



Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program Round 5 (November 2024) Feedback Questions

This is the sample text that you will see in the Provider Portal when you log in to complete your November application for the *Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program Round 5*. Review this survey preview so you know what to expect before submitting your November application.

Please complete the questions below before proceeding with the application.

*This survey has **four types of questions**:*

- *First, we ask about changes your child care program has experienced since May 2023.*
- *Then, we ask how much the reduction of Child Care Counts Stabilization Payments contributed to those changes.*
- *Then, we ask questions about how you think your program will be impacted if Child Care Counts Stabilization funding ends in June 2025.*
- *Finally, we ask how your program and community would be impacted if Child Care Counts funding became permanent.*

This information will be used by DCF and policymakers to understand (1) the impact of the 50% reduction in *Child Care Counts Stabilization Program* payment amounts that started May 2023; and (2) the anticipated impact on your child care program and community if *Child Care Counts* funding ends in June 2025. This is also an opportunity for you to provide information to help inform potential future programs to support child care providers and strengthen programs.

The information you provide **will not** be used for audit or sanctioning purposes and will not impact your program's *Child Care Counts* funding amounts, licensing, YoungStar rating, or standing with DCF. Published results will not include your facility name or any other identifying information related to your child care program.

Thank you for providing this important information, which will be shared with DCF leadership, the provider community, policymakers, and other early childhood stakeholders. Please visit the *Child Care Counts* webpage for more information.

Questionnaire:

Please answer the following questions about how your child care program has changed since May 2023. If there was no change in your program since May 2023 or you feel an item is not applicable to your program, please select “Stayed about the same.”

1. The next questions are about *recruitment and retention of child care professionals*.

When asked about staff, consider everyone involved in the care of children in your program, including yourself.

Since May 2023, how have the following changed for your child care program?

	Decreased a lot	Decreased a little	Stayed about the same	Increased a little	Increased a lot
a. The ability to offer staff/self competitive compensation in wages and bonuses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The ability to offer staff/self competitive benefits such as time off, health insurance, or retirement plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The number of staff who quit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The number of staff positions cut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. The ability to hire new, qualified staff as needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In May 2023, the amount of Child Care Counts Stabilization Program payments for each provider decreased by approximately 50% compared to previous rounds. In the last set of questions, we asked how your child care program changed since 2023. **In this set of questions, we want to know how much the reduction of Child Care Counts Stabilization Program payments contributed to each of those changes.** If there was no change in your program since May 2023, or you feel an item is not applicable to your program, please select “No change”

2. The next questions are about how much the reduction of Child Care Counts Stabilization payments impacted the recruitment and retention of child care professionals.

When asked about staff, consider everyone involved in the care of children in your program, including yourself.

How much did the reduction in Child Care Counts Stabilization payments contribute to the following changes in your program since May 2023?

	Not at all	A little	Some	Quite a bit	A great deal	No change
a. The ability to offer staff/self competitive compensation in wages and bonuses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The ability to offer staff/self competitive benefits such as time off, health insurance, or retirement plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The number of staff who quit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The number of staff positions cut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. The ability to hire new, qualified staff as needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please answer the following questions about how your child care program has changed since May 2023. If there was no change in your program since May 2023 or you feel an item is not applicable to your program, please select “Stayed about the same.”

3. The next questions are about your ability to meet the needs of the families you serve.

Since May 2023, how have the following changed for your child care program?

	Decreased a lot	Decreased a little	Stayed about the same	Increased a little	Increased a lot
a. Your ability to provide high quality care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Your ability to serve children during non-standard hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Your ability to serve children with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Your ability to serve children receiving Wisconsin Shares	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Your ability to serve children whose primary language is not English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Your ability to serve infants and toddlers, age 0-23 months	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Your ability to provide additional services such as meals and transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Since May 2023, how has the price of tuition per week changed for the following groups in your child care program?

	Decreased	Stayed the same	Increased by \$1 to \$10	Increased by \$11 to \$25	Increased by \$26 to \$50	Increased by more than \$50	Do not offer care to this group
a. Full-time care for infants and toddlers, age 0-23 months	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Full-time care for preschoolers, age 2-5 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Full-time care for school-age children, kindergarten and above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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5. The next questions are about how much the reduction of Child Care Counts Stabilization payments impacted your *ability to meet the needs of the families you serve*.

How much did the *reduction in Child Care Counts Stabilization payments* contribute to the following changes in your program since May 2023?

	Not at all	A little	Some	Quite a bit	A great deal	No change
a. The price of tuition for your program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Your ability to provide high quality care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Your ability to serve children during non-standard hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Your ability to serve children with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Your ability to serve children receiving Wisconsin Shares	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Your ability to serve children whose primary language is not English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Your ability to serve infants and toddlers, age 0-23 months	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Your ability to provide additional services such as meals and transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Without additional investment, the *Child Care Counts Stabilization Program* will end in June 2025. Please answer the following questions about how you expect your child care program would be impacted by the end of this funding.

6. If Child Care Counts Stabilization payments end in June 2025, how do you anticipate *the price of tuition per week* for the following groups in your child care program will change?

	Will decrease	Will stay the same	Will increase by \$1 to \$10	Will increase by \$11 to \$25	Will increase by \$26 to \$50	Will increase by more than \$50	Do not offer care to this group
a. Full-time care for infants and toddlers, age 0-23 months	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Full-time care for preschoolers, age 2-5 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Full-time care for school-age children, kindergarten and above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Without additional investment, *Child Care Counts Stabilization* funding will end in June 2025. The next questions are about what, if any, changes you expect in the *operation* of your child care program if these payments end.

If *Child Care Counts Stabilization* payments end in June 2025, how likely are you to...

	Not at all likely	A little likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
a. Close your program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Close classrooms or reduce the total number of children served	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Reduce the hours available for care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Experience longer waitlists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Without additional investment, *Child Care Counts Stabilization* funding will end in June 2025. The next questions are about what, if any, changes you expect regarding the *recruitment and retention of child care professionals* if these payments end.

When asked about staff, consider everyone involved in the care of children in your program, including yourself.

If *Child Care Counts Stabilization* payments end in June 2025, how likely are you to...

	Not at all likely	A little likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
a. Reduce the total amount of compensation paid to staff/self in wages and bonuses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Reduce the benefits offered to staff/self, such as paid time off, insurance, or retirement plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Experience increased staff quitting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Experience increases in the number of staff positions cut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Experience increased difficulty in the ability to hire new, qualified staff as needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Without additional investment, *Child Care Counts Stabilization* funding will end in June 2025. The next questions are about what, if any, changes you expect regarding *your ability to meet the needs of the families you serve*.

If Child Care Counts Stabilization payments end in June 2025, how likely are you to...

	Not at all likely	A Little likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
a. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to provide high quality care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to serve children during non-standard hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to serve children with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to serve children receiving Wisconsin Shares	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to serve children whose primary language is not English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to serve infants and toddlers (age 0-23 months)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Experience increased difficulty in your ability to provide additional services such as meals and transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Imagine *Child Care Counts Stabilization* funding became permanent at its original level. Considering issues like staffing, capacity, quality, and tuition, how would this type of sustained public funding impact your program and community? [Open-ended response]