## Child Care in Nevada

### Child Care is Critical for Nevada’s Workforce
- **64%** of children under 6 have all available parents in the labor force, up from **63%** ten years ago.

### Child Care is Critical for Reducing Gender and Racial Disparities in Economic Participation
- **66%** of mothers with children under 6 participate in the labor force in NV.
- **77%** of Black mothers with children under 6 participate in the labor force in NV.

### COVID-19 Poses a New Threat to the Child Care Sector
- **42%** of child care slots could be lost. Pre-pandemic in NV there were **5.4 children** for every available slot. With COVID closures that number could go as high as **9.3**.
- **Provider costs are increasing in NV**
  - Center-based providers’ costs are estimated to increase by **11%**.
  - Family-based providers’ costs are estimated to increase by **67%**.

### The Child Care Sector Was Struggling Prior to COVID-19
- **15%** of child care workers in NV lived in poverty.
- **11%** of White workers
- **18%** of Hispanic workers
- **72%** of people in NV were living in a child care desert.

### Costs of providing care were high in NV
- $970/month for center-based infant care
- $740/month for center-based toddler care
- $790/month for family-based care

### Subsidies were insufficient
- Monthly gap between subsidy and cost to provider, per child: **$361**

### Child care is hard to afford
- A minimum wage worker in NV spends **61%** of their earnings on child care, on average.

### Child Care is Important to the Economy
- Yet only **8%** of low-income eligible families in NV receive federal subsidies.

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