

Maryland Family Network's Counting Our Losses:

The Hidden Cost to Marylanders of an Inadequate Child Care System

Support for Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs in the United States has grown as mounting research demonstrate the economic, social, emotional, and intellectual benefits to children, families, and society. *Counting Our Losses* looks at the overwhelming loss to the Maryland economy as a result of an inadequate child care system.

LOST PRODUCTIVITY

 49%

Percentage of Maryland parents with children age 5 and under who report short-term disruptions to employment in the past 3 months because of issues with child care.

 15%

Percentage of Maryland parents with children age 5 and under who report long-term disruptions to employment in the past year because of issues with child care.

LOST OPPORTUNITY

 25%

Percentage of working Maryland parents with children age 5 and under who report forgoing additional educational opportunities because of child care issues.

LOST DOLLARS

\$2.41 billion

Cost to Maryland employers from employee absence and turnover due to child care issues of working Maryland parents of children age 5 and under.

\$2.34 billion

Cost to Maryland in lost wages, taxes, and spending due to parents of children age 5 and under not pursuing additional educational opportunities because of issues with child care.

\$117 million

Amount of lost Maryland tax revenue due to child care issues of working Maryland parents of children age 5 and under.

\$1.28 billion

Amount of Maryland's lost economic output from worker absence and turnover due to child care issues of working Maryland parents of children age 5 and under.