

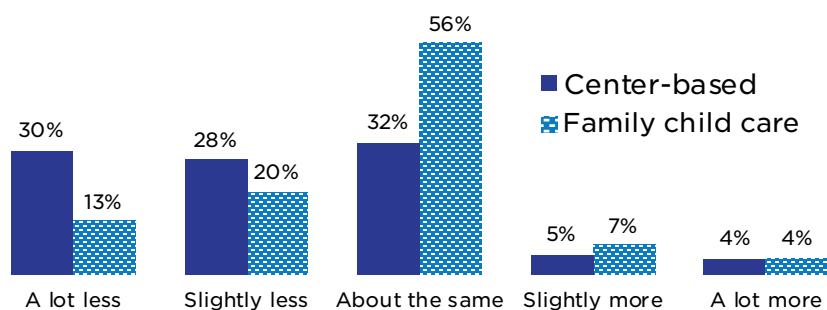
COVID-19 and child care: Attendance and communication with families

Results from a 2020 study of the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed child care services in Minnesota and across the nation. To understand providers' experiences with the pandemic, an online survey was shared with child care providers between July 31, 2020 and September 9, 2020. A total of 1,898 center-based and family child care providers completed the survey. The survey asked child care providers* about their experiences related to a number of COVID-19 challenges. This fact sheet presents initial findings on the ways providers adapted their programs during COVID-19.

* The providers invited to participate were applicants (N = 5,297) to the Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Program, and thus, were a subsample of licensed and certified center-based programs and licensed family child care providers throughout Minnesota. These findings are from all providers that applied and responded to the survey, regardless of whether or not they received the grant.

In the past week, how does the average daily attendance compare to number of children enrolled?



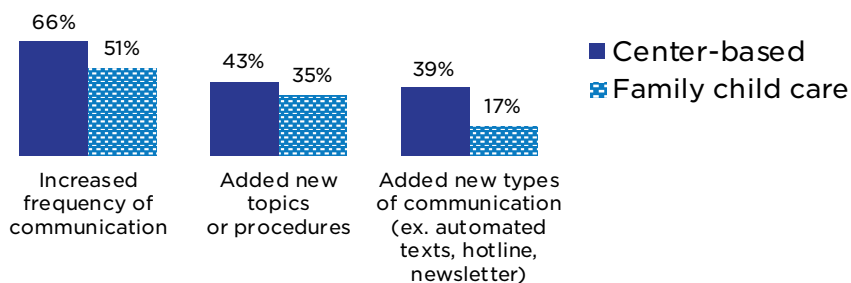
The majority of family child care providers **maintained about the same attendance levels** relative to the number of children enrolled in their program.

Center-based programs reported lower levels of attendance relative to enrollment.

Source: Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Survey, 2020

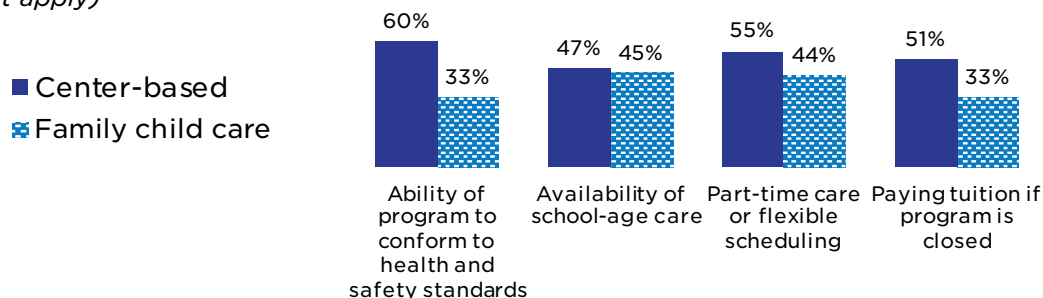
How have provider's communication with families changed? (check all that apply)

- **92 percent** of center-based and **78 percent** of family child care providers **changed the way they communicated with families during the pandemic.**



Source: Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grant Survey, 2020

What child care topics do families ask providers about given the pandemic-related guidelines? (check all that apply)



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