

Child Care Impact Survey Results

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Who We Are

Consumers

Providers

**Community
Agencies**

**Public
Agencies**

Designees

**So what's the
problem?**

Infant care at a center is the most expensive averaging \$1,257/month



Lots of children

little space

4,900 infants



516 spaces

3,539 preschoolers

3,145 spaces



**What does that have to
do with economics?**

Heckman Equation

Increased

Graduation Rates

Employment

Wages

Self-sufficiency

13%

Reduced

Incarceration

Teenage Pregnancy

Remedial Services

Special Education

Suspension

Chronic Health Illnesses

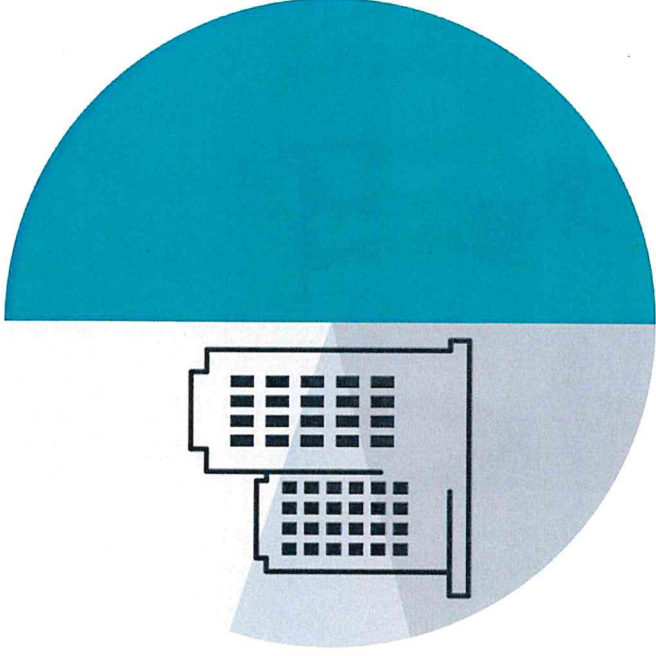
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Employers

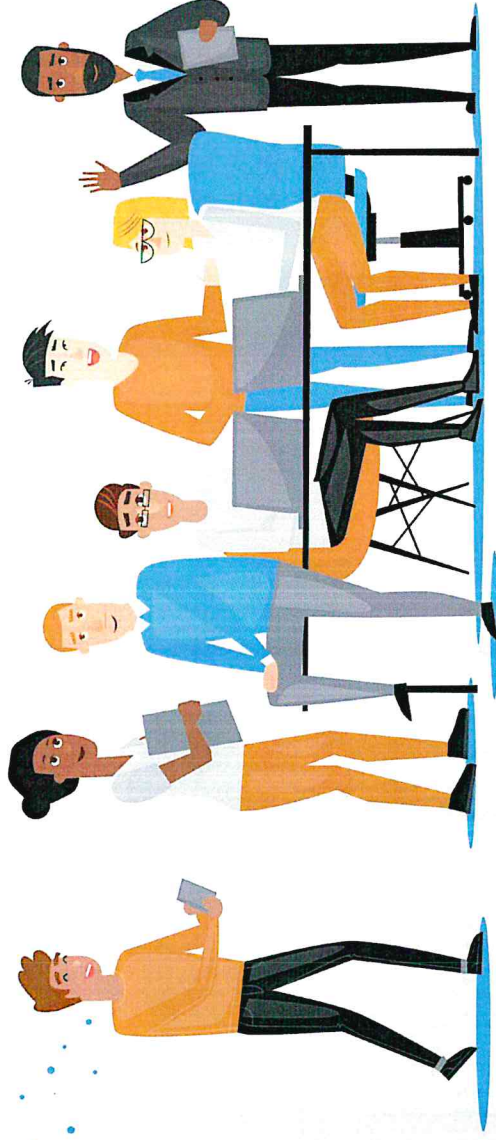


Mostly small businesses & departments with less than 15 employees

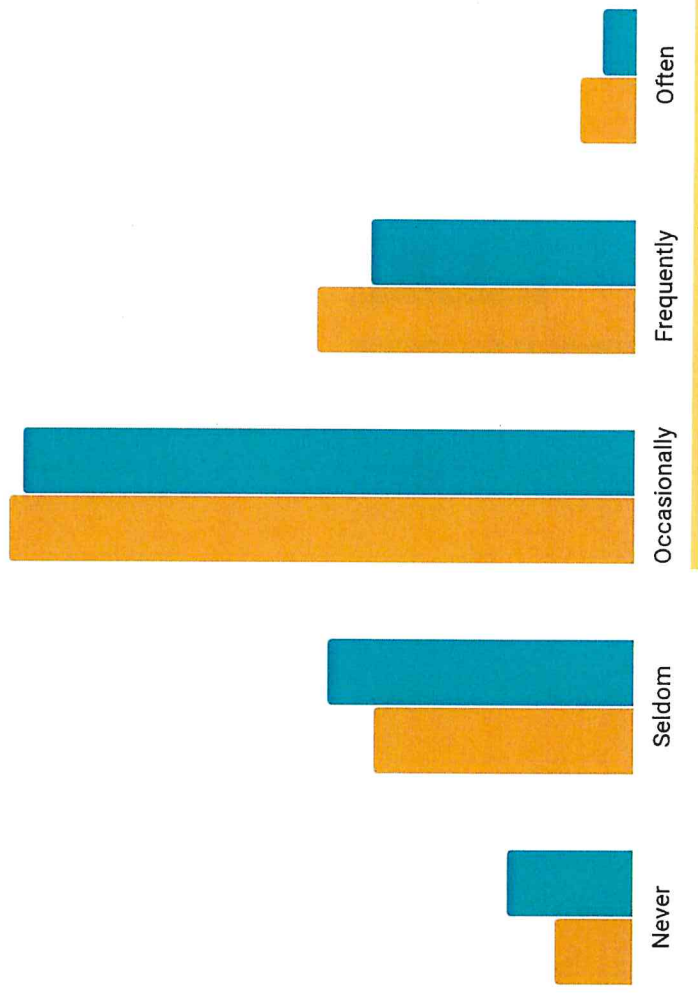


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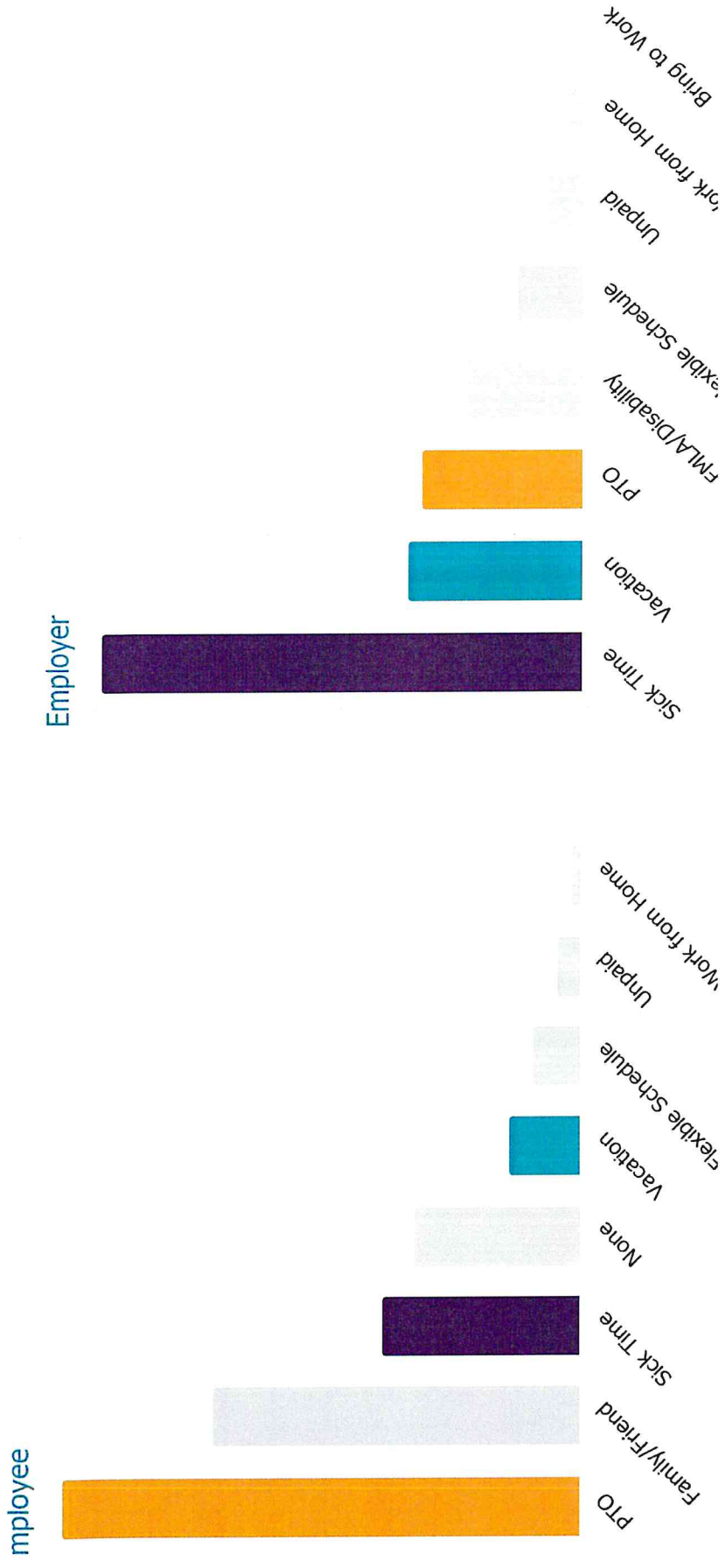
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Employers see difficulties with childcare more is a problem than employees



Employees & Employers differ in their perception of how to handle childcare related issues



So What?

Stabilize Workforce



✚ Invest early for greatest impact

= Economic Growth

Emergency Child

Care Taskforce

Requests and Recommendations

- I. BOS to direct economic and workforce development committees to include childcare in economic plan and include council at meetings
- II. Fast Track permitting & zoning applications 
- III. Reduce or Eliminate Fees 

Thank you

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“The lack of licensed quality facilities in this County is very disheartening... The cost of daycare is also astronomical. I pay more than my mortgage payment every month for daycare for my two children.”

“Childcare made it possible for me to
work full time.”

“Finding a trusted provider was the most difficult part of returning from maternity leave. It was so challenging that it **negatively impacted my mental health**. I would've quit a job I'm passionate about if I could've financially because it felt impossible to find care that met my standards.”

“We have been debating having a child for years now, but it's hard when we both work full time and need both incomes”

“I was **unable to take a job offer** because there was a waitlist of 6 months to 1 year for infant care when my daughter was 5 months old. I was unable to complete full work days or go back to full time after having my daughter because there was **not infant care available** full time when my maternity leave ended, despite being on several waitlist for months leading up to my return date.”

“My daughter was in **three different daycares** and with babysitters before the **age of one** due to lack of daycares with full time openings... I had to put her in daycare in Nevada due to **lack of... openings in South Lake Tahoe.**”

“It was extremely challenging to find a preschool option for my son that allowed for full day care. My husband and I both have a state preschool site at our place of employment, but those were not an option for our child because we need care before 8 and until 4 PM or later. It is such a shame that we could not use either of those preschool sites when they are on the campus where we work.”

“Flexible quality childcare at our school
and after school is the reason I can work.”

“Working **12hr shifts** at the hospital complicates finding day care. I've finally worked my schedule (mostly) around family members who can help me with pick ups and drop offs and caring for kids when most day care centers and B&G clubs are closed. If my employer had on site child care, it would be a God send!”

