

# #ChildCareMattersAlberta

## COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY RESULTS

April 2020

# 70%

of all respondents say that they face permanent closure in 1 to 3 months if they do not get help with fixed operating costs.

### Reported closures within 1 to 3 months

#### CHILD CARE CENTRES

75%

#### PRESCHOOLS

55%

#### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE CENTRES

65%

AECEA and its partners have asked the Children's Services Minister for a temporary emergency operating allowance to be provided to all centre-based child cares, preschools and out-of-school care programs required to close during the pandemic. A temporary emergency operating allowance equal to a maximum of 20 percent of the average cost of a licensed space would enable the majority of organizations to remain financially viable as we plan for the recovery of service delivery.



**We can work together to stop this from happening!**

### Contact your MLA & the Minister of Children's Services:

- The temporary emergency operating allowance could be funded through monies already approved in the Children's Services Budget.
- Current federal/provincial/municipal supports are not sufficient to keep our child care programs viable for when we need them to re-open.
- The current supports identified by Minister Schulz (deferred payments and loans) will cause programs to go into further debt if they are able to re-open. These costs will likely have to be covered by increased parent fees.

For more info on how to show support please visit [www.aecea.ca/aecea-connect](http://www.aecea.ca/aecea-connect)

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