



## COVID-19 Statistics

**1 Out Of 4**

SD Providers Closed Or Were Only Open For Essential Personnel

**1 Out Of 3**

SD Providers Served Less Than Half Their Total Enrollment

Low Child Enrollment And Increased Costs For PPE, Disinfectant And Sanitizer Threaten The Economic Viability Of Child Care As A Business

During The First Five Years Of Life, A Child's Brain Grows Faster Than It Ever Will



### Children WITH Access to Quality Learning Experiences:

- Less Likely To Have A Teenage Pregnancy
- More Likely To Hold A Job And Have Higher Earnings
- Commit Fewer Crimes
- More Likely To Own Their Own Car And Home

### Children WITHOUT Access to Quality Learning Experiences:

- 50% More Likely To Be Placed In Special Education
- Increased Long-Term Health Conditions In Adulthood Such As Hypertension And Coronary Heart Disease
- Costs The US Economy \$1.8 Billion In Tax Revenue

**43%**

Of People In SD Live In A Child Care Desert



A child care desert is any census tract with more than 50 children under age 5 that contains either no child care providers or so few options that there are more than three times as many children as licensed child care slots.

## How To Help

### 1. AWARENESS

All Children Need Access To High Quality Learning Experiences

### 2. ADVOCACY

Get Involved. Learn The Facts And Spread The Word

### 3. ACTION

We Have Resources To Help Bring Early Learning To Your Community

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