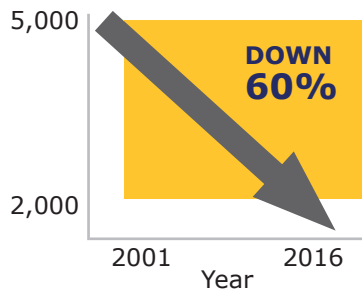


Supporting Family Child Care in New Jersey

Registered family child care home providers in New Jersey

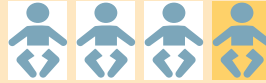


Why it's hard to keep workers



- retirement
- long hours
- challenging job
- low pay

Three-quarters of New Jersey's infants and toddlers **do not have access** to high-quality **child care**



70% of poor children in regular, non-parental care receive care **within three miles of their home**



Family child care fills a critical need

- lower prices
- relationships
- neighborhood locations

Why choose family child care?

- Less expensive than center-based care
- Home-like environment
- Siblings can be together
- Personal relationships with providers
- Non-traditional hours
- Small group sizes
- Community location



Family child care can be high quality.

- small group size
- relationships
- continuity of care

A Collaborative Vision for High-Quality Care

Registered family child care homes are a community-based solution

- economically viable home-based businesses
- high-quality settings for the healthy development of children

All parties must collaborate on short- and long-term plans for

- Licensing
- Subsidy
- Quality Improvement



Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

support
Professional Development
for staff working with providers



Family Child Care Home Providers

support
Professional Development to build

- business skills
- child development skills

Higher subsidy rates for

- economic viability
- high-quality care



Policymakers need to **Strengthen and Simplify Policies**

- Mandatory registration for home providers
- Raise the cap on number of children
- Increase staffing aligned with ages and number of children
- Explore substitute staff in homes
- Address technology barriers
- Make research-informed policies
- **EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS AND SUPPORT CURRENT PROVIDERS**

