Surveys of the ECE Workforce

From the earliest days of March 2020, NAEYC has been committed to understanding and sharing the breadth of the crisis and the challenges child care programs and early childhood educators are facing across states and settings. Nearly 50,000 individuals working in child care centers and family child care homes have responded to seven NAEYC early childhood education field surveys.

Results from our most recent survey, conducted November 2022, show that federal relief has provided critical help, but uncertainty about the future is impacting the present. Staffing shortages caused by low compensation are leading to supply shortages that threaten families' ability to work, children's access to safe and quality care, and educators' health and well-being. Far too many educators are considering leaving the field, threatening an exodus that—if not reversed with the support of Congressional investments in the ECE workforce—will deepen the supply, quality, and affordability crises for years to come.

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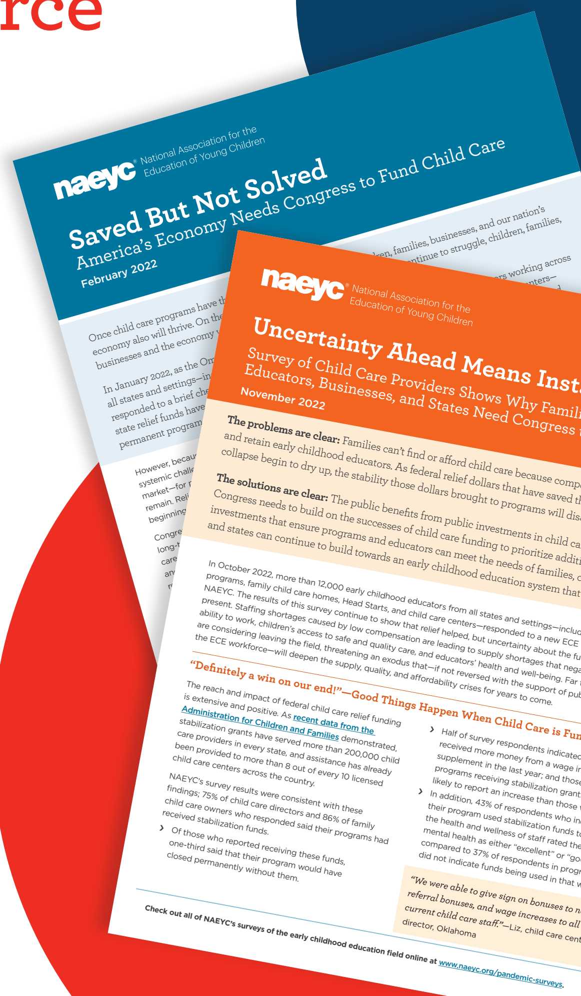

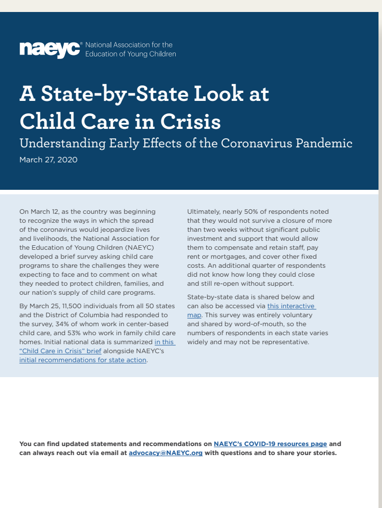

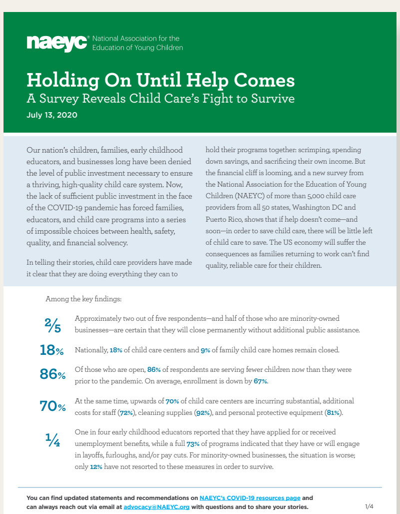

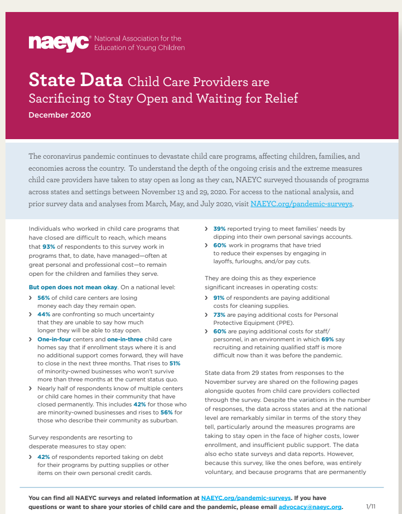

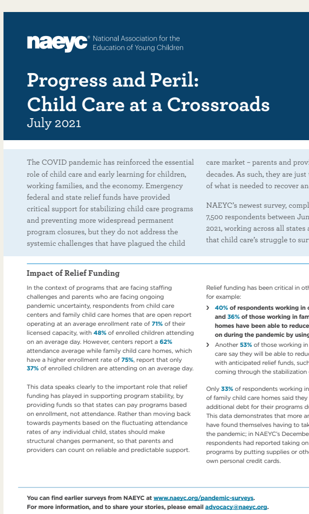

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