

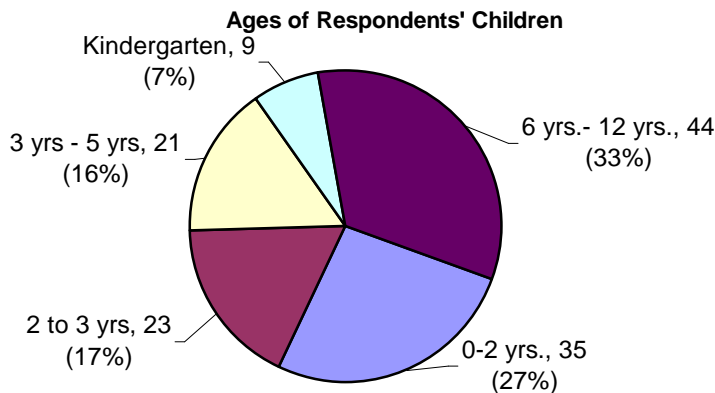


# Walsh County Child Care Needs Assessment

Survey Completion Date: October 8, 2008 to October 27, 2008



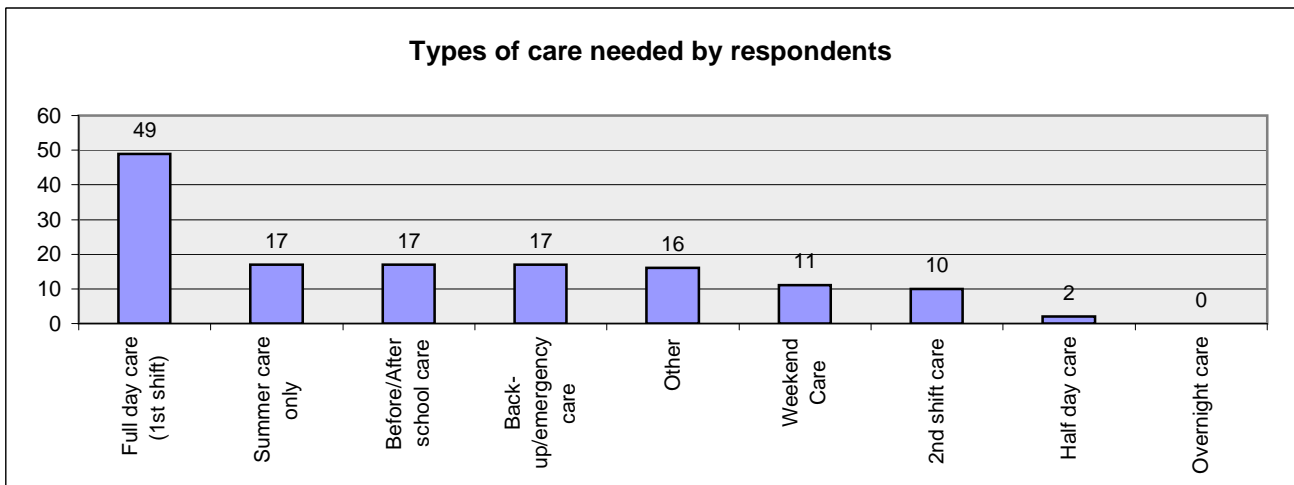
1. How many children in your family are infants? (Newborn up to the age of 2 yrs)	
	Number of Response(s)
0	49
1	31
2	2
3 or more	0
No Responses	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>
2. How many children in your family are toddlers? (2 yrs. up to 3 yrs.)	
	Number of Response(s)
0	61
1	19
2	2
3 or more	0
No responses	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>
3. How many children in your family are preschoolers? (3 yrs. up to 5 years)	
	Number of Response(s)
0	61
1	19
2	1
3 or more	0
No Responses	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>
4. How many children in your family are kindergartners? (5-6 yrs)	
	Number of Response(s)
0	69
1	9
2	0
3 or more	0
No Responses	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>
5. How many children in your family are elementary school-age children? (6 yrs. to 12 yrs.)	
	Number of Response(s)
0	51
1	19
2	8
3 or more	3
No Responses	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>



6. Over the last 12 months, have you used child care for any children in your care?	
	Number of Response(s)
Yes	59
No	22
No Responses	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

7. Do you anticipate needing child care in the next 12 months?	
	Number of Response(s)
Yes	65
No	15
No Responses	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

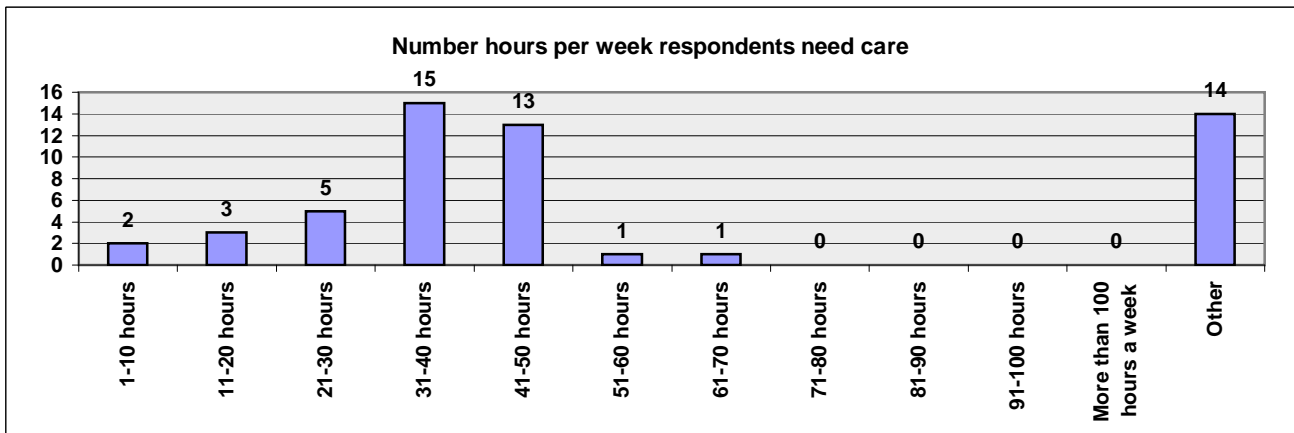
8. Please check the types of child care needed by children in your care over the past 12 months	
	Number of Response(s)
Full day care (1st shift)	49
Summer care only	17
Before/After school care	17
Back-up/emergency care	17
Other	16
Weekend Care	11
2nd shift care	10
Half day care	2
Overnight care	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>



Types of care needed by respondents- Comments

Full Day Care, but not the summer
8:15 am-3:45 pm
part-time daycare/drop-in
Scheduled Saturdays and volunteer Saturdays
every other Saturday as needed
For the weekend care; on call for work and volunteer fire department for the back up/emergency care
I work every other weekend and evening shifts at times
Transportation to/from half day preschool is necessary as well
I work on call and have a varying schedule. I am in need of after school care and drop in care in the summer.
1:30-10pm; Every other weekend
1:30pm-10pm; Every other weekend
My older kids go to ESP, so I only need child care for them during the summer months. My toddler needs child care full time all year round.
2pm-11pm
Will start working double shifts 6am-10pm
3-10pm weekdays, 7am-8pm weekends
sick care
6am-10pm 2x per week
40hrs
If we both work on Saturday 1st shift

**9. Considering the child in your family who uses care the most, how many hours per week do you use/need child care for that child?**

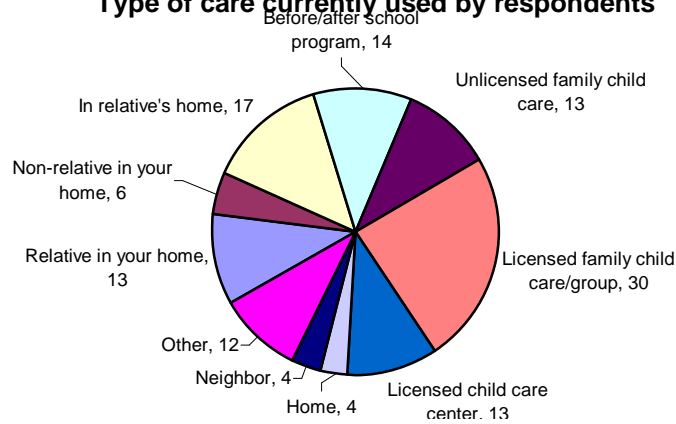


14 Comment(s)

	Number of Response(s)
1-10 hours	2
11-20 hours	3
21-30 hours	5
31-40 hours	15
41-50 hours	13
51-60 hours	1
61-70 hours	1
71-80 hours	0
81-90 hours	0
91-100 hours	0
More than 100 hours a week	0
Other	14

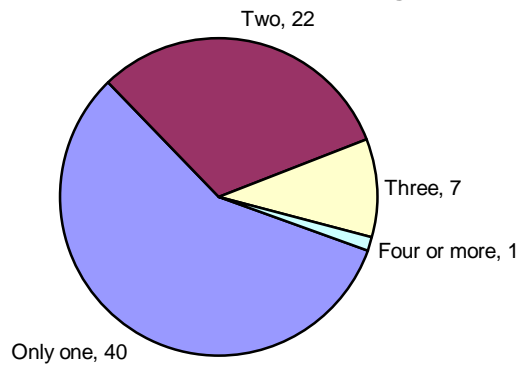
10. Please tell us how care is provided for your children while you work. Check all that apply.	
	Number of Response(s)
Relative in your home	13
Non-relative in your home	6
In relative's home	17
Before/after school program	14
Unlicensed family child care	13
Licensed family child care/group	30
Licensed child care center	13
Home	4
Neighbor	4
Other	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>

Type of care currently used by respondents



11. How many different types of child care arrangements do you use each week for children in your care? (For example, using a neighbor down the street plus a child care center)	
	Number of Response(s)
Only one	40
Two	22
Three	7
Four or more	1
No Responses	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

Number of different child care arrangements

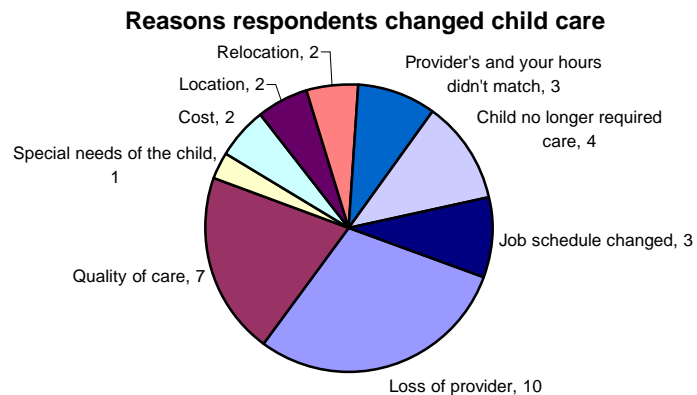


**12. How many times have you changed child care programs in the past year?**

	Number of Response(s)
None	51
1	13
2	7
3	0
4 or more	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

**13. What were the reasons for the changes (mark all that apply)?**

	Number of Response(s)
Loss of provider	10
Quality of care	7
Special needs of the child	1
Cost	2
Location	2
Relocation	2
Provider's and your hours didn't match	3
Child no longer required care	4
Job schedule changed	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>



**14. Do you have reliable back-up child care when your regular care is unavailable?**

	Number of Response(s)
Always	4
Most of the time	17
Sometimes	28
Rarely	12
Never	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

**15. How many times have your child care arrangements fallen through in the past 6 months?**

	Number of Response(s)
None	32
1-3	31
4-7	7
8-11	2
12 or more	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

**16. What do you do in situations in which your child care arrangements fall through? Please mark all that apply.**

	Number of Response(s)
Found someone to care for children	25
You or a family member stayed home	51
Left work early/came to work late	32
Brought child to work	5
Other	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>

**17. In the past 6 months, as a result of a child care dilemma, estimate how many days you have missed work.**

	Number of Response(s)
none	23
1-2	30
3-4	14
5-6	1
7 or more	2
No Responses	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

**18. In the past 6 months, as a result of a child care dilemma, estimate how many days you have been late to work.**

	Number of Response(s)
none	44
1-2	18
3-4	7
5-6	2
7 or more	1
No Responses	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

**19. In the past 6 months, as a result of a child care dilemma, estimate the number of times that you left work early.**

	Number of Response(s)
none	29
1-2	32
3-4	7
5-6	3
7 or more	2
No Responses	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

**20. In the past 6 months, as a result of a child care issue, estimate the number of times each week you are contacted at work with child care concerns.**

	Number of Response(s)
none	39
1-2	29
3-4	2
5 or more	1
No Responses	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>

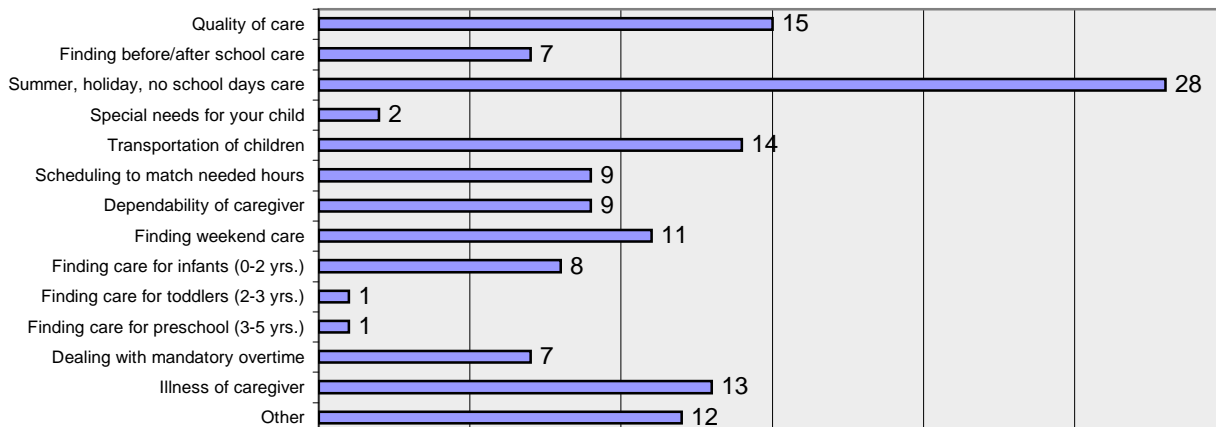
**21. When absent from work to handle child care situations, which types of leave did you take?**

	Number of Response(s)
Paid sick	11
Unpaid sick	3
Vacation/Paid Time Off	41
Personal	8
Time without pay	19
FMLA	4
Other	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

**22. Check any issues that have been a problem for you during the past year: (Check all that apply)**

	Number of Response(s)
Quality of care	15
Finding before/after school care	7
Summer, holiday, no school days care	28
Special needs for your child	2
Transportation of children	14
Scheduling to match needed hours	9
Dependability of caregiver	9
Finding weekend care	11
Finding care for infants (0-2 yrs.)	8
Finding care for toddlers (2-3 yrs.)	1
Finding care for preschool (3-5 yrs.)	1
Dealing with mandatory overtime	7
Illness of caregiver	13
Other	12
Daycare has older children in sports she takes all of the sporting events off	
Kid alone while she is outside w/her dog or friend on the phone kids in basement	
drop in care	
costs of child care	
later PM shifts	
none	
none	
cost	
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>

**Issues that have been a problem for respondents**



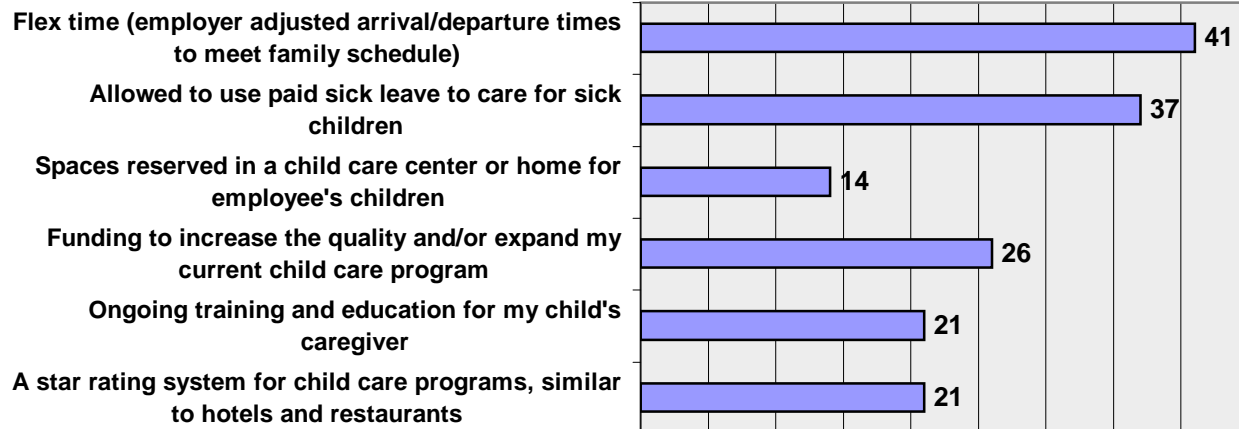
**23. Listed below are a number of ways that businesses can help employees with child care issues. Check the options that would be helpful to you:**

	Number of Response(s)
Flex time (employer adjusted arrival/departure times to meet family schedule)	41
Allowed to use paid sick leave to care for sick children	37
Spaces reserved in a child care center or home for employee's children	14
Funding to increase the quality and/or expand my current child care program	26
Ongoing training and education for my child's caregiver	21
A star rating system for child care programs, similar to hotels and restaurants	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

**13 Comment(s)**

Summer and around holidays(Thanksgiving-New Years) are hard to get time off seasonal/summer help would be GREAT!! Most employers are cutting back. ???
I do not have any problems with my employer--they are absolutely wonderful to all of the employees-very supportive-our children come first. none na
ONLY HAVE ADULT CHILDREN
Grafton has a lack of child care providers 8 am to 4:30pm
I am sorry this does not apply to me, because of being over the age 60
We really need more funding for community Day Care centers in ND to be able to compete with wages and offer benefits to keep quality employees.
leave of absence in which you can leave work and not worry about UTO being taken away
Incentives to bring more daycare providers to the area, many coworkers had a hard time finding day care.
my kids are older now so bringing in HS girl was best fit the last two years. however, I found myself remembering the situations I did encounter
Allowing paid sick leave would be a plus at my work

### Options that would be helpful



### 24. What hours do you primarily need child care?

75 Response(s)

Rotation Shifts

8AM-5PM

4 different shifts, switching weekly.

08:00 - 16:30

8-4:30

8-5

6am till 230pm or 130pm to 10pm

6a - 2:30 p, 8:30 a - 5 pm, with occasional splits

M-F 8am-5pm

8:00am-5:00pm

8 to 4:00

8-4:30pm

7:30-4

6am-10pm

Daytime

7:45-5

8:30-3:00

Rotation Shifts

6am-6:30pm

Rotation Shifts

8 to 5 m-th, 8 to 1 fri

9-5

8:30-5:00 m-f

8:30 to 5:00

8 to 5

8am - 4:30 PM

2pm-11pm

8:30 am to 5:00 Pm

16hrs shifts & every other wknd 8hrs

Split shifts 6am-2:30pm or 1:30-10pm

8am-4pm Monday-Friday

8-5

Mon thru Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm

8 am to 4:30 pm  
 8-5  
 9-6:30  
 M-Th, 7-5:30  
 split am and pm shifts and long weekends  
 changes weekly. earliest 7:30 am latest 6:30 pm  
 6:45-6:00  
 8-4:30  
 NA  
 NA  
 7:30-5:00  
 40  
 may vary some days  
 8-4:30  
 8am-5pm  
 6am-10pm 2x per week & 8hrs every other weekend  
 Rotation Shifts & weekends  
 9am-6pm  
 8-4:30  
 45-53 hrs  
 40-50 hours a week  
 8-9 hours  
 6am-3:30pm  
 8-5  
 8-4:30  
 7:30-4:30  
 8-4:30  
 7-3:30  
 6-3:30  
 6am-2:30pm  
 6-2:30  
 7-3:30  
 7:30-5:00  
 6-3:30  
 6-3:30  
 6-2:30  
 6-3:30  
 6-2:30  
 1st shift  
 6-2:30  
 8-4:30  
 8-4:30

**25. What zip code do you work in?**

58270- Park River	18
58261- Minto	1
58257- Mayville	1
58237- Grafton	53
58227- Edinburg	1

**26. What zip code do you prefer that your child care be located?**

58270- Park River	18
58262- Mountain	1
58261- Minto	3
58243- Hoople	1
58237- Grafton	47
58231- Fordville	1
58227- Edinburg	2
58201- Grand Forks	1

**27. Is the lack of available child care preventing you from working?**

	Number of Response(s)
Yes	7
No	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>

16 Comment(s)

Not now but it would if we had another child. We don't qualify for assistance and therefore it wouldn't be cost effective for us. Can't expand fam!
Makes it difficult at times
No, but it was difficult to find a professional day care center with infant openings available.
not yet
But it makes things interesting at times. I'll have a bigger problem with after school care, because Edinburg doesn't have any daycare at all anymore
My mom babysits but needs more time to do school work & studying, plus I want him in daycare!
Could not make a comment since my two sentences wouldn't fit!
not yet
NA
No but very difficult & stressful
I feel very lucky because my day care has been quite flexible.
we were lucky to find someone "good" providers are tough to find
my child care provider has been great. she is always open and takes kids later if a need her to.
sometimes when my day care needs a day off for dr. appt. it would be nice if I had back up care- don't have one unless my son is at home
sometimes, i have a hard time when summer comes along it gets too expensive with 3 children it cost \$1,000 a month
the cost

**28. Place of employment**

ABC Daycare	1
Bank	1
Edinburg school	1
First Care Health Center and Altru	1
First United Bank	1
Friendship Inc.	8
good samaritan nursing home	1
Government Sector	1

Grafton Drug	1
Heartland Eye Care	1
Heartland Gas Co	1
insurance office	1
Larson and Beneda Dental	1
Marvin Windows	22
MET	1
MET	1
ND Dev Center	15
Park River & Grand Forks	1
Park River Elementary School	1
Park River High School	1
Park River, ND	1
Polar Communications	6
B&D Flrg	1
Unity Medical Center	6
White Hospital	1

**29. Name (optional)**

30 Response(s)

**30. Phone number (optional)**

26 Response(s)

**31. E-mail address: (optional)**

17 Response(s)

**32. Are you interested in working with a committee which will focus on community child care needs? (If you check 'Yes', please complete #29, 30, 31.)**

	Number of Response(s)
Yes	12
No	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

**33. Would you be willing to talk to media representatives and share your personal story related to child care issues (successes and challenges)? If you mark 'Yes", you must list your name in Item # 29**

	Number of Response(s)
Yes	8
No	64
No Responses	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>