Decline in the Supply of Family Child Care

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National Data
The Number of Licensed Small Family Child Care Homes Decreased by 35% from 2011 to 2017

Number of Licensed Child Care Providers Nationwide

Number of Providers Receiving CCDF Funding 2011 and 2016

- Licensed or regulated center providers
- Licensed or regulated family home providers
- Family home providers legally operating without regulation
- All child care providers

Why Are Providers Leaving the Profession?

Several states have collected data on the number of family child care (FCC) homes in operation, the decrease, and key factors that contribute to the decrease.
What Is the Impact of the Decrease on Families and Children?

Analysis of state, territory, and tribal data may provide insights.
Questions to Explore

- What are FCC providers’ **greatest challenges** to remaining in the regulatory system?
- Do the challenges **differ** for licensed and license-exempt FCC providers?
- Are decreases **concentrated** in some areas?
- What types of providers care for **vulnerable** populations?
- Can changes in numbers be linked to **policy changes**?
- What **supports** are available and how do providers **participate**?
- What **quality supports** do FCC providers **need**?
Strategies for Retaining FCC Providers

- Examine state and local systems to better understand causes and impact of decline
- Adopt responsive policies
- Create and expand services and supports
- Encourage meaningful participation in support programs and services
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