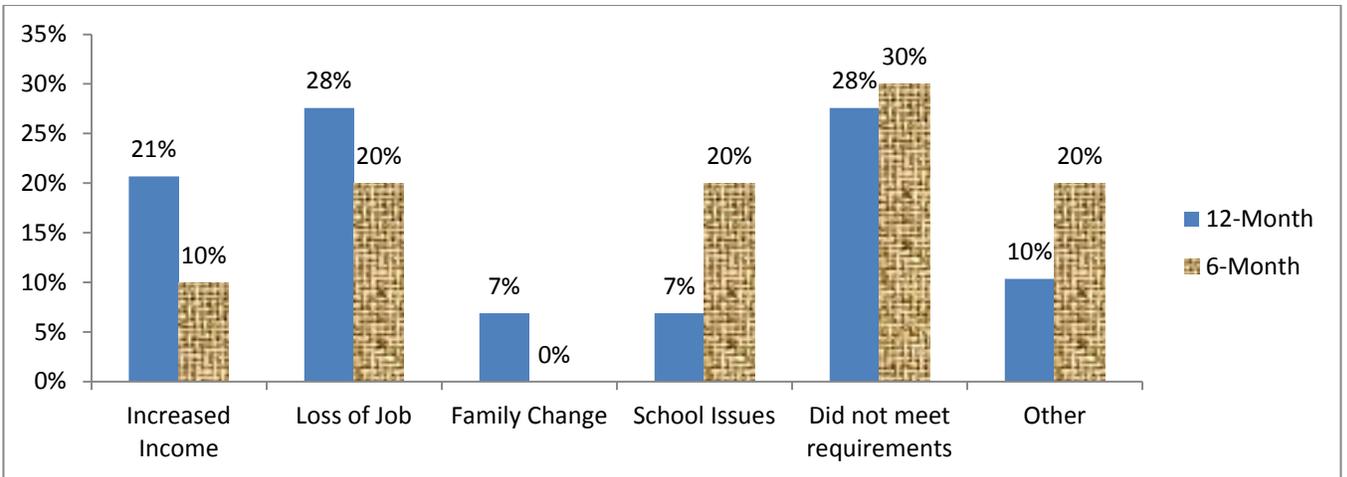
C. Reasons Families Leave the Program

There are a variety of reasons families leave the WCCC program, such as becoming ineligible due to a change in family circumstances, an increase in income, and other personal reasons. This section of the report explores the reasons why some families enrolled in the WCCC program left the program, and whether there are different reasons for leaving for those enrolled in the 12-month eligible program versus those in the 6-month eligible program.

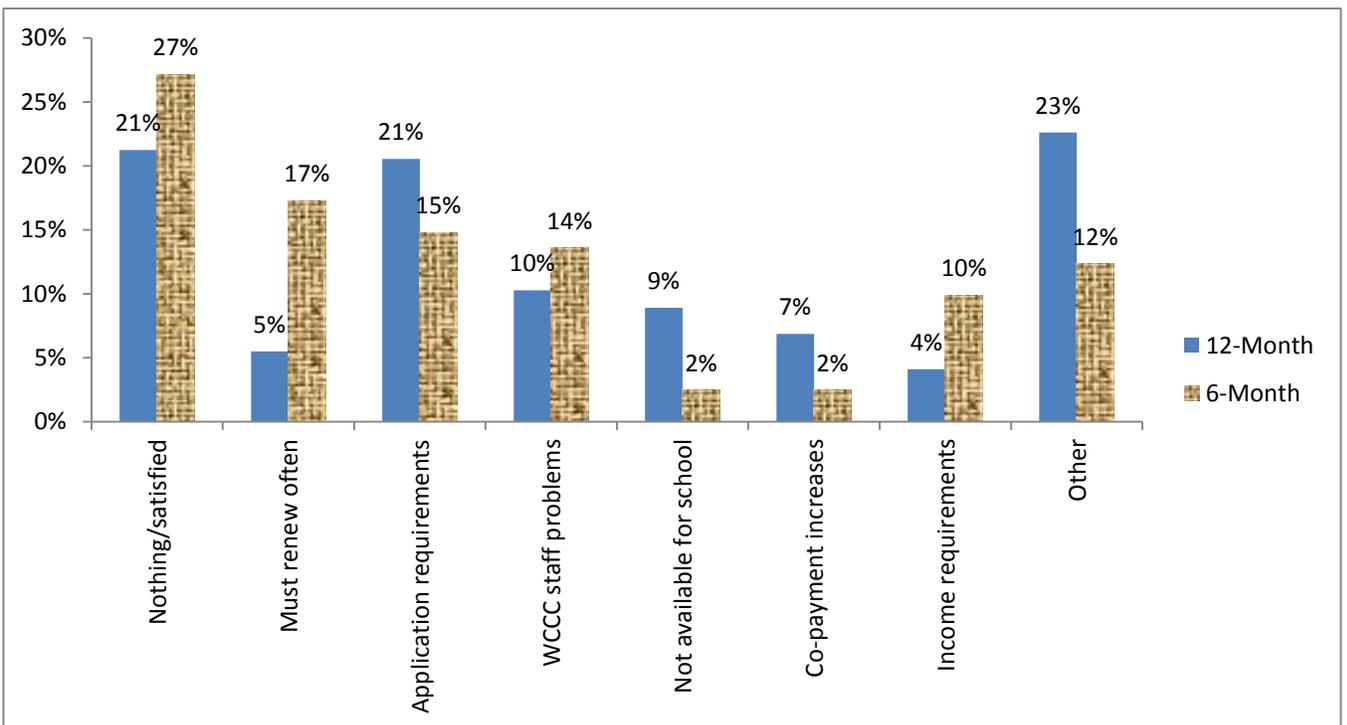
Thirty-one percent of families who were enrolled in the extended 12-month WCCC program last year left the program at some point and were no longer enrolled at the time this study was undertaken. As the chart below shows, people left the two programs at different rates, with a higher percent of those in the 12-month program leaving (31%) than those in the 6-month program (20%). The difference is statistically significant ($p < .05$). A main reason for leaving the program is that families became ineligible for the program. Almost 58% of families who left the 12-month eligible program, and almost 53% of those that left the 6-month eligible program said that they became ineligible for the WCCC program.



The main reasons for becoming ineligible are shown in the chart below. For families in the 12-month eligible program, the three main reasons for becoming ineligible are an increase in income (21%), loss of a job (28%), and no longer meeting the program requirements, such as going off TANF (28%). For the most part, families in the 12-month eligible program gave reasons similar to the reasons given by families in the 6-month eligible program. The differences between the two programs are not statistically significant.



To determine if there were other aspects of the WCCC program that might cause families to leave the program, we asked them what, if anything, they disliked about the WCCC program. The results are displayed in the chart below. A large percent of WCCC clients said there was nothing they disliked and/or that they were satisfied with the program (21% of 12-month eligible clients, and 27% of 6-month eligible clients). A higher percent of 6-month clients than 12-month clients said that they didn't like having to renew so often. A substantial percent of clients from both programs mentioned the difficulty of the application process and requirements (21% of 12-month clients, and 15% of 6-month clients). A few clients mentioned difficulties in getting help from WCCC staff, and especially difficulties in reaching staff by telephone (10% of 12-month clients, and 14% of 6-month clients).

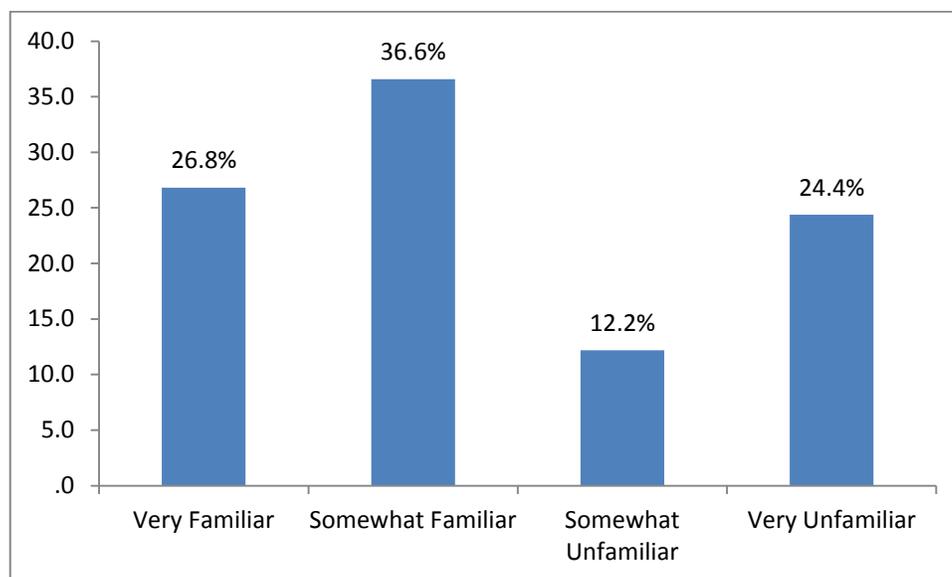


D. Comprehensive Preschool Program Director Views

The directors of 134 Comprehensive Preschool Programs were invited to participate in a survey designed to get their views of the WCCC extended 12-month child care subsidy. Thirty-two percent of these directors participated in the survey.

Most programs (67%) serve children who receive a child care subsidy from the state. Sixteen percent of the directors said their programs did not have any children receiving child care subsidies from the state, and another 16% said they weren't sure. The median number of children receiving child care subsidies from the state is 20 children per program, and the median number of children authorized for the extended 12-month child care subsidy is six children per program. The median number of children who are not authorized for the extended 12-month child care subsidy is 12 children per program.

While the majority of program directors (63%) are familiar with the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility, surprisingly, almost 37% are unfamiliar with the program (see chart below).



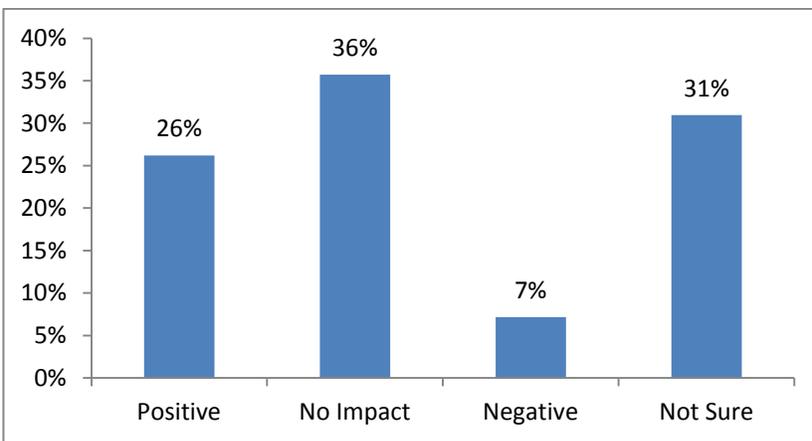
When asked whether any of the children in their program were authorized for the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility, the majority of program directors didn't know (58%). Only 33% of program directors said that their program had children who were authorized for the extended child care subsidy. Among these programs, the median number of children currently enrolled who are authorized for the 12-month program was six children.

While most program directors were reluctant to give reasons why children may not be authorized for the extended 12-month child care subsidy, a main reason offered by almost 26% of program directors is that the family may not be aware of the extended 12-month child care eligibility. Almost 18% of program directors said that a main reason could be the view that the eligibility application is seen as too burdensome and time-intensive.

Program directors were asked about the impacts of the 12-month child care subsidy eligibility on four separate aspects of their program, and whether the impacts were positive, negative, or had no impact on their program. About a third of these directors said they weren't sure of the impacts.

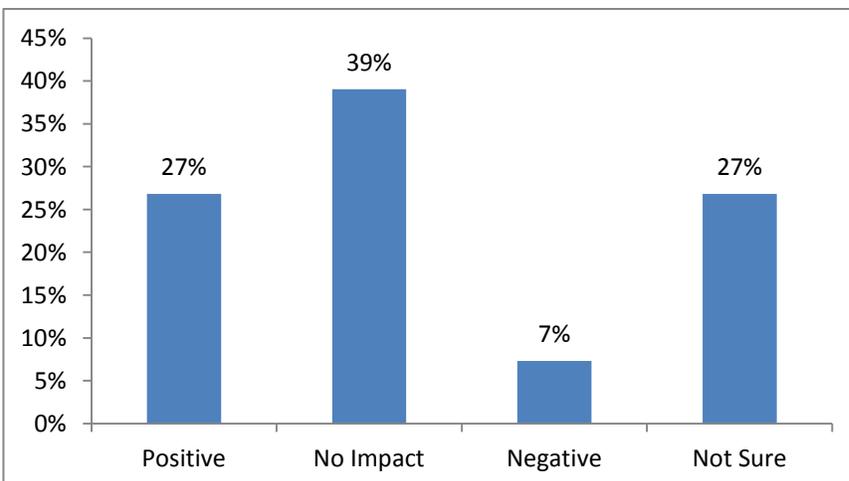
We first asked about impacts on child care subsidy authorizations and billings. While about one-third of directors weren't sure of the impacts, another third said the program had no impacts on the program's administration, and 26% said it had a positive impact. Only 7% said the impacts were negative.

Impact of the extended 12-month child care on the program's administration including child care subsidy authorizations and billings.



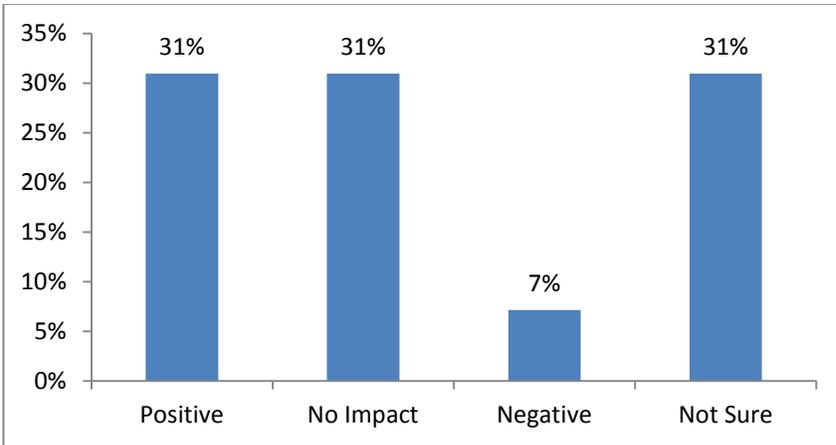
We next asked about impacts on family turnover ratios and obtained very similar results. Less than one third of directors weren't sure of the impacts, another 39% said the program had no impact on family turnover ratios, and 27% said it had a positive impact. Again, 7% said the impacts were negative.

Impact of the extended 12-month child care on family turnover ratios.



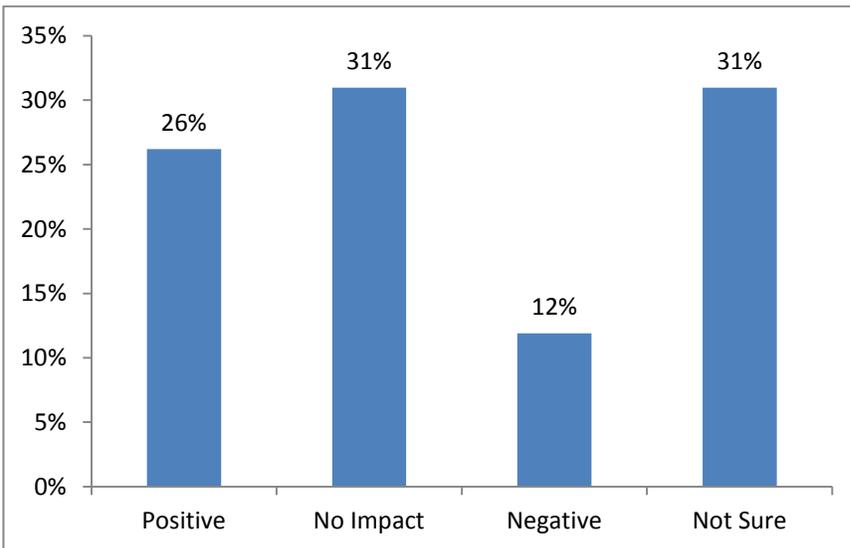
We asked about impacts on continuity of child care for the children enrolled in their program. Again, about one-third of directors weren't sure of the impacts, another third said the program had no impact on the continuity of child care for their children, and 31% said it had a positive impact. Again, only 7% said the impacts were negative.

Impact of the extended 12-month child care on continuity of child care for the children enrolled in your program.



We concluded this series of questions by asking about the overall impacts on their child care program. Again, about one-third of directors weren't sure of the impacts, another third said the 12-month eligibility program had no impacts on their child care program, and 26% said it had a positive impact. About 12% of directors said the overall impact on their program was negative.

Impact of the extended 12-month child care on your program overall.



V. Program Costs and Administrative Savings

This section of the report looks at program and administrative costs associated with the 12-month extended eligibility as compared with the 6-month eligibility. We attempt to find answers to the question about whether program costs are higher for the 12-month extended eligibility, and whether the administrative costs are higher than they are for the 6-month eligible program.

In SFY10 there were a total of 64,754 families receiving 6-month WCCC subsidies for 114,940 children, or an average of 1.78 children (median of two children) per family.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies in SFY10 for the 6-month eligible families was \$314,408,473. The average amount of the subsidy per family was \$4,855 and the average amount per child was \$2,735.

In SFY11 there were a total of 55,361 families receiving WCCC subsidies for 96,364 children, or an average of 1.74 children (median of two children) per family.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies in SFY11 was \$230,835,983. The average amount of the subsidy per family was \$4,170 and the average amount per child was \$2,395.

The table below displays the program costs for families and children enrolled in the WCCC program in SFY10 and SFY11. There was a reduction in the number of families and children enrolled from SFY10 to SFY11, and there was also a reduction in the average amount of the subsidy per family and per child. The average amount of the subsidy per family in SFY11 was \$685 less than it was in SFY10. The average amount of the subsidy per child in SFY11 was \$340 less than it was in SFY10.

The 12-month extended eligibility was not available during SFY10, thus, families participating in the program did so for six months at a time. During SFY11, however, when the 12-month extended eligibility program began there were a total of 1,201 families and 2,193 children participating in the 12-month extended eligibility program. Thus, SFY11 includes both subsidy amounts for the 12-month extended eligibility and the regular 6-month program.

Comparison of Program Costs for WCCC Families and Children in SFY10 and SFY11

	SFY10	SFY11
Number of Families	64,754	55,361
Number of Children	114,940	96,364
Average Number of Children per Family	1.78	1.74
Total Program Subsidies	\$314,408,473	\$230,835,983
Average Amount per Family	\$4,855	\$4,170
Average Amount per Child	\$2,735	\$2,395

*Source: Department of Early Learning

That the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per family and per child is less in SFY11 than it was in SFY10 suggests that the 12-month extended eligibility had no significant impact on increasing these subsidy amounts, and if anything kept them about the same as or lower than the 6-month program.

For a closer look at the program subsidy costs we examined the average amounts for families in the 12-month extended eligibility program versus those in the 6-month eligibility program during SFY11.

In SFY11 a total of 1,201 families who received 12-month WCCC subsidies for 2,193 children, or an average of 1.83 (median of two children) per family. In SFY11, a total of 54,160 families received the 6-month WCCC subsidy for 94,171 children, or an average of 1.74 (median of two children) per family.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies in SFY11 for the 12-month eligible families was \$4,159,063. The average amount of the subsidy per family was \$3,463 and the average amount per child was \$1,896.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies in SFY11 for the 6-month eligible families was \$226,676,920. The average amount of the subsidy per family was \$4,187 and the average amount per child was \$2,408.

The table below displays the number of families and children who were enrolled in the WCCC program during SFY11 for each service area and for the total. The table compares average subsidies for families and children for families enrolled in the 12-month extended eligible program as well as the 6-month eligible program, by service area.

Program Amounts for All WCCC Families and Children in SFY11

Service Area	With 12-month Extended Eligibility				Without 6-month Eligibility			
	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount Per Family	Avg Amount Per Child	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount Per Family	Avg Amount Per Child
East	341	654	\$3,003	\$1,566	17254	31767	\$3,773	\$2,049
Northwest	370	679	\$4,341	\$2,366	19873	33932	\$4,974	\$2,913
Southwest	478	844	\$3,198	\$1,811	16717	27902	\$3,703	\$2,219
Out of State	12	16	\$1,005	\$754	316	570	\$2,973	\$1,648
Total	1201	2193	\$3,463	\$1,896	54160	94171	\$4,187	\$2,408

*Source: Department of Early Learning

The data in the table show that the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per family and per child is less in all service areas as well as total statewide for families in the 12-month extended eligibility program than for families in the 6-month eligible program. Clearly, the 12-month program has resulted in lower subsidy amounts, regardless of the service area. The differences are substantial, with the average amount per family being \$724 less for the 12-

month eligible program and the average amount per child being \$512 for the 12-month eligible program.

We also examined whether program subsidy costs were increased for families with children in Comprehensive Preschool Programs by comparing program amounts for those in the 12-month extended eligibility program versus those in the 6-month eligibility program during SFY11.

In SFY11 there were only 64 Comprehensive Preschool Program families receiving 12-month WCCC subsidies for 67 children, compared with a total of 425 Comprehensive Preschool Program families receiving the 6-month WCCC subsidy for 424 children.

The average amount of the subsidy per Comprehensive Preschool Program family in the 12-month extended eligible program was \$2,214 and the average amount per child was \$2,115. The average amount of the subsidy per Comprehensive Preschool Program family in the 6-month eligible program was \$2,458 and the average amount per child was \$2,463.

The table below displays the number of Comprehensive Preschool Program families and children who were enrolled in the WCCC program during SFY11 for each service area and for the total program. The table compares average subsidies for Comprehensive Preschool Program families and children for families enrolled in the 12-month extended eligible program as well as the 6-month eligible program, by service area.

Program Amounts for Comprehensive Preschool Program Families and Children in WCCC in SFY11

Service Area	With 12-month Extended Eligibility				Without 6-month Eligibility			
	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount Per Family	Avg Amount Per Child	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount Per Family	Avg Amount Per Child
East	20	21	\$1,603	\$1,527	172	170	\$2,080	\$2,105
Northwest	14	14	\$2,435	\$2,435	108	107	\$3,277	\$3,307
Southwest	30	32	\$2,518	\$2,361	141	143	\$2,314	\$2,281
Out of State	0	0	-	-	4	4	\$1,633	\$1,633
Total	64	67	\$2,214	\$2,115	425	424	\$2,458	\$2,463

*Source: Department of Early Learning

The data in the table show that the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per Comprehensive Preschool Program family and per Comprehensive Preschool Program child is less in all but one service area as well as total statewide for Comprehensive Preschool Program families in the 12-month extended eligibility program. Thus, even for Comprehensive Preschool Program families, the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts in most service areas. The average subsidy amount per Comprehensive Preschool Program family is \$244 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program, and the average amount per child is \$348 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program.

Administrative Costs

There is less information available on the administrative costs associated with the extended 12-month eligibility for the WCCC program, since program costs are not generally tied specifically to programs and are instead administered across the board. To obtain some insight into the administrative costs associated with the 12-month eligibility program we interviewed DSHS liaisons and child care coordinators who are involved with the administration of the program.

According to the DSHS staff, a significant activity in the administration of the WCCC program is determining the family's eligibility for the child care subsidy, which takes a significant amount of staff time. Families can complete program applications online, by mail, or by telephone. The 12-month eligibility determination includes verification that a child is enrolled in ECEAP, Head Start, or Early Head Start, and requires that the program submit verification to DSHS. Employer and income information must also be verified by DSHS staff to ensure that income and employment requirements are met. Once a family has been approved for a child care subsidy, the family is required to report any changes to their family, income, and employment situation within 10 days to DSHS. If a family fails to meet this ten-day reporting requirement they may incur an overpayment of their child care subsidy. This then leads to additional administrative staff time to contact the family, resolve issues, and sometimes results in a fair hearing, leading to additional administrative costs.

A main difference between the 6-month eligibility program and the 12-month extended eligibility program is that families in the 12-month program only need to submit an application half as many times as families in the 6-month program. Whereas a family in the 12-month program need only apply once a year, a family in the 6-month program would have to apply twice within the year to receive the same benefits. The DSHS staff that we talked with see this as a major savings in administrative time for the 12-month eligible program. This then leads to a reduction in administrative costs associated with the 12-month program since a major cost of the WCCC program is that the application process requires that employer information be verified whenever someone applies for the program.

In the opinion of the DSHS staff involved with the child care programs, the administrative costs associated with administering the WCCC program are approximately 10% of total costs, and there is little difference between the costs for administering the 6-month program versus the 12-month program, except that the 6-month program requires additional time and effort for processing applications to the program. DSHS staff suggested that if there is a difference in the administrative costs that it is in favor of the 12-month program because of the reduction in the number of times applications need to be processed.

Since the number of families enrolled in the 12-month program is a small fraction of all families enrolled in the WCCC program (2%), the administrative savings associated with the 12-month program are currently quite small. As more families who are in the 6-month program transition to the 12-month program, the associated administrative savings will increase and reduce overall administrative costs of the WCCC program.

VI. Summary and Conclusions

That the 12-month extended subsidy program is positive for recipients is evidenced by the many positive things that enrollees had to say about the program when they were asked what they liked best about the WCCC program. The two most frequently mentioned positives were that the program makes childcare affordable (mentioned by 23% of parents); and that the program makes it possible for people to go to work, to look for work, and to attend school (mentioned by 22% of parents). Clearly, the subsidy helped people's financial situation (mentioned by 9%), but a number of people said they are simply glad that the state is willing to help low-income families (mentioned by 12%).

Another indication of how much recipients like the program is that when asked to state the thing they disliked the most about the WCCC program, the dominant response was that there was "nothing" that they disliked (mentioned by 19%). The main things that others disliked about the program included: a difficult and confusing enrollment process (mentioned by 7.5%); that the program does not pay for attending a four-year college (8%); that it was difficult to contact anyone at the WCCC office by telephone, and that they were on hold for long periods of time (mentioned by 7.5%); that the enrollment requirements are too strict (mentioned by 6%); that the co-pay is too high (mentioned by 7%); and having to renew eligibility for the program too often (mentioned by 5%).

We evaluated the impacts of HB3141 on Comprehensive Preschool Programs by asking directors for their views of the impact of the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility on their programs and on the families enrolled. Approximately a third of directors did not know enough about the 12-month extended program to have an opinion. Among the remainder, a third said that there were no impacts and that nothing had changed. About 25% of directors reported that there were big positive impacts or somewhat positive impacts as a results of the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility on family turn-over ratios, and on other aspects of their child care program. Only about 7% of program directors said that the impacts were somewhat negative, and none said that the negative impacts were big.

Asked for comments about the extended 12-month child care subsidy program, program directors mentioned several things, but one comment that came up frequently was that there was confusion about which agencies and programs are eligible, what actions to take, and simply a lack of awareness of the program, both by Comprehensive Preschool Programs as well as families.

Impact on the stability of child care

The 12-month extended eligibility program has impacts on the stability of child care mainly by reducing the number of times that families have to apply for the WCCC child care subsidy. Families in the 12-month program apply only once a year and can receive the subsidy and maintain the same child care throughout the year, unless their eligibility circumstances change. Families that are enrolled in the program are more likely to have their children enrolled in child care centers versus having them with relatives or friends; they are more likely to be placed in licensed facilities; and the child care center is more likely to have a learning curriculum. The 12-month program thus provides families with the opportunity to get better child care for their children for a longer period of time. The majority of parents (63%) agree

the 12-month extended eligibility program has had a positive impact on the stability of their child care. Similarly, a third of child care center directors agree the program has a positive impact on the continuity of child care for children enrolled in their program.

Impact on program costs

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When we compared the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per family and per child for families in the 12-month extended eligibility program versus those for families and children in the 6-month eligible program, we found that the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts, regardless of the service area. The differences are substantial, with the average amount per family being \$724 less for the 12-month eligible program and the average amount per child being \$512 for the 12-month eligible program.

This reduction in average subsidies is true as well for families enrolled in Comprehensive Preschool Programs. For Comprehensive Preschool Program families, the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts in most service areas. The average subsidy amount per Comprehensive Preschool Program family is \$244 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program, and the average amount per child is \$348 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program.

It's not possible to conclude that the reduction in the average subsidy amounts is due exclusively to the 12-month extended eligibility program. However, there is no evidence that the program has led to any increases in subsidies. Instead the data suggest that the program has had no impact on program costs or has contributed to reducing program costs per family and per child.

Impact on administrative savings

The WCCC program is administered by staff who work on both the 12-month eligibility program and the 6-month eligibility program, so that administrative costs are distributed among both of these programs as well as all other programs involved with the WCCC subsidies.

In the opinion of the DSHS staff involved with the child care programs, the administrative costs associated with administering the WCCC program are approximately 10% of total costs, and there is little difference between the costs for administering the 6-month program versus the 12-month program, except that the 6-month program requires additional time and effort for processing applications to the program. DSHS staff suggested that if there is a difference in the administrative costs that it is in favor of the 12-month program because of the reduction in the number of times applications need to be processed.

Since the number of families enrolled in the 12-month program is currently only a small fraction of all families enrolled in the WCCC program (2%), the administrative savings associated with the 12-month program are currently quite small. As more families who are in the 6-month program transition to the 12-month program, the associated administrative savings will increase and reduce overall administrative costs of the WCCC program.

Reasons why families leave WCCC

There are a variety of reasons why families decide to leave the WCCC program, such as becoming ineligible due to a change in family circumstances, an increase in income, and other personal reasons. Thirty-one percent of families that were enrolled in the extended 12-month WCCC program last year left the program at some point and were no longer enrolled at the time this study was undertaken. This is significantly higher than the rate for people in the 6-month eligibility program. However, the reason for the higher rate among people in the 12-month program is that because of the 12-month time frame there is more time for people to leave than there is in the 6-month program. Thus, if people leave at a rate of about 3% per month, then we would expect about 18% leaving in a six-month period for the 6-month eligible participants, and about 36% leaving over a 12-month period for the 12-month eligible participants. The actual percents in the survey are 20% and 31%, respectively, which is well within the margin of error for this survey.

The main reasons for leaving are similar for people in the 6-month and the 12-month eligible program, with about 58% of people reporting that they became ineligible for the program. The main reasons for becoming ineligible include losing a job (28%), no longer meeting program requirements (28%), and experiencing an increase in income (21%). There were no reasons given for leaving to indicate any problems or difficulties that people had with the 12-month eligibility program that were different from the 6-month program.

However, when people are asked what they don't like about the program, a main reason is the difficulty of the application process and meeting the program requirements. There were also some complaints about difficulties in getting through to WCCC staff to resolve problems with the application process. This view is supported by similar reports from the Comprehensive Program directors, that one reason more people have not enrolled in the program may be that the eligibility application is seen as too burdensome and time-consuming.

VII. Recommendations

The results of the survey of parents, the survey of Comprehensive Preschool Program directors, and the discussions with WCCC staff, all suggest there is a lot of support for continuing the 12-month extended eligibility program. Most say the program has many positive aspects including offering low-income families the opportunity to get higher quality licensed child care, while allowing them to work and attend school. Everyone agrees the impacts on child care continuity are positive and that there are positive impacts on child development as well. Data on program and administrative costs indicate that the 12-month extended eligibility program does not increase program costs, and may reduce administrative costs by reducing the number of applications that must be reviewed and renewed. Thus, program costs are neutral or reduced and there are no financial reasons the program should not be continued. Parents and WCCC staff indicate a big positive aspect of the 12-month extended eligibility program is the reduction in the number of times families must apply to the program to get the child care subsidy.

The 12-month program and the 6-month program appear to be similar in all respects except that families enrolled in the 6-month program must apply twice as often as those in the 12-month program. In all other respects, both programs function the same way. The only apparent negative aspects of the 12-month extended eligibility program are the lack of awareness of the program among both families and child care centers, the perceived burden of the application process, and the difficulties involved in determining eligibility. These negative aspects may be true of the 6-month program as well, so the recommendations offered here may apply to that program as well.

Given the positive benefits of the 12-month extended eligibility WCCC program and the lack of any unique negative aspects to the program, the main recommendation is that the program be continued and that awareness of the program be expanded to other families and child care programs. If more families and child care programs were aware of and familiar with the program, more families would likely apply, which could lead to less burden on families who have to submit applications to the program and WCCC staff who have to process the applications, which could also reduce administrative costs. Related to this is a recommendation to find ways to help families with the application process, and to make it less burdensome. It may be possible to enlist the help of child care programs since they are the ultimate recipients of most of the child care subsidies.

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| Recommendation #1 | Continue to offer the 12-month extended eligibility WCCC program to eligible families. |
| Recommendation #2 | Increase awareness of the 12-month extended eligibility WCCC program among families and child care programs. |
| Recommendation #3 | Find ways to reduce the burden of the application process. |
| Recommendation #4 | Find ways to do more to help families and child care programs with the eligibility process. |

**APPENDIX A:
Parent Letter and Questionnaire**



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Dear «FNAME»:

We need your help! I am writing to let you know that you will be contacted in the next two weeks for a telephone survey of people participating in Washington’s Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program who receive the 12-month extended subsidy eligibility. The survey is being conducted to help the Department of Early Learning and the state Legislature find out how well the 12-month extended eligibility is working for families.

Your participation is voluntary, but is crucial to the survey’s ability to accurately represent the opinions of all parents in Washington receiving the 12-month extended subsidy eligibility. This is an opportunity for you to tell the state Legislature about your experiences getting these services.

In order to ensure your confidentiality, Washington State University’s Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) is conducting the survey. All information about you will remain in a confidential form at SESRC and no personally identifying information will be shared, including with the State Legislature. Your answers will be combined with those of other survey participants so that individual answers cannot be identified in the results.

The interview will take about 10 to 15 minutes, depending on your situation. If the interviewer calls at an inconvenient time, they will gladly make an appointment to call again at a more convenient time.

If you would prefer not to participate in this survey, you may call our toll-free number 1-800-833-0867 and leave your name and address with us to remove your name from our list.

If you have any questions about the survey or about your participation please call SESRC at 1-800-833-0867 and ask to speak with the WCCC survey coordinator, or you may email us at sesrcweb6@wsu.edu. You may also call the 1-800-833-0867 number if you want to schedule a specific appointment time for the interview.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Tarnai".

John Tarnai

Telephone Questionnaire

15: **BEGIN**

Phone: <PHONE> Access Code: Hello, may I speak to <FNAME> <LNAME>? Recently we mailed a letter to you about a survey we are conducting for the Department of Early Learning. Do you remember receiving the letter? (IWR PROMPT IF NO: It was a brief letter to let you know we would be calling.) The survey is being conducted to find out how well the Working Connections Child Care program is working for families."

- Speaking to R..... 1 => /CELL
- R not available / Set callback (GB, CB, HB)..... 2 => /INT01
- Non contacts (AM, BC, BZ, ED, NA) 3 => /INT02
- Refusals (R1, R2, R3, RP) 4 => /F10
- Non-working numbers (CC, DS, MP, WN)..... 5 => /VERFY
- Communication barrier (DF, HC, LG)..... 6 => /INT03
- Other codes (DD, DP, OT, RN) 7 => /INT04
- Ineligibles (IE) 8 I => /INT05
- Special project codes () 9 I => /INT99
- Web/Mail codes 10 I => /INT98

16: **VERFY**

I'd like to verify that I dialed the right number.
Is this phone number: \$N

- Yes 1 => /NUMBR
- No 2 => /WRONG
- DS, MP, or CC..... 3 => /DEAD
- Don't Know D => /NUMBR
- Refused R => /NUMBR

17: **WRONG**

I'm sorry, I have dialed the wrong number.
(INTERVIEWER: - DO NOT CALL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE) (- PRESS "ENTER" TO JUMP BACK TO THE INTRODUCTION - DIAL THE NUMBER AGAIN)

- PRESS "ENTER" TO CONTINUE 1 D => /BEGIN

18: **NUMBR**

I am trying to reach <FNAME> <LNAME> in <CITY>. Do you know this person and how to reach them? (Do you have a phone number where I can contact this person?)

- Yes 1 => /TEL1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

19:

DEAD

IWR: Call Directory assistance for: Name: <FNAME> <LNAME> Address: <ADDR1> City: <CITY> State: <STATE>

=> /INT07
si STYPE=2

YES, I GOT A NEW NUMBER 1
NO LUCK - TERMINATE AS WN, DS, MP or CC 2 => /INT07

20:

TEL1

(- If you are speaking to someone, thank them and hang up. - Enter phone number you got from directory assistance. - Press "enter" to return to the introduction. - Hand dial new phone number.)

21:

BACK

AUTOMATIC BRANCH BACK TO BEGIN

=> /BEGIN
si 1>0

22:

CELL

First, for safety reasons, I need to ask if this is a cellular phone? (IWR read only if necessary "By cellular telephone we mean a telephone that is mobile and usable outside of your neighborhood.")

=> /CONFD
si CELL=2

Yes 1
No 2 => CONFD
Refuse R => CONFD

23:

CLSAF

To ensure your safety and the safety of others can you please tell me if you are currently driving a motor vehicle. (If yes say: "Sorry to have bothered you, it is our policy to not conduct surveys with people while they are driving, regardless if they are using bluetooth technology. We will call you back at another time." Do not take time to set a call back.)

Yes 1 => /INT01
No 2 => CONFD
Refuse R => /REFUS

24:

CONFD

Before we begin I want you to know that this interview is completely voluntary and has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Washington State University. While parts of this interview may be monitored by my supervisor, your answers will be kept strictly confidential. If I come to any question you would prefer not to answer, just let me know and I'll skip over it. The questions will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Continue with survey 1 => /Q01
No - Try refusal prevention..... 2 => /F10
Not a good time - Call back later 3 => /INT01

47: **Q01**

How many children under the age of 18 live with you?

\$E 0 99

Don't know D => Q05

Refuse R => Q05

48: **Q01CK**

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=> /INT05
sinon => +1
si Q01==0
```

49: **Q02A**

For each of the children under the age of 18 living with you, starting with the youngest, please tell us their age (years and months), whether or not they are in child care, and whether or not you are receiving a subsidy for child care for that child. Beginning with your youngest child . . .

```
=> Q02B
si Q01==1
```

Press ENTER to Continue 1 D => Q02Y

50: **Q02B**

For your child, we would like to record their age (years and months), whether or not they are in child care, and whether or not you are receiving a subsidy for child care for that child.

Press ENTER to Continue 1 D

51: **Q02Y**

How old is the (youngest/next youngest) child? (YEARS)

\$E 0 18

Don't know D

Refuse R

52: **Q02M**

How old is the (youngest/next youngest) child? (MONTHS)

\$E 0 12

Don't know D

Refuse R

53: **Q02CC**

Is this (youngest/next youngest) child in Child Care?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know D

Refuse R

54:

Q02RS

Is this (youngest/next youngest) child receiving a subsidy?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

55:

Q03A

Is this (youngest/next youngest) child enrolled in ECEAP? (IWR ECEAP is pronounced: e-cap)

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

56:

Q03B

Is this (youngest/next youngest) child enrolled in Head Start?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

57:

Q03C

Is this (youngest/next youngest) child enrolled in Early Head Start?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

58:

Q04

Does this (youngest/next youngest) child have special needs?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

59:

RCHK

Now thinking of the NEXT youngest child in your household . . .

=> Q05 si \$R==Q01

Press ENTER to Continue 1 D

60: **Q05**
 What type of child care are you currently using for your child/children?
 Family child care home..... 1
 Child care center 2
 Family, friend, neighbor, or in-home relative 3
 Some other arrangement - please specify..... 4 O
 Don't know D
 Refuse R

61: **Q06**
 Is the child care that you use licensed or unlicensed?
 Licensed 1
 Unlicensed 2
 Don't know D
 Refuse R

62: **Q07**
 Does this child care provider have a curriculum to help children learn?
 Yes 1
 No 2
 Don't know D
 Refuse R

63: **Q08**
 How much do you pay for child care for your youngest child per month? (IWR
 Please prompt the R to provide an amount per MONTH)
 \$R.2 0.00 99999.99
 Don't know D
 Refuse R

64: **Q08A**
 What is the monthly copayment for your family for child care? (IWR Please prompt
 the R to provide an amount per MONTH)
 \$R.2 0.00 99999.99
 Don't know D
 Refuse R

65: **Q09**
 How satisfied are you with the child care provided? Are you . . .
 VERY SATISFIED..... 1
 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED 2
 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED 3
 OR VERY DISSATISFIED..... 4
 Don't know D
 Refuse R

66:

Q10

Are you now or were you enrolled in the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program last year?

- Yes - enrolled now 1
- Yes - enrolled last year but not now 2
- NEVER enrolled 3 => /INT05
- Don't know D => /INT05
- Refuse R => /INT05

67:

Q11M

In what month and year did you enroll in WCCC? (MONTH) (IWR Please enter year in next screen) (Definition WCCC: Working Connections Child Care program)

- January 1
- February 2
- March 3
- April 4
- May 5
- June 6
- July 7
- August 8
- September 9
- October 10
- November 11
- December 12
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

68:

Q11Y

(In what month and year did you enroll in WCCC?) (YEAR) (IWR Please enter 4 digit year)

- \$E 1997 2011
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

69:

SK1

```
=> Q15
sinon => +1
si Q10=1
```

70:

Q12M

In what month and year did you no longer use the WCCC program? (MONTH) (IWR
Please enter year in next screen) (Definition WCCC: Working Connections Child
Care program)

- January 1
- February 2
- March 3
- April 4
- May 5
- June 6
- July 7
- August 8
- September 9
- October 10
- November 11
- December 12
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

71:

Q12Y

(In what month and year did you no longer use the WCCC program?) (YEAR) (IWR
Please enter 4 digit year)

\$E 1997 2011

- Don't know D
- Refuse R

72:

Q12A

What is the main reason that you stopped using the WCCC program? (Definition
WCCC: Working Connections Child Care program)

- Open Text Box 1 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

73:

Q13

Is the reason that you are not still enrolled in WCCC because you became ineligible
for the program or for some other reason? (Definition WCCC: Working Connections
Child Care program)

- Became ineligible 1
- Some other reason 2 O => Q15
- Don't know D => Q15
- Refuse R => Q15

74: **Q14**

What's the main reason that you became ineligible for the WCCC program? Was it because of . . . (Definition WCCC: Working Connections Child Care program)

- AN INCREASE IN INCOME 1
- THE LOSS OF A JOB OR LAYOFF 2
- YOU DIDN'T MAKE A CO-PAYMENT 3
- A CHANGE IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES 4
- YOU DIDN'T PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION 5
- OR SOME OTHER REASON 6 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

75: **Q15**

Are you aware that because your child is enrolled in ECEAP, Head State, or Early Head start that you have been authorized for 12 month subsidy eligibility?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

76: **Q16**

What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on the stability of your child care? Would you say . . .

- BIG POSITIVE IMPACT - IT HAS IMPROVED THINGS..... 1
- SOMEWHAT POSITIVE IMPACT 2
- NO IMPACT - NOTHING HAS CHANGED 3
- SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE IMPACT 4
- OR A BIG NEGATIVE IMPACT - IT HAS MADE THINGS WORSE 5
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

77: **Q17**

What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on your child(ren)'s development? Would you say . . .

- BIG POSITIVE IMPACT - IT HAS IMPROVED THINGS..... 1
- SOMEWHAT POSITIVE IMPACT 2
- NO IMPACT - NOTHING HAS CHANGED 3
- SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE IMPACT 4
- OR A BIG NEGATIVE IMPACT - IT HAS MADE THINGS WORSE 5
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

78: **Q18**

Next, we'd like to know what you like and what you don't like about the WCCC program. First, what do you like best about the WCCC program? (Definition WCCC: Working Connections Child Care program)

- Open Text Box..... 1 O
- No Comment..... 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

79: **Q19**

What do you dislike about the WCCC program?

- Open Text Box..... 1 O
- No Comment..... 2
- Don't know..... D
- Refuse R

80: **Q20**

Now, I have just a few questions about you and your household for statistical purposes. Including yourself, what is the total number of adults, 18 years and older, who live in your household?

\$E 0 99

- Don't know..... D
- Refuse R

81: **Q21**

(IWR ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY: "For survey purposes, I need to ask, are you male or female.")

- Male 1
- Female..... 2
- Don't know..... D
- Refuse R

82: **Q22**

In what year were you born?

\$E 1920 1993

- Don't know..... D
- Refuse R

83: **Q23**

What is your marital status.

- Married 1
- Widowed..... 2
- Separated..... 3
- Divorced 4
- Living in a marriage like relationship 5
- Never been married..... 6
- Don't know..... D
- Refuse R

84: **Q24**

How would you describe the geographic area in which you live? Would you describe it as . . .

- A RURAL AREA 1
- A SMALL TOWN 2
- A SUBURB 3
- OR A CITY OR URBAN AREA 4
- Don't know..... D
- Refuse R

85:

Q25

Are you disabled?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

86:

Q26

Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes you. (IWR: Read categories only if R gives you a race or ethnicity that does not fit the list.)

- American Indian 1
- Black or African American 2
- Asian, Hawaiian, Or Pacific Islander 3
- Hispanic or Latin American 4
- Caucasian or white 5
- Eskimo Or Aleut 6
- Multiple ethnicities 7
- Some other ethnicity 8
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

87:

Q27

What is the highest grade that you completed in school?

- Less than 8th grade 1
- High school incomplete, grades 9 through 11 2
- High school graduate, grade 12 or GED 3
- Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school 4
- Some college, but no degree 5
- Associate (2-year) college degree 6
- College graduate (4-year), BS, BA, or other 7
- Post graduate training or professional school 8
- Masters degree 9
- Doctorate degree 10
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

88:

Q28

What is the highest grade that your spouse completed in school?

=> +1
si Q23<>1

- None, or grades 1 through 8..... 1
- High school incomplete, grades 9 through 11 2
- High school graduate, grade 12 or GED 3
- Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school..... 4
- Some college, but no degree 5
- Associate (2-year) college degree 6
- College graduate (4-year), BS, BA, or other 7
- Post graduate training or professional school 8
- Masters degree 9
- Doctorate degree 10
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

89:

Q29

What is your current employment situation?

- Employed full-time 1
- Employed part-time 2
- Employed seasonally 3
- Self employed 4
- Not employed, but looking for employment 5 => Q32
- Not employed, and not looking for employment 6 => Q32
- In school..... 7 => Q32
- Full time home maker 8 => Q32
- Disabled 9 => Q32
- Retired..... 10 => Q32
- Semi-retired 11 => Q32
- Other 12 O => Q32
- Don't know D => Q32
- Refuse R => Q32

90:

Q30

What kind of work do you do where you are employed?

- Open Text Box..... 1 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

91: **Q31**

In which ONE of the following industries is your job? Is it . . .

- AGRICULTURE 1
- MANUFACTURING 2
- RESTAURANT OR HOTEL SERVICES 3
- FINANCIAL 4
- EDUCATION 5
- DOMESTIC SERVICES 6
- TRANSPORTATION 7
- OR SOME OTHER INDUSTRY 8 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

92: **Q32**

What is your spouse's current employment status?

=> Q35
 si Q23=2 3 4 5 6 D R

- Employed full-time 1
- Employed part-time 2
- Employed seasonally 3
- Self employed 4
- Not employed, but looking for employment 5 => Q35
- Not employed, and not looking for employment 6 => Q35
- In school 7 => Q35
- Full time home maker 8 => Q35
- Disabled 9 => Q35
- Retired 10 => Q35
- Semi-retired 11 => Q35
- Other 12 O => Q35
- Don't know D => Q35
- Refuse R => Q35

93: **Q33**

What kind of work does your spouse or partner do where (he/she) is employed

- Open Text Box 1 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

94: **Q34**

In which ONE of the following industries is your spouse's or partner's job? Is it . . .

- AGRICULTURE 1
- MANUFACTURING 2
- RESTAURANT OR HOTEL SERVICES 3
- FINANCIAL 4
- EDUCATION 5
- DOMESTIC SERVICES 6
- TRANSPORTATION 7
- OR SOMETHING ELSE 8 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

95:

Q35

What is your zip code?

\$E 00000 99999

Don't know D

Refuse R

96:

Q36

Which income category best describes your yearly household income, before taxes and other deductions. Please stop me when I read the category that fits best.

LESS THAN \$5,000 1

\$5,000 UP TO \$10,000 2

OVER \$10,000 UP TO \$15,000 3

OVER \$15,000 UP TO \$20,000 4

OVER \$20,000 UP TO \$25,000 5

OVER \$25,000 UP TO \$30,000 6

OR OVER \$30,000 7

Don't know D

Refuse R

97:

Q37

What is your first language? (IWR CLARIFICATION: "What language do you primarily speak at home")

English 1

Spanish 2

Russian 3

Chinese 4

Vietnamese 5

Japanese 6

Other, please specify 7 O

Don't know D

Refuse R

98:

THX

That completes the survey. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any additional comments or questions about this survey, I can take note of them now.

Yes, comments 1 O

No comments 2

Survey Definitions

Licensed child care:

A child care program that has been inspected by a Washington State licensor and meets the minimum requirements in areas such as health and safety, criminal history clearance, first aid, and staff child care training.

Unlicensed child care:

A family member who takes care of your child, OR friends, neighbors or other individuals that have not been licensed that take care of your child.

Licensed family child care home:

People licensed to provide child care in their own homes for up to 12 children (0-12 years old).

Child care center:

A child care program in a facility for 12 or more children (0-11 years old), usually grouped by age

Early Learning Program:

- Promotes learning in each area of a child's development (social/emotional, physical, language, cognitive, adaptive).
- Provides a safe and healthy environment.
- Gives children opportunities to develop through play and exploration.
- A curriculum is followed and materials and activities are provided that peak a child's interests and promote reasoning and problem-solving.
- Prepares children for kindergarten.

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP):

A whole-child, family-focused preschool program designed to help low-income and at-risk children and their families succeed in school. Because many factors affect a child's learning ability and development, ECEAP has four interactive components: education; health and nutrition; family support; and parent involvement.

Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ESIT):

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (formerly the Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program or ITEIP) provides services to children birth to 3 who have disabilities and/or developmental delays.

APPENDIX B:

Parent Questionnaire Changes for Eligible but Not Enrolled

75:

NQ15

Are you aware that because your child is enrolled in ECEAP/Head Start/Early Head Start that you may be eligible for an extended 12-month authorization, which would only require you to recertify with DSHS at the end of 12 months?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

76:

NQ16

What's the main reason that you decided to not apply for the extended 12 month authorization? Was it because . . .

- YOU WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EXTENDED 12-MONTH CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY 1
- THE ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION WAS TOO DIFFICULT AND TOOK TOO LONG 2
- YOU JUST DIDN'T WANT OR NEED THE EXTENDED 12 MONTH CHILD CARE 3
- A CHANGE IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES 4
- OR SOME OTHER REASON 5 O
- Don't know D
- Refuse R

77:

NQ17

What impact has the Working Connections Child Care program had on the stability of your child care? Would you say . . .

- BIG POSITIVE IMPACT - IT HAS IMPROVED THINGS 1
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- Don't know D
- Refuse R

APPENDIX C:

Comprehensive Preschool Program Director Letter and Online Questionnaire



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING

**P.O. Box 40970, Olympia, Washington 98504-0970
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Dear ECEAP or Head Start program director:

I am asking for your help with a brief online survey about the 12-month extended eligibility in the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program for children attending Head Start, Early Head Start or ECEAP. As a program director, your input is invaluable to the success of children and families in the WCCC program. The survey is being conducted to help the Department of Early Learning and the state Legislature find out how well the WCCC extended eligibility is working for families and for you and your staff.

This survey asks questions about the participation of families and children that you serve who are in the WCCC program. Even if you are not sure if you have children in your program receiving 12 months of extended eligibility, we would still appreciate if you completed the survey about your familiarity with the program.

DEL has contracted with Washington State University's Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) for compiling the survey results. The survey is available online at the following website until Friday, May 20: www.opinion.wsu.edu/wccc

Your access code is: (WSU_ID)

The survey takes about 5 to 10 minutes to complete. The information that you provide will be kept confidential, and your participation is voluntary. Your name will be kept separate from your answers, so no one will know how you responded. If you have any questions, please call SESRC at 1-800-833-0867.

Thank you so much for your time and for the care you provide every day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Shanafelt".

Lynne Shanafelt
Child Care Administrator
Department of Early Learning

ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROGRAM DIRECTORS

HB3141
Survey of ECEAP/Head
Start Program Directors

Washington State University

Survey of ECEAP/Head Start Programs

**Welcome to the Working Connections Child Care extended eligibility survey
for Washington ECEAP/Head Start/Early Head Start programs**

Your answers are important to the success of this survey. The survey takes about 5 to 10 minutes to complete. All of the information you provide will be kept confidential. Your answers will be combined with those of others so that no individual program will be identified. If you prefer not to answer any question, please skip over it.

If you have any questions or problems with this survey please call SESRC at 1-800-833-0867.

Thank you for helping us with this survey.

John Tarnai
Principal Investigator

**Please enter your Access code listed in
the message we sent to you:**

Submit Personal Access Code

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We realize your time is valuable, so we have designed this online survey to allow you to stop at any point and restart the survey at your convenience. Here are just a few instructions to assist you in completing the survey.

1. To leave the survey at any time, just close or exit your Internet browser.
2. To restart the survey where you left off, re-enter your access code at the login screen: <http://opinion.wsu.edu/ECEAPHeadStart/>
3. You may return to previous questions at any time by clicking the survey "back" button at the bottom of your screen. DO NOT USE your browser's back button, as this will take you back to the login screen.
4. If you accidentally click your browser's back button you should be taken to the login screen, simply re-enter your access code to be returned to your previous place in the survey.
5. There are several types of response fields:
 - a. Radio buttons (round) choose one option.
 - b. Check boxes (square) choose all the options that apply.
 - c. Short fields enter a numerical value
 - d. Longer fields enter a text response.

If you are using a Satellite connection, you may encounter repeating pages. If this occurs, we ask that you attempt to complete the survey using another computer or complete the paper version. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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Question 1 of 14

Do you have any children in your program who receive a child care subsidy from the state?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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Question 2 of 14

How many children currently enrolled in your program receive a child care subsidy from the state?

Number of Children

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Question 3 of 14

How familiar are you with the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility available to families with children enrolled in ECEAP/Head Start?

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Somewhat unfamiliar
- Very unfamiliar
- Not sure

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Question 4 of 14

Are any of the children in your program authorized for the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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Question 5 of 14

How many children currently enrolled in your program are authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility?

Number of Children

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The next six questions ask about the kind of impact that the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility has had on your program and on the families enrolled.

What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on your program's administration including child care subsidy authorizations and billings?

- Big positive impact - it has improved things
- Somewhat positive impact
- No impact - nothing has changed
- Somewhat negative impact
- Big negative impact - it has made things worse
- Not sure

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What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on family turn-over ratios?

- Big positive impact - it has improved things
- Somewhat positive impact
- No impact - nothing has changed
- Somewhat negative impact
- Big negative impact - it has made things worse
- Not sure

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What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on continuity of child care for the children enrolled in your program?

- Big positive impact - it has improved things
- Somewhat positive impact
- No impact - nothing has changed
- Somewhat negative impact
- Big negative impact - it has made things worse
- Not sure

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What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had overall on your program?

- Big positive impact - it has improved things
- Somewhat positive impact
- No impact - nothing has changed
- Somewhat negative impact
- Big negative impact - it has made things worse
- Not sure

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Are there children enrolled in your program who receive child care subsidies but who are not authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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How many children currently enrolled in your program who receive child care subsidies are NOT authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility?

Number of Children

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Here are some reasons that children who receive child care subsidies may not be authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility. For each reason, please indicate whether this is a main reason, a minor reason, or not a reason, that some children in your program are NOT authorized.

	Main Reason	Minor Reason	Not a Reason	Don't Know
The family is not aware of the extended 12-month child care eligibility.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The extended 12 month child care eligibility application is too burdensome and time intensive.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The family does not want to receive extended 12-month child care eligibility.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other reasons (please describe) <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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What is your zip code?

Zip Code

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Do you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions that you would like to share regarding the extended 12-month child care eligibility for families enrolled in ECEAP/Head Start/Early Head Start?

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That completes the survey. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. If you have any additional comments or questions about this survey you can make them here.

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Appendix D: DSHS Verification of Child Enrollment

DSHS Verification of Child Enrollment in Head Start, Early Head Start or the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) for Working Connections Child Care Subsidy

Instructions for Parent/Guardian:

1. If you have a child enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start or ECEAP and qualify for a Working Connections Child Care subsidy, you are eligible for a 12-month WCCC subsidy authorization for all children in your family.
2. Ask your Head Start, Early Head Start or ECEAP program to complete the form below to verify that your child is enrolled.
3. Call the WCCC Parent Line at 877-501-2233 to tell your DSHS child care subsidy worker that your child is enrolled, or give DSHS a copy of this form.

This is to verify that _____(child's name) is enrolled and attending:

ECEAP

Head Start

Early Head Start

Signature of ECEAP/Head Start staff _____ Date _____

To verify by phone, DSHS can call:

_____ (staff name) at (_____)

_____ (staff name) at (_____)

To verify by e-mail, DSHS can e-mail:

_____ (staff name)at _____ @ _____

_____ (staff name) at _____ @ _____

Parent's permission to release enrollment information:

I, _____(print parent/guardian name) give permission for
_____ (name of program) to tell DSHS if my child is enrolled.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

DSHS Case Number/Client ID: _____

Appendix E: Income Guidelines

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,588
2	\$2,145
3	\$2,478
4	\$2,701
5	\$3,259
6	\$3,816
7	\$4,372
8	\$4,931
9	\$5,555
10	\$6,179

175% Federal Poverty Level
Income Guidelines effective April 1, 2011

Appendix F: Survey Results for WCCC Families

CGroup Enrollment Type * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
CGroup Enrollment Type	1 12-MO Now	Count	120	0	120
		% within Group	69.4%	.0%	44.4%
	2 12-MO LYear	Count	53	0	53
		% within Group	30.6%	.0%	19.6%
	3 6-MO Now	Count	0	78	78
		% within Group	.0%	80.4%	28.9%
	4 6-MO LYear	Count	0	19	19
		% within Group	.0%	19.6%	7.0%
Total		Count	173	97	270
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q01 How many children under the age of 18 live with you? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q01 How many children under the age of 18 live with you?	1	Count	55	20	75
		% within Group	30.4%	20.4%	26.9%
	2	Count	64	35	99
		% within Group	35.4%	35.7%	35.5%
	3	Count	40	28	68
		% within Group	22.1%	28.6%	24.4%
	4	Count	15	7	22
		% within Group	8.3%	7.1%	7.9%
	5	Count	4	6	10
		% within Group	2.2%	6.1%	3.6%
	6	Count	2	2	4
		% within Group	1.1%	2.0%	1.4%
	9	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	.6%	.0%	.4%
Total		Count	181	98	279
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q05 What type of child care are you currently using for your child/children? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q05 What type of child care are you currently using for your child/children?	1 Family child care home	Count	16	11	27
		% within Group	9.2%	11.5%	10.0%
	2 Child care center	Count	99	55	154
		% within Group	57.2%	57.3%	57.2%
	3 Family, friend, neighbor, or in-home relative	Count	24	23	47
		% within Group	13.9%	24.0%	17.5%
	4 Some other arrangement - please specify	Count	34	7	41
		% within Group	19.7%	7.3%	15.2%
Total		Count	173	96	269
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q06 Is the child care that you use licensed or unlicensed? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q06 Is the child care that you use licensed or unlicensed?	1 Licensed	Count	143	78	221
		% within Group	85.6%	82.1%	84.4%
	2 Unlicensed	Count	24	17	41
		% within Group	14.4%	17.9%	15.6%
Total		Count	167	95	262
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q07 Does this child care provider have a curriculum to help children learn? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q07 Does this child care provider have a curriculum to help children learn?	1 Yes	Count	137	77	214
		% within Group	85.1%	81.9%	83.9%
	2 No	Count	24	17	41
		% within Group	14.9%	18.1%	16.1%
Total		Count	161	94	255
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NQ08 How much do you pay for child care for your youngest child per month? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		12-Month	6-Month		
NQ08 How much do you pay for child care for your youngest child per month?	Zero	Count	19	8	27
		% within Group	16.4%	12.1%	14.8%
	Up to \$15	Count	38	15	53
		% within Group	32.8%	22.7%	29.1%
	\$16 to \$50	Count	12	6	18
		% within Group	10.3%	9.1%	9.9%
	\$51 to \$75	Count	8	26	34
		% within Group	6.9%	39.4%	18.7%
	\$76 to \$400	Count	27	8	35
		% within Group	23.3%	12.1%	19.2%
	> \$400	Count	12	3	15
		% within Group	10.3%	4.5%	8.2%
Total		Count	116	66	182
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**NQ08A What is the monthly copayment for your family for child care? *
Group Crosstabulation**

		Group		Total	
		12-Month	6-Month		
NQ08A What is the monthly copayment for your family for child care?	Zero	Count	12	4	16
		% within Group	7.5%	4.5%	6.4%
	Up to \$15	Count	73	22	95
		% within Group	45.6%	24.7%	38.2%
	\$16 to \$50	Count	9	9	18
		% within Group	5.6%	10.1%	7.2%
	\$51 to \$75	Count	33	43	76
		% within Group	20.6%	48.3%	30.5%
	\$76 to \$400	Count	30	10	40
		% within Group	18.8%	11.2%	16.1%
> \$400	Count	3	1	4	
	% within Group	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%	
Total	Count	160	89	249	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q09 How satisfied are you with the child care provided? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q09 How satisfied are you with the child care provided?	1 Very satisfied	Count	131	80	211
		% within Group	78.4%	85.1%	80.8%
	2 Somewhat satisfied	Count	28	13	41
		% within Group	16.8%	13.8%	15.7%
	3 Somewhat dissatisfied	Count	5	0	5
		% within Group	3.0%	.0%	1.9%
	4 Or very dissatisfied	Count	3	1	4
		% within Group	1.8%	1.1%	1.5%
Total	Count	167	94	261	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q10 Are you now or were you enrolled in the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program last year? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q10 Are you now or were you enrolled in the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program last year?	1 Yes - enrolled now	Count	120	78	198
		% within Group	69.4%	80.4%	73.3%
	2 Yes - enrolled last year but not now	Count	53	19	72
		% within Group	30.6%	19.6%	26.7%
Total	Count	173	97	270	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

**Q11M In what month and year did you enroll in WCCC? (MONTH) * Group
Crosstabulation**

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q11M In what month and year did you enroll in WCCC? (MONTH)	1 January	Count	9	8	17
		% within Group	6.9%	11.8%	8.5%
2 February	Count	8	3	11	
	% within Group	6.1%	4.4%	5.5%	
3 March	Count	14	5	19	
	% within Group	10.7%	7.4%	9.5%	
4 April	Count	7	3	10	
	% within Group	5.3%	4.4%	5.0%	
5 May	Count	5	6	11	
	% within Group	3.8%	8.8%	5.5%	
6 June	Count	11	8	19	
	% within Group	8.4%	11.8%	9.5%	
7 July	Count	11	2	13	
	% within Group	8.4%	2.9%	6.5%	
8 August	Count	7	6	13	
	% within Group	5.3%	8.8%	6.5%	
9 September	Count	24	17	41	
	% within Group	18.3%	25.0%	20.6%	
10 October	Count	12	4	16	
	% within Group	9.2%	5.9%	8.0%	
11 November	Count	11	6	17	
	% within Group	8.4%	8.8%	8.5%	
12 December	Count	12	0	12	
	% within Group	9.2%	.0%	6.0%	
Total	Count	131	68	199	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

**Q11Y In what month and year did you enroll in WCCC? (YEAR) * Group
Crosstabulation**

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q11Y In what month and year did you enroll in WCCC? (YEAR)	1999	Count	2	0	2
		% within Group	1.3%	.0%	.8%
	2000	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	1.2%	.4%
	2002	Count	0	4	4
		% within Group	.0%	4.8%	1.6%
	2003	Count	4	1	5
		% within Group	2.5%	1.2%	2.1%
	2004	Count	3	3	6
		% within Group	1.9%	3.6%	2.5%
	2005	Count	1	4	5
		% within Group	.6%	4.8%	2.1%
	2006	Count	16	7	23
		% within Group	10.1%	8.3%	9.5%
	2007	Count	14	7	21
		% within Group	8.8%	8.3%	8.6%
	2008	Count	15	15	30
		% within Group	9.4%	17.9%	12.3%
	2009	Count	33	16	49
		% within Group	20.8%	19.0%	20.2%
	2010	Count	65	22	87
		% within Group	40.9%	26.2%	35.8%
	2011	Count	6	4	10
		% within Group	3.8%	4.8%	4.1%
Total		Count	159	84	243
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q12M In what month and year did you no longer use the WCCC program?
(MONTH) * Group Crosstabulation**

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q12M In what month and year did you no longer use the WCCC program? (MONTH)	1 January	Count	6	0	6
		% within Group	12.0%	.0%	9.0%
	2 February	Count	8	1	9
		% within Group	16.0%	5.9%	13.4%
	3 March	Count	9	2	11
		% within Group	18.0%	11.8%	16.4%
	4 April	Count	3	1	4
		% within Group	6.0%	5.9%	6.0%
	5 May	Count	4	2	6
		% within Group	8.0%	11.8%	9.0%
	6 June	Count	3	5	8
		% within Group	6.0%	29.4%	11.9%
	7 July	Count	2	5	7
		% within Group	4.0%	29.4%	10.4%
	8 August	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	5.9%	1.5%
	9 September	Count	4	0	4
		% within Group	8.0%	.0%	6.0%
	10 October	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	2.0%	.0%	1.5%
	11 November	Count	2	0	2
		% within Group	4.0%	.0%	3.0%
	12 December	Count	8	0	8
		% within Group	16.0%	.0%	11.9%
Total		Count	50	17	67
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q12Y In what month and year did you no longer use the WCCC program?
(YEAR) * Group Crosstabulation**

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q12Y In what month and year did you no longer use the WCCC program? (YEAR)	2008	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	5.6%	1.4%
	2009	Count	4	1	5
		% within Group	7.7%	5.6%	7.1%
	2010	Count	16	0	16
		% within Group	30.8%	.0%	22.9%
	2011	Count	32	16	48
		% within Group	61.5%	88.9%	68.6%
Total		Count	52	18	70
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q13 Is the reason that you are not still enrolled in WCCC because you became ineligible for the program or for some other reason? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q13 Is the reason that you are not still enrolled in WCCC because you became ineligible for the program or for some other reason?	1 Became ineligible	Count	30	10	40
		% within Group	58.8%	52.6%	57.1%
	2 Some other reason	Count	21	9	30
		% within Group	41.2%	47.4%	42.9%
Total		Count	51	19	70
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q14 What's the main reason that you became ineligible for the WCCC program? *
Group Crosstabulation**

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q14 What's the main reason that you became ineligible for the WCCC program?	1 An increase in income	Count	6	1	7
		% within Group	20.7%	10.0%	17.9%
	2 The loss of a job or layoff	Count	8	2	10
		% within Group	27.6%	20.0%	25.6%
	4 A change in family circumstances	Count	2	0	2
		% within Group	6.9%	.0%	5.1%
5 You didn't provide all documentation	Count	1	0	1	
	% within Group	3.4%	.0%	2.6%	
6 Some other reason	Count	12	7	19	
	% within Group	41.4%	70.0%	48.7%	
Total	Count	29	10	39	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q15 Are you aware that because your child is enrolled in ECEAP, Head Start, or Early Head start that you have been authorized for 12 month subsidy eligibility?' * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		
		1 12-Month	Total	
Q15 Are you aware that because your child is enrolled in ECEAP, Head Start, or Early Head start that you have been authorized for 12 month subsidy eligibility?'	1 Yes	Count	67	67
		% within Group	40.9%	40.9%
	2 No	Count	97	97
		% within Group	59.1%	59.1%
Total	Count	164	164	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	

Q16 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on the stability of your child care? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		
		1 12-Month	Total	
Q16 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on the stability of your child care?	1 Big positive impact - it has improved things	Count	81	81
		% within Group	55.9%	55.9%
	2 Somewhat positive impact	Count	18	18
		% within Group	12.4%	12.4%
	3 No impact - nothing has changed	Count	41	41
		% within Group	28.3%	28.3%
	4 Somewhat negative impact	Count	1	1
		% within Group	.7%	.7%
	5 Or a big negative impact - it has made things worse	Count	4	4
		% within Group	2.8%	2.8%
Total	Count	145	145	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	

Q17 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on your child(ren)'s development? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		
			1 12-Month	Total
Q17 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on your child(ren)'s development?	1 Big positive impact - it has improved things	Count	74	74
		% within Group	49.3%	49.3%
	2 Somewhat positive impact	Count	28	28
		% within Group	18.7%	18.7%
	3 No impact - nothing has changed	Count	44	44
		% within Group	29.3%	29.3%
	4 Somewhat negative impact	Count	2	2
		% within Group	1.3%	1.3%
	5 Or a big negative impact - it has made things worse	Count	2	2
		% within Group	1.3%	1.3%
Total	Count	150	150	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	

Q20 Including yourself, what is the total number of adults, 18 years and older, who live in your household? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
			1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total
Q20 Including yourself, what is the total number of adults, 18 years and older, who live in your household?	0	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	1.1%	.4%
	1	Count	102	67	169
		% within Group	59.0%	70.5%	63.1%
	2	Count	46	18	64
		% within Group	26.6%	18.9%	23.9%
	3	Count	14	6	20
		% within Group	8.1%	6.3%	7.5%
	4	Count	8	2	10
		% within Group	4.6%	2.1%	3.7%
	5	Count	2	1	3
		% within Group	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
	6	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	.6%	.0%	.4%
Total	Count	173	95	268	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q21 Respondent Gender * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
			1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total
Q21 Respondent Gender	1 Male	Count	11	5	16
		% within Group	6.4%	5.3%	6.0%
	2 Female	Count	162	90	252
		% within Group	93.6%	94.7%	94.0%
Total	Count	173	95	268	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

NAge Client Age * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
NAge Client Age	1 20's or less	Count	90	45	135
		% within Group	52.0%	47.4%	50.4%
	2 30's	Count	57	38	95
		% within Group	32.9%	40.0%	35.4%
	3 40's	Count	19	7	26
		% within Group	11.0%	7.4%	9.7%
	4 50's	Count	5	3	8
		% within Group	2.9%	3.2%	3.0%
	5 60's or More	Count	2	2	4
		% within Group	1.2%	2.1%	1.5%
Total		Count	173	95	268
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q23 What is your marital status. * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q23 What is your marital status.	1 Married	Count	14	6	20
		% within Group	8.1%	6.4%	7.5%
	2 Widowed	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	1.1%	.4%
	3 Separated	Count	14	12	26
		% within Group	8.1%	12.8%	9.8%
	4 Divorced	Count	38	22	60
		% within Group	22.1%	23.4%	22.6%
	5 Living in a marriage like relationship	Count	6	2	8
		% within Group	3.5%	2.1%	3.0%
	6 Never been married	Count	100	51	151
		% within Group	58.1%	54.3%	56.8%
Total		Count	172	94	266
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q24 How would you describe the geographic area in which you live? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q24 How would you describe the geographic area in which you live?	1 A rural area	Count	18	19	37
		% within Group	10.7%	21.1%	14.3%
	2 A small town	Count	51	31	82
		% within Group	30.4%	34.4%	31.8%
	3 A suburb	Count	26	11	37
		% within Group	15.5%	12.2%	14.3%
	4 Or a city or urban area	Count	73	29	102
		% within Group	43.5%	32.2%	39.5%
Total		Count	168	90	258
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q25 Are you disabled? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q25 Are you disabled?	1 Yes	Count	5	2	7
		% within Group	2.9%	2.1%	2.6%
	2 No	Count	168	93	261
		% within Group	97.1%	97.9%	97.4%
Total		Count	173	95	268
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q26 Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes you. * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q26 Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes you.	1 American Indian	Count	9	3	12
		% within Group	5.3%	3.2%	4.5%
	2 Black or African American	Count	19	14	33
		% within Group	11.1%	14.9%	12.5%
	3 Asian, Hawaiian, Or Pacific Islander	Count	7	2	9
		% within Group	4.1%	2.1%	3.4%
	4 Hispanic or Latin American	Count	19	14	33
		% within Group	11.1%	14.9%	12.5%
	5 Caucasian or white	Count	107	52	159
		% within Group	62.6%	55.3%	60.0%
	7 Multiple ethnicities	Count	10	8	18
		% within Group	5.8%	8.5%	6.8%
	8 Some other ethnicity	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	1.1%	.4%
Total		Count	171	94	265
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q27 What is the highest grade that you completed in school? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group			
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month	Total	
Q27 What is the highest grade that you completed in school?	1 Less than 8th grade	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	.6%	.0%	.4%
	2 High school incomplete, grades 9 through 11	Count	15	13	28
		% within Group	8.7%	13.7%	10.4%
	3 High school graduate, grade 12 or GED	Count	45	21	66
		% within Group	26.0%	22.1%	24.6%
	4 Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school	Count	12	5	17
		% within Group	6.9%	5.3%	6.3%
	5 Some college, but no degree	Count	65	37	102
		% within Group	37.6%	38.9%	38.1%
	6 Associate (2-year) college degree	Count	22	10	32
		% within Group	12.7%	10.5%	11.9%
	7 College graduate (4-year), BS, BA, or other	Count	11	6	17
		% within Group	6.4%	6.3%	6.3%
	8 Post graduate training or professional school	Count	1	1	2
		% within Group	.6%	1.1%	.7%
	9 Masters degree	Count	1	2	3
		% within Group	.6%	2.1%	1.1%
Total		Count	173	95	268
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Q28 What is the highest grade that your spouse completed in school? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q28 What is the highest grade that your spouse completed in school?	1 None, or grades 1 through 8	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	7.1%	.0%	5.0%
	2 High school incomplete, grades 9 through 11	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	7.1%	.0%	5.0%
	3 High school graduate, grade 12 or GED	Count	3	2	5
		% within Group	21.4%	33.3%	25.0%
	4 Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	7.1%	.0%	5.0%
	5 Some college, but no degree	Count	7	1	8
		% within Group	50.0%	16.7%	40.0%
6 Associate (2-year) college degree	Count	0	1	1	
	% within Group	.0%	16.7%	5.0%	
7 College graduate (4-year), BS, BA, or other	Count	1	1	2	
	% within Group	7.1%	16.7%	10.0%	
9 Masters degree	Count	0	1	1	
	% within Group	.0%	16.7%	5.0%	
Total	Count	14	6	20	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q29 What is your current employment situation? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q29 What is your current employment situation?	1 Employed full-time	Count	74	46	120
		% within Group	43.0%	48.9%	45.1%
	2 Employed part-time	Count	43	30	73
		% within Group	25.0%	31.9%	27.4%
	3 Employed seasonally	Count	0	3	3
		% within Group	.0%	3.2%	1.1%
	4 Self employed	Count	3	3	6
		% within Group	1.7%	3.2%	2.3%
	5 Not employed, but looking for employment	Count	22	6	28
		% within Group	12.8%	6.4%	10.5%
	6 Not employed, and not looking for employment	Count	10	0	10
		% within Group	5.8%	.0%	3.8%
	7 In school	Count	15	2	17
		% within Group	8.7%	2.1%	6.4%
8 Full time home maker	Count	0	1	1	
	% within Group	.0%	1.1%	.4%	
9 Disabled	Count	0	1	1	
	% within Group	.0%	1.1%	.4%	
12 Other	Count	5	2	7	
	% within Group	2.9%	2.1%	2.6%	
Total	Count	172	94	266	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q31 In which ONE of the following industries is your job? * Group Crosstabulation

			Group		Total
			1 12-Month	2 6-Month	
Q31 In which ONE of the following industries is your job?	1 Agriculture	Count	3	1	4
		% within Group	2.5%	1.3%	2.1%
	2 Manufacturing	Count	2	2	4
		% within Group	1.7%	2.6%	2.1%
	3 Restaurant or hotel services	Count	13	8	21
		% within Group	11.0%	10.5%	10.8%
	4 Financial	Count	5	2	7
		% within Group	4.2%	2.6%	3.6%
	5 Education	Count	14	10	24
		% within Group	11.9%	13.2%	12.4%
	6 Domestic services	Count	3	4	7
		% within Group	2.5%	5.3%	3.6%
	7 Transportation	Count	4	2	6
		% within Group	3.4%	2.6%	3.1%
	8 Or some other industry	Count	74	47	121
		% within Group	62.7%	61.8%	62.4%
Total	Count	118	76	194	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q32 What is your spouse's current employment status? * Group Crosstabulation

			Group		Total
			1 12-Month	2 6-Month	
Q32 What is your spouse's current employment status?	1 Employed full-time	Count	8	2	10
		% within Group	57.1%	33.3%	50.0%
	2 Employed part-time	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	7.1%	.0%	5.0%
	5 Not employed, but looking for employment	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	7.1%	.0%	5.0%
	7 In school	Count	1	2	3
		% within Group	7.1%	33.3%	15.0%
	9 Disabled	Count	2	1	3
		% within Group	14.3%	16.7%	15.0%
	10 Retired	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	16.7%	5.0%
12 Other	Count	1	0	1	
	% within Group	7.1%	.0%	5.0%	
Total	Count	14	6	20	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q34 In which ONE of the following industries is your spouse's or partner's job? * Group Crosstabulation

			Group		Total
			1 12-Month	2 6-Month	
Q34 In which ONE of the following industries is your spouse's or partner's job?	1 Agriculture	Count	2	0	2
		% within Group	22.2%	.0%	20.0%
	2 Manufacturing	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	11.1%	.0%	10.0%
	3 Restaurant or hotel services	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	11.1%	.0%	10.0%
	8 Or something else	Count	5	1	6
		% within Group	55.6%	100.0%	60.0%
Total	Count	9	1	10	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q36 Which income category best describes your yearly household income, before taxes and other deductions. * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q36 Which income category best describes your yearly household income, before taxes and other deductions.	1 Less than \$5,000	Count	30	5	35
		% within Group	18.4%	5.7%	13.9%
	2 \$5,000 up to \$10,000	Count	27	16	43
		% within Group	16.6%	18.2%	17.1%
	3 Over \$10,000 up to \$15,000	Count	33	27	60
		% within Group	20.2%	30.7%	23.9%
	4 Over \$15,000 up to \$20,000	Count	32	20	52
		% within Group	19.6%	22.7%	20.7%
	5 Over \$20,000 up to \$25,000	Count	19	10	29
		% within Group	11.7%	11.4%	11.6%
	6 Over \$25,000 up to \$30,000	Count	12	5	17
		% within Group	7.4%	5.7%	6.8%
	7 Or over \$30,000	Count	10	5	15
		% within Group	6.1%	5.7%	6.0%
Total	Count	163	88	251	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Q37 What is your first language? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
Q37 What is your first language?	1 English	Count	158	87	245
		% within Group	91.3%	91.6%	91.4%
	2 Spanish	Count	8	4	12
		% within Group	4.6%	4.2%	4.5%
	3 Russian	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	.6%	.0%	.4%
	5 Vietnamese	Count	1	2	3
		% within Group	.6%	2.1%	1.1%
	7 Other, please specify	Count	5	2	7
		% within Group	2.9%	2.1%	2.6%
Total	Count	173	95	268	
	% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

FSIZE Family Size * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total	
		1 12-Month	2 6-Month		
FSIZE Family Size	2	Count	31	16	47
		% within Group	17.9%	16.8%	17.5%
	3	Count	55	28	83
		% within Group	31.8%	29.5%	31.0%
	4	Count	35	24	59
		% within Group	20.2%	25.3%	22.0%
	5	Count	29	11	40
		% within Group	16.8%	11.6%	14.9%
	6	Count	16	10	26
		% within Group	9.2%	10.5%	9.7%
	7	Count	5	4	9
		% within Group	2.9%	4.2%	3.4%
	8	Count	1	1	2
		% within Group	.6%	1.1%	.7%
	9	Count	0	1	1
		% within Group	.0%	1.1%	.4%
	12	Count	1	0	1
		% within Group	.6%	.0%	.4%
Total		Count	173	95	268
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

NQ15 Are you aware that because your child is enrolled in ECEAP/Head Start/Early Head Start that you may be eligible for an extended 12-month authorization, which would only require you to recertify with DSHS at the end of 12 months? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		Total
		2 6-Month		
NQ15 Are you aware that because your child is enrolled in ECEAP/Head Start/Early Head Start that you may be eligible for an extended 12-month authorization, which would only require you to recertify with DSHS at the end of 12 months?	1 Yes	Count	23	23
		% within Group	24.5%	24.5%
	2 No	Count	71	71
		% within Group	75.5%	75.5%
Total		Count	94	94
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%

NQ16 What's the main reason that you decided to not apply for the extended 12 month authorization? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		
			2 6-Month	Total
NQ16 What's the main reason that you decided to not apply for the extended 12 month authorization?	1 YOU WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EXTENDED 12-MONTH CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY	Count	72	72
		% within Group	81.8%	81.8%
	3 YOU JUST DIDN'T WANT OR NEED THE EXTENDED 12 MONTH CHILD CARE	Count	3	3
		% within Group	3.4%	3.4%
	4 A CHANGE IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES	Count	3	3
	% within Group	3.4%	3.4%	
	5 OR SOME OTHER REASON	Count	10	10
		% within Group	11.4%	11.4%
Total		Count	88	88
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%

NQ17 What impact has the Working Connections Child Care program had on the stability of your child care? * Group Crosstabulation

		Group		
			2 6-Month	Total
NQ17 What impact has the Working Connections Child Care program had on the stability of your child care?	1 BIG POSITIVE IMPACT - IT HAS IMPROVED THINGS	Count	71	71
		% within Group	77.2%	77.2%
	2 SOMEWHAT POSITIVE IMPACT	Count	13	13
		% within Group	14.1%	14.1%
	3 NO IMPACT - NOTHING HAS CHANGED	Count	1	1
	% within Group	1.1%	1.1%	
	4 SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE IMPACT	Count	2	2
		% within Group	2.2%	2.2%
	5 OR A BIG NEGATIVE IMPACT - IT HAS MADE THINGS WORSE	Count	5	5
		% within Group	5.4%	5.4%
Total		Count	92	92
		% within Group	100.0%	100.0%

Appendix G: Survey Results for Comprehensive Preschool Program Directors

Q01 Do you have any children in your program who receive a child care subsidy from the state?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	29	67.4	67.4	67.4
	2 No	7	16.3	16.3	83.7
	3 Not sure	7	16.3	16.3	100.0
Total		43	100.0	100.0	

Q02 How many children currently enrolled in your program receive a child care subsidy from the state?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	1	2.3	4.5	4.5
	1	3	7.0	13.6	18.2
	4	1	2.3	4.5	22.7
	6	1	2.3	4.5	27.3
	8	1	2.3	4.5	31.8
	12	1	2.3	4.5	36.4
	14	1	2.3	4.5	40.9
	18	1	2.3	4.5	45.5
	19	1	2.3	4.5	50.0
	20	2	4.7	9.1	59.1
	25	1	2.3	4.5	63.6
	30	1	2.3	4.5	68.2
	33	1	2.3	4.5	72.7
	39	1	2.3	4.5	77.3
	60	1	2.3	4.5	81.8
	70	1	2.3	4.5	86.4
	100	1	2.3	4.5	90.9
	109	1	2.3	4.5	95.5
	145	1	2.3	4.5	100.0
Total		22	51.2	100.0	
Missing	-2 Not sure	2	4.7		
	System	19	44.2		
	Total	21	48.8		
Total		43	100.0		

Q03 How familiar are you with the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility available to families with children enrolled in ECEAP/Head Start?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very familiar	11	25.6	26.2	26.2
	2 Somewhat familiar	15	34.9	35.7	61.9
	3 Somewhat unfamiliar	5	11.6	11.9	73.8
	4 Very unfamiliar	10	23.3	23.8	97.6
	5 Not sure	1	2.3	2.4	100.0
	Total	42	97.7	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	1	2.3		

Total 43 100.0

Q04 Are any of the children in your program authorized for the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	14	32.6	32.6	32.6
	2 No	4	9.3	9.3	41.9
	3 Not sure	25	58.1	58.1	100.0
	Total	43	100.0	100.0	

Q05 How many children currently enrolled in your program are authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2	1	2.3	9.1	9.1
	3	2	4.7	18.2	27.3
	4	1	2.3	9.1	36.4
	6	3	7.0	27.3	63.6
	32	1	2.3	9.1	72.7
	45	1	2.3	9.1	81.8
	50	1	2.3	9.1	90.9
	85	1	2.3	9.1	100.0
	Total	11	25.6	100.0	
Missing	-2 Not sure	1	2.3		
	System	31	72.1		
	Total	32	74.4		
Total		43	100.0		

Q06 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on your program's administration including child care subsidy authorizations and billings?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Big positive impact - it has improved things	2	4.7	4.8	4.8
	2 Somewhat positive impact	9	20.9	21.4	26.2
	3 No impact - nothing has changed	15	34.9	35.7	61.9
	4 Somewhat negative impact	3	7.0	7.1	69.0
	6 Not sure	13	30.2	31.0	100.0
	Total	42	97.7	100.0	
Missing	System	1	2.3		
Total		43	100.0		

Q07 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on family turn-over ratios?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Big positive impact - it has improved things	3	7.0	7.3	7.3
	2 Somewhat positive impact	8	18.6	19.5	26.8
	3 No impact - nothing has changed	16	37.2	39.0	65.9
	4 Somewhat negative impact	3	7.0	7.3	73.2
	6 Not sure	11	25.6	26.8	100.0
	Total	41	95.3	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	1	2.3		
	System	1	2.3		
	Total	2	4.7		
Total		43	100.0		

Q08 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had on continuity of child care for the children enrolled in your program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Big positive impact - it has improved things	5	11.6	11.9	11.9
	2 Somewhat positive impact	8	18.6	19.0	31.0
	3 No impact - nothing has changed	13	30.2	31.0	61.9
	4 Somewhat negative impact	3	7.0	7.1	69.0
	6 Not sure	13	30.2	31.0	100.0
	Total	42	97.7	100.0	
Missing	System	1	2.3		
Total		43	100.0		

Q09 What impact has the extended 12-month child care subsidy eligibility had overall on your program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Big positive impact - it has improved things	3	7.0	7.1	7.1
	2 Somewhat positive impact	8	18.6	19.0	26.2
	3 No impact - nothing has changed	13	30.2	31.0	57.1
	4 Somewhat negative impact	5	11.6	11.9	69.0
	6 Not sure	13	30.2	31.0	100.0
	Total	42	97.7	100.0	
Missing	System	1	2.3		
Total		43	100.0		

Q10 Are there children enrolled in your program who receive child care subsidies but who are not authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Yes	15	34.9	36.6	36.6
	2 No	2	4.7	4.9	41.5
	3 Not sure	24	55.8	58.5	100.0
	Total	41	95.3	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	1	2.3		
	System	1	2.3		
	Total	2	4.7		
Total		43	100.0		

Q11 How many children currently enrolled in your program who receive child care subsidies are NOT authorized for the extended 12-month child care eligibility?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	3	7.0	17.6	17.6
	1	1	2.3	5.9	23.5
	2	1	2.3	5.9	29.4
	4	1	2.3	5.9	35.3
	5	1	2.3	5.9	41.2
	10	1	2.3	5.9	47.1
	12	1	2.3	5.9	52.9
	16	1	2.3	5.9	58.8
	19	1	2.3	5.9	64.7
	23	1	2.3	5.9	70.6
	25	1	2.3	5.9	76.5
	27	1	2.3	5.9	82.4
	48	1	2.3	5.9	88.2
	56	1	2.3	5.9	94.1
	64	1	2.3	5.9	100.0
	Total		17	39.5	100.0
Missing	-2 Not sure	1	2.3		
	System	25	58.1		
	Total	26	60.5		
Total		43	100.0		

**Q12A Reason, that some children in your program are NOT authorized:
The family is not aware of the extended 12-month child care eligibility**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Main Reason	9	20.9	25.7	25.7
	2 Minor Reason	5	11.6	14.3	40.0
	3 Not a Reason	6	14.0	17.1	57.1
	4 Don't know	15	34.9	42.9	100.0
	Total	35	81.4	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	3	7.0		
	System	5	11.6		
	Total	8	18.6		
Total		43	100.0		

**Q12B Reason, that some children in your program are NOT authorized:
The extended 12 month child care eligibility application is too
burdensome and time intensive.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Main Reason	6	14.0	17.6	17.6
	2 Minor Reason	5	11.6	14.7	32.4
	3 Not a Reason	5	11.6	14.7	47.1
	4 Don't know	18	41.9	52.9	100.0
	Total	34	79.1	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	4	9.3		
	System	5	11.6		
	Total	9	20.9		
Total		43	100.0		

**Q12C Reason, that some children in your program are NOT authorized:
The family does not want to receive extended 12-month child care
eligibility.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2 Minor Reason	1	2.3	2.9	2.9
	3 Not a Reason	17	39.5	50.0	52.9
	4 Don't know	16	37.2	47.1	100.0
	Total	34	79.1	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	4	9.3		
	System	5	11.6		
	Total	9	20.9		
Total		43	100.0		

**Q12D Reason, that some children in your program are NOT authorized:
Other reasons**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Main Reason	6	14.0	33.3	33.3
	2 Minor Reason	1	2.3	5.6	38.9
	3 Not a Reason	1	2.3	5.6	44.4
	4 Don't know	10	23.3	55.6	100.0
	Total	18	41.9	100.0	
Missing	-1 No answer	20	46.5		
	System	5	11.6		
	Total	25	58.1		
Total		43	100.0		



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ERRATA SHEET FOR

Impacts of HB3141 on the Working Connections Child Care Program

November 3, 2011

The updates listed in this errata sheet apply to the Impacts of HB3141 on the Working Connections Child Care Program prepared in August 2011. At the time the report was prepared, a significant number of child care warrants were outstanding for state fiscal year 2011. The purpose of this errata sheet is to update the total expenditures for the child care subsidies.

Additions are shown in underline and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

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3 **Impact on program costs**

Overall, there has been a reduction in the number of families and children enrolled in the WCCC program from SFY10 to SFY11 due to cost-saving policy changes implemented in SFY11. ~~There~~ However, there has also been ~~a reduction~~ an increase in the average amount of the child care subsidy per family and per child. The average amount of the subsidy per family in SFY11 was ~~\$685 less~~ \$70 more than it was in SFY10. The average amount of the subsidy per child in SFY11 was ~~\$340 less~~ \$43 more than it was in SFY10.

When we compared the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per family and per child for families in the 12-month extended eligibility program versus those for families and children in the 6-month eligible program, we found the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts, regardless of the service area. The differences are substantial, with the average amount per family being ~~\$724~~ \$717 less for the 12-month eligible program and the average amount per child being ~~\$512~~ \$495 for the 12-month eligible program.

This reduction in average subsidies also is true for families enrolled solely in the ~~Comprehensive Preschool Programs~~ Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP). For ~~Comprehensive Preschool Programs~~ ECEAP families, the 12-month program resulted in lower subsidy amounts in most service areas. The average subsidy amount per ~~Comprehensive Preschool Program~~ ECEAP family is ~~\$244~~ \$199 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program, and the average amount per child is ~~\$348~~ \$305 less for the 12-month eligible program than the 6-month eligible program.

25 In SFY11 there were a total of ~~55,361~~ 60,104 families receiving WCCC subsidies for ~~96,364~~ 106,555 children, or an average of ~~1.74~~ 1.77 children (median of two children) per family.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies in SFY11 was ~~\$230,835,983~~ \$295,999,748. The average amount of the subsidy per family was ~~\$4,170~~ \$4,925 and the average amount per child was ~~\$2,395~~ \$2,778.

The table below displays the program costs for families and children enrolled in the WCCC program in SFY10 and SFY11. There was a reduction in the number of families and children enrolled from SFY10 to SFY11, ~~and~~ but there was also a reduction an increase in the average amount of the subsidy per family and per child. The average amount of the subsidy per family in SFY11 was ~~\$685 less~~ \$70 more than it was in SFY10. The average amount of the subsidy per child in SFY11 was ~~\$340 less~~ \$43 more than it was in SFY10.

Comparison of Program Costs for WCCC Families and Children in SFY10 and SFY11

	SFY10	SFY11
Number of Families	64,754	55,361 <u>60,104</u>
Number of Children	114,940	96,364 <u>106,555</u>
Average Number of Children per Family	1.78	1.74 <u>1.77</u>
Total Program Subsidies	\$314,408,473	\$230,835,983 <u>\$295,999,748</u>
Average Amount per Family	\$4,855	\$4,170 <u>\$4,925</u>
Average Amount per Child	\$2,735	\$2,395 <u>\$2,778</u>

26 ~~In SFY11~~ From September 2010 to July 2011, a total of ~~1,201~~ 1,222 families who received 12-month WCCC subsidies for ~~2,193~~ 2,236 children, or an average of 1.83 (median of two children) per family. ~~In SFY11~~ From September 2010 to July 2011, a total of ~~54,160~~ 54,175 families received the 6-month WCCC subsidy for ~~94,171~~ 94,948 children, or an average of ~~1.74~~ 1.75 (median of two children) per family.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies ~~in SFY11~~ from September 2010 to July 2011 for the 12-month eligible families was ~~\$4,159,063~~ \$4,359,659. The average amount of the subsidy per family was ~~\$3,463~~ \$3,568 and the average amount per child was ~~\$1,896~~ \$1,950.

The total dollar amount spent on WCCC subsidies ~~in SFY11~~ from September 2010 to July 2011 for the 6-month eligible families was ~~\$226,676,920~~ \$232,122,334. The average amount of the subsidy per family was ~~\$4,187~~ \$4,285 and the average amount per child was ~~\$2,408~~ \$2,445.

The table below displays the number of families and children who were enrolled in the WCCC program ~~during SFY11~~ from September 2010 to July 2011 for each service area and for the total. The table compares average subsidies for families and children for families enrolled in the 12-month extended eligible program as well as the 6-month eligible program, by service area.

Program Amounts for All WCCC Families and Children ~~in SFY11~~ from September 2010 to July 2011

Service Area	With 12-month Extended Eligibility				Without 6-month Eligibility			
	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount per family	Avg Amount per child	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount per family	Avg Amount per child
East	341	654	\$3,003	\$1,566	17254	31767	\$3,773	\$2,049
	<u>351</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>\$3,042</u>	<u>\$1,584</u>	<u>17566</u>	<u>32489</u>	<u>\$3,797</u>	<u>\$2,053</u>
Northwest	370	679	\$4,341	\$2366	19873	33932	\$4,974	\$2,913
	<u>384</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>\$4,397</u>	<u>\$2,409</u>	<u>20152</u>	<u>34510</u>	<u>\$5,017</u>	<u>\$2,929</u>
Southwest	478	844	\$3,198	\$1,811	16717	27902	\$3,703	\$2,219
	<u>485</u>	<u>860</u>	<u>\$3,277</u>	<u>\$1,848</u>	<u>16970</u>	<u>28405</u>	<u>\$3,735</u>	<u>\$2,232</u>
Out of State	12	16	\$1,005	\$754	316	570	\$2,973	\$1,648
	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>\$1,082</u>	<u>\$703</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>\$2,935</u>	<u>\$1,629</u>
Total	1201	2193	\$3,463	\$1,896	54160	94171	\$4,187	\$2,408
	<u>1222</u>	<u>2236</u>	<u>\$3,568</u>	<u>\$1,950</u>	<u>54175</u>	<u>94948</u>	<u>\$4,285</u>	<u>\$2,445</u>

The data in the table show that the average amount of the WCCC subsidy per family and per child is less in all service areas as well as total statewide for families in the 12-month extended eligibility program than for families in the 6-month eligible program. Clearly, the 12-month program has resulted in lower subsidy amounts, regardless of the service area. The differences are substantial, with the average amount per family being ~~\$724~~ \$717 less for the 12-

27 month eligible program and the average amount per child being ~~\$512~~ \$495 for the 12-month eligible program.

We also examined whether program subsidy costs were increased for families with children in ~~Comprehensive Preschool Program~~ ECEAP by comparing program amounts for those in the 12-month extended eligibility program versus those in the 6-month eligibility program ~~during SFY11~~ from September 2010 to July 2011.

~~In SFY11~~ From September 2010 to July 2011 there were only ~~64 Comprehensive Preschool Program~~ 65 ECEAP families receiving 12-month WCCC subsidies for ~~67~~ 68 children, compared with a total of ~~425 Comprehensive Preschool Program~~ 431 ECEAP families receiving the 6-month WCCC subsidy for ~~424~~ 430 children.

The average amount of the subsidy per ~~Comprehensive Preschool Program~~ ECEAP family in the 12-month extended eligible program was ~~\$2,214~~ \$2,270 and the average amount per child was ~~\$2,115~~ \$2,170. The average amount of the subsidy per ~~Comprehensive Preschool Program~~ ECEAP family in the 6-month eligible program was ~~\$2,458~~ \$2,469 and the average amount per child was ~~\$2,463~~ \$2,475.

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Program Amounts for Comprehensive Preschool Program ECEAP Families and Children in WCCC in SFY11 from September 2010 to July 2011

Service Area	With 12-month Extended Eligibility				Without 6-month Eligibility			
	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount per family	Avg Amount per child	# Families	# Children	Avg Amount per family	Avg Amount per child
East	20	21	\$1,603	\$1,527	172	170	\$2,080	\$2,105
	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>\$1,781</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>\$2,094</u>	<u>\$2,119</u>
Northwest	14	14	\$2,435	\$2,435	108	107	\$3,277	\$3,307
					<u>110</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>\$3,279</u>	<u>\$3,309</u>
Southwest	30	32	\$2,518	\$2,361	141	143	\$2,314	\$2,281
			<u>\$2,534</u>	<u>\$2,376</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>\$2,309</u>	<u>\$2,277</u>
Out of State	0	0	-	-	4	4	\$1,633	\$1,633
Total	64	67	\$2,214	\$2,115	425	424	\$2,458	\$2,463
	<u>65</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>\$2,270</u>	<u>\$2,170</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>\$2,469</u>	<u>\$2,475</u>

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