What’s Driving Child Care Deserts?
Factors Related to Child Care Gaps in New York State

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Data Sources

- ACS
- NYSED
  - UPK enrollment
- OCFS
  - ~18,000 providers’ capacity
- Head Start
  - HS/EHS enrollment

Our dataset
Research Questions

• What is the ECE capacity of individual communities?
  • How do these capacity rates vary by program (i.e. HS, EHS, UPK and child care programs) and change over time?

• How do community factors (urbanicity, community wealth, school district demographics, presence of UPK) relate to capacity for ECE in various settings?
  • Have these patterns changed over time?
OCFS Data Findings: Provider Map
Changes in NYS Head Start/Early Head Start Enrollment

Head Start

Early Head Start
Implications and Potential of this Data Set

- Location, location, location
  - Rurality, School District, presence of other ECE programs
  - How might patterns be similar in other states?
- Potential to answer questions beyond “silos”
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