

## Families feel the pinch of paying for child care.

Whether you are a parent who currently has children in child care, are seeking care, or have used child care in the past, please take a moment to complete this survey. This information will help determine the Child Care Council's work to help families like you. Your information will be kept confidential. One survey per family.

**All survey participants will be entered to win a \$50 Price Chopper gift card.**

**3 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE**

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FAX: 426-9649 | ONLINE [cdccc.org](http://cdccc.org) by September 18, 2015



**Capital District  
Child Care  
Council**

### How did you learn about this survey?

- E-mail from Child Care Council
- Your child care provider
- Relative or friend
- Community event
- News or other media
- Child Care Council website
- Social media
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Are your children in child care?

- Yes       No

### What type of child care do/did you use?

- Child care center
- Family or group family child care home
- School-age child care
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### How many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

### What is your family composition?

- Mother, single, working
- Mother, single, not working
- Father, single, working
- Father, single, not working
- Two parent, both working
- Two parent, both not working
- Two parent, one working, one not working
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### In the past 6 months, have you had trouble affording child care?

- Always    Often    Sometimes    Rarely    Never    N/A

### In order to afford child care in the past 6 months, did you: (check all that apply)

- Borrow money from family
- Borrow money from friends
- Pay with credit
- Cut back in normal household spending
- Cut back your hours at work
- Cut back the hours your child attends child care
- Remove your child from regulated child care to use informal care (friend/family/neighbor)
- Switch child care providers for less expensive child care
- Use a "patchwork" to keep cost down (ie. use child care one day, a family member the next, a neighbor the next etc)
- None of the above, I have no trouble affording child care
- N/A

### Do you currently receive subsidy to help pay for child care?

- Yes    No    N/A

### If yes, where does the subsidy come from?

- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Workforce Development Institute (WDI)
- Employer
- None

### Are you having trouble paying your family share fee?

- Yes    No

### Are you currently behind in your family share fee payments?

- Yes    No

**Please rank the top factors on why you chose your child care arrangements. Write the number 1 next to your top factor, 2 next to the second most important factor and so on.**

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| _____ Quality                            | _____ Caregiver is knowledgeable                 |
| _____ Location                           | _____ Program provides quality learning programs |
| _____ Hours                              | _____ How I was treated at the time of visit     |
| _____ Cost                               | _____ Heard good things from other parents       |
| _____ Children happy in program          | _____ National accreditation                     |
| _____ Small number of children per adult | _____ Activities offered to children             |
| _____ Accepts subsidy                    | _____ My other child went there                  |
| _____ Caregiver is a relative            | _____ Provider has experience with special needs |
| _____ Caregiver is educated              |  |

The Capital District Child Care Council is a non-profit organization serving parents, employers, and child care providers in Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties. It is a resource and referral agency, providing resources to the community by improving the availability and quality of child care.

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