Early Childhood Suspensions and Expulsions: Pushing out kids of color and kids with disabilities

Part of the Race + Disability Webinar Series
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Presented by:
Continuum of Exclusion

Soft Exclusions
- Time with other adults

Other Hard Exclusion
- Home-based placements
- Child required to spend parts of day outside of classroom

Suspension
- Child required to stay home for set period/until behavior improves

Expulsion
- Child removed from center/program
Exclusion from ECE - Disparities

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<th>Enrollment</th>
<th>Expulsions</th>
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<td>Boys</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Girls</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Students without Disabilities</td>
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USDOE, OCR 2017-2018
## Facts about child care in Pennsylvania

*Child Care Works (CCW) - Unserved, Eligible Families*

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<th>Under 5 years old</th>
<th>Infants and toddlers</th>
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<td>Eligible Children</td>
<td>200,730</td>
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<td>Eligible Children Enrolled</td>
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<td>Underserved, eligible children</td>
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- 80% unserved
- 84% unserved
Head Start
100% of federal poverty guidelines. School-day, school-year program for children ages three and four; may give preference to four year olds.

Early Head Start
100% of federal poverty guidelines. Serves children birth to age two in home-based or center-based programs; most programs are not full-time care.

Pre-K Counts
300% of federal poverty guidelines. School-day, school-year program for children ages three and four; may give preference to four year olds.

Child Care Works
200% of federal poverty guidelines. Children ages birth to 12 may receive a voucher to attend a child care program based on the family or household’s school or work schedule; a small co-pay is required from the family.
In Pennsylvania only...

- 44% of Child Care Works children under 5-years are in high-quality programs.
- 41% of Child Care Works infants and toddlers at in high-quality programs.
- 43% of child care capacity in the state currently meets high-quality standards.
Facts about child care in Pennsylvania

61% of eligible children DO NOT have access

167,470 eligible children ages 3-4 living in PA

101,500 eligible children DO NOT have access
2021 Start Strong Staffing Crisis Survey

1,163 programs across the state responded

26,000 children currently sit on waitlists

34,000 additional children could be served at respondents’ sites with staffing

92% of respondents reported staffing shortages

51% of respondents have closed at least one classroom

***updated survey data will be available in April***
Pandemic Closure Impact
Since the pandemic through October 1, 2021:

1,007 child care programs closed
- 752 opened

255 Net loss in child care programs

Statistics do not include 299 programs still temporarily closed.

Source: Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)
Upcoming Programs in the Race + Disability Webinar Series

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2:00-3:30 EST  
Digging Deeper: School Policing in Allegheny County

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