

City of Decatur Schools: Early Learning Center Survey Analysis

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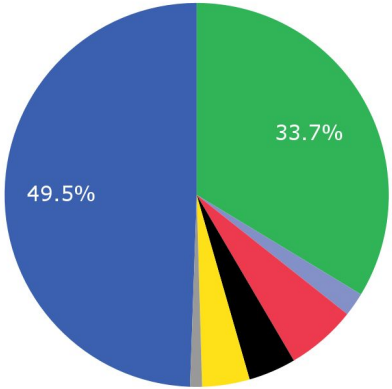


Survey Analysis

100 CSD Parents were surveyed, with an intentional focus on gathering perspectives from low-income families.

Parent Race or Ethnicity

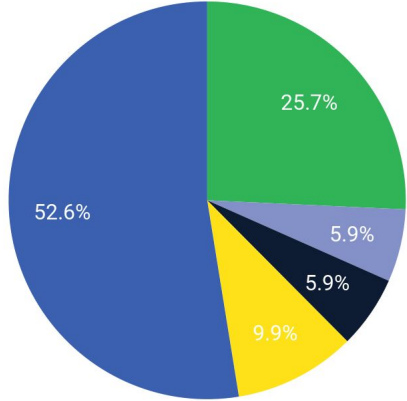
- African American/Black
- Latinx/Hispanic
- Asian American/Pacific Islander
- Multiracial or Biracial
- Not Disclosed
- Arab/Somalian
- White



Respondents reported 119 children between 0-5.

Household Income

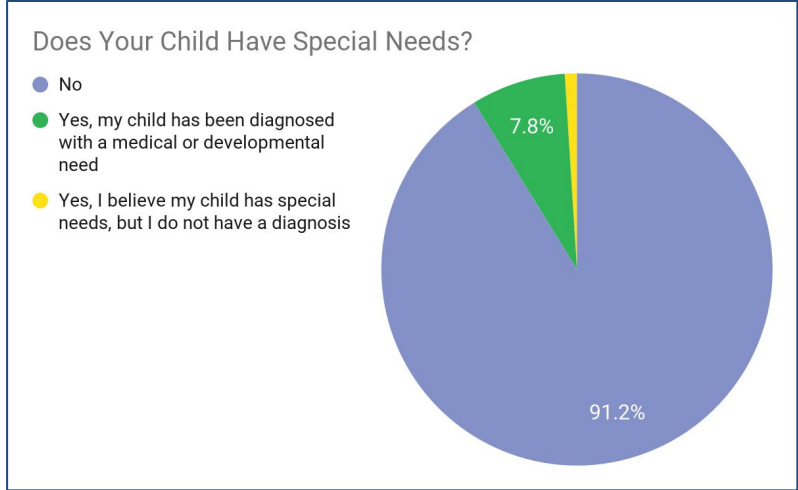
- \$0-\$40,000
- \$40,001 - \$80,000
- \$80,001 - \$120,000
- \$120,001 - \$160,000
- 160001 +



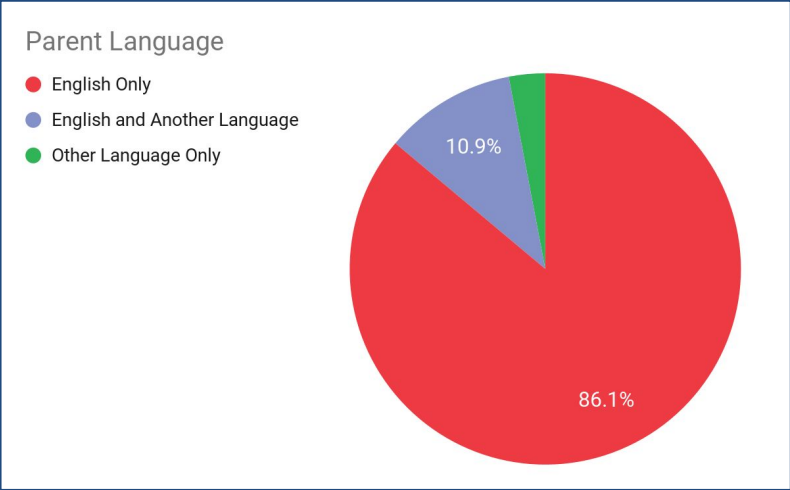
About 31.6% of total respondents fell below the ALICE low income threshold. 15.9% receive subsidies; 8% receive childcare subsidies.



Families indicated a range of needs, including linguistic diversity and support for children with special needs.



Parents indicated that finding care appropriate for their children with special needs was challenging.



Other languages included Gujarati, Amharic, French, Somali, Spanish, Mandarin, Somalian, & Vietnamese.



CSD families use a **variety** of child care and learning arrangements.

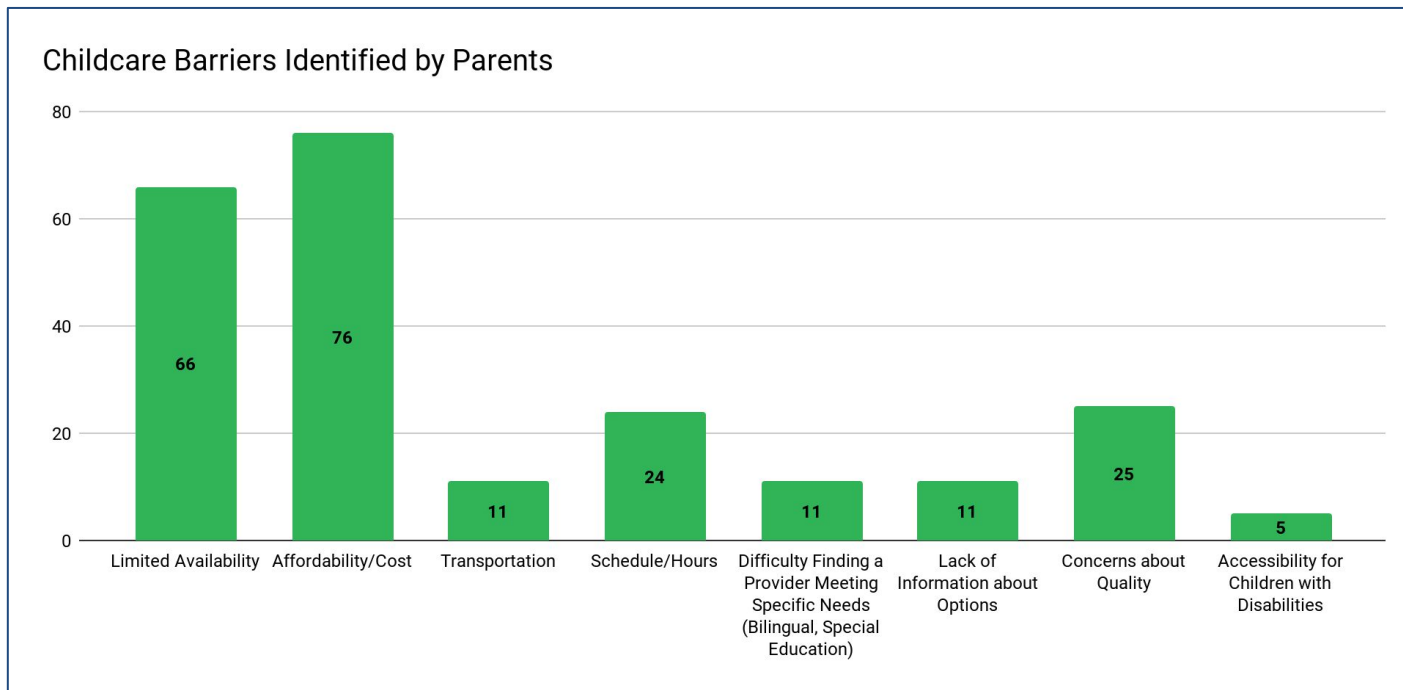
- ❑ Slightly fewer than half of respondents have enrolled their child at a child care center or home-based program, with an additional 20% enrolling in Pre-K
- ❑ 33% responded that they provide care for at least one of their children at home.
- ❑ About 9% had children who were cared for by grandparents.

Additionally,

- ❑ 7% of respondents indicated caring for grandchildren or the children of friends/neighbors in their homes.
- ❑ Several of those surveyed also indicated a mix of care options including part-time childcare, care by an au pair or nanny, or indicated that they weren't sure of their childcare plans.



**Just 64% of families they were satisfied with their childcare options.
Families indicated a broad range of challenges in finding or accessing care.**



Families indicate clear **preferences** as they consider childcare options.

- 90% of parents want full time care, with 29% needing extended hours (before 8 and/or after 5).
- 85% of parents are interested in center-based care, with approximately 10-15% interested in home care, nanny care, family/friend/neighbor care, or caring for their child themselves.
- About 40% of families indicate they can pay up to \$500 a month for childcare; 25% can pay only \$250 a month or less.

Nearly all families (95%) say they would be interested in affordable childcare offered by the City Schools of Decatur.



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