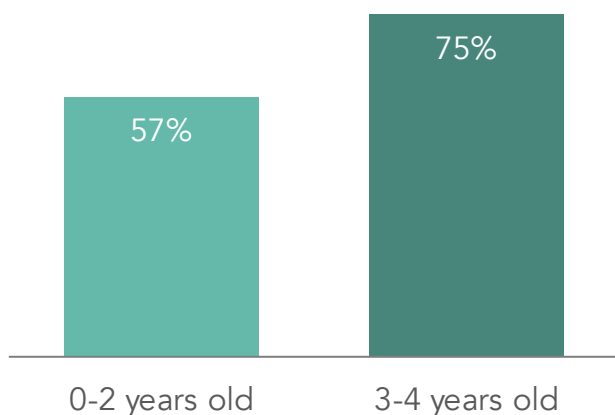


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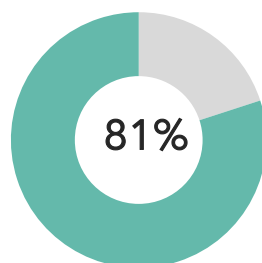
In Fall 2023, Innovate Public Schools and Ravenswood City School District conducted 220 surveys and four focus groups with families with young children (ages 0-6) to better understand the community's needs and desires around early childhood. This brief summarizes key findings from the survey and focus groups.

CENTER-BASED CARE PREFERENCES

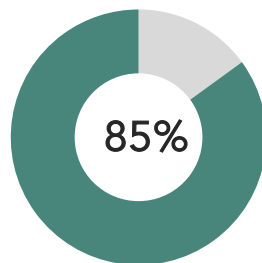
Most respondents say they would prefer a **formal center-based setting** for their 0-2 year old and 3-4 year old children



How likely would you be to enroll your children in a new affordable, high-quality childcare program in Ravenswood?



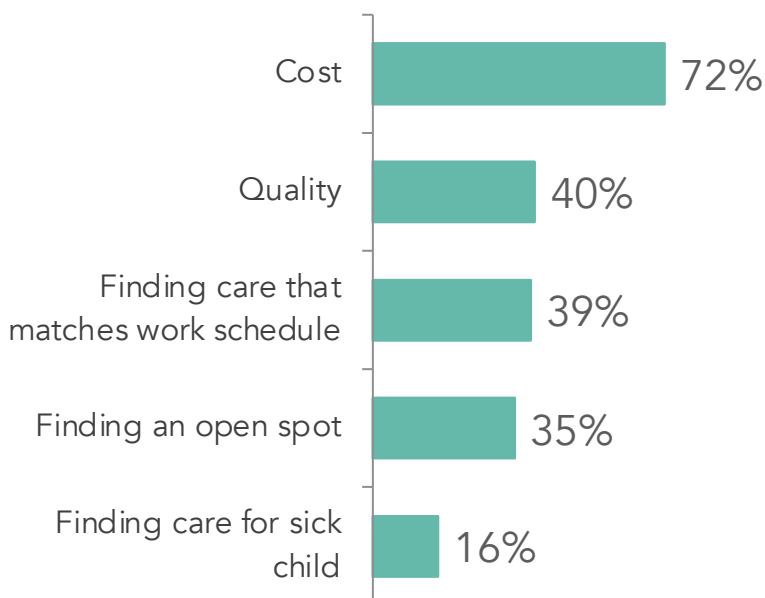
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CHILDCARE CHALLENGES

Top 5 challenges to accessing childcare



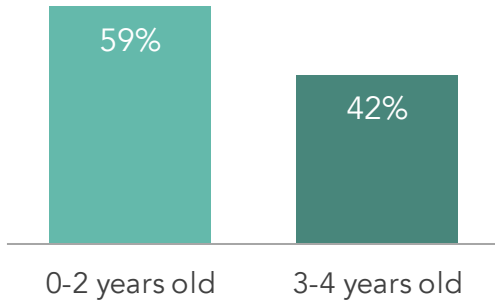
Quotes from focus groups

"We checked [local daycare centers], but it was expensive. Our income isn't high enough to afford it, but it's too high to get subsidized."

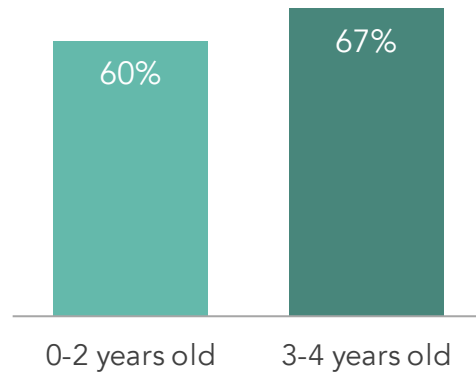
"I struggled to find childcare for my son. I was working two jobs and didn't have anyone to help me so I took him on full-time. My husband works nights and I work during the day so we would switch. We were so happy when he started Kindergarten because at least now he [was] in school. I struggled so much when he was younger. Everything was full and there was nothing nearby."

CHILDCARE NEEDS

Most say they rely on family or take care of their 0-4 year old children on their own



More than half need full-time care for their 0-4 year old children

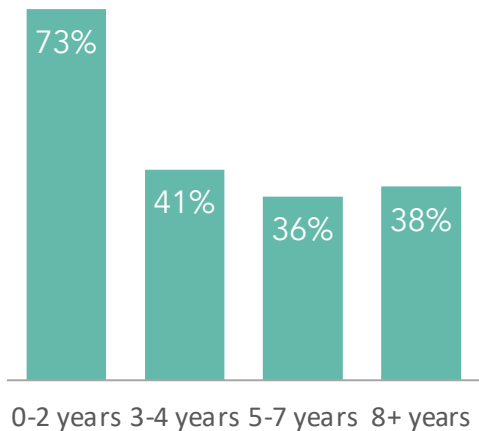


Top 5 factors for choosing childcare

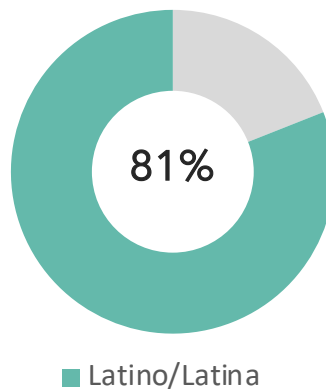


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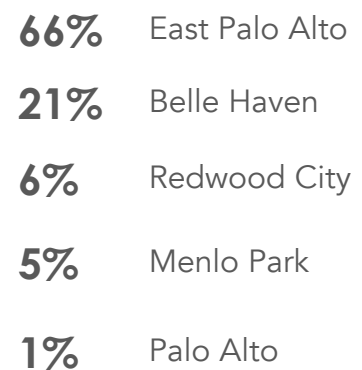
Age of children



Most respondents were Latino/Latina²



Neighborhood



²For race/ethnicity, participants were asked to select all that apply. Other responses were: 8% White, 5% Black/African American, 5% Multiracial/Multiethnic, 3% Asian, 3% Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian, 1% Native American/American Indian, 1% Other.