

Identifying, Measuring, and Describing Factors that Influence Access to Childcare

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You May Be Hearing...

- Childcare deserts hurt families ability to access care
- Childcare worker shortages have greatly diminished availability of slots
- Childcare is not affordable for most families

Why It Matters

- In the U.S. more than half (53%) of the labor force are parents and over a third of these parents (37%) have young children*.
- Two-thirds of mothers and 94% of fathers with children under age 6 work or are actively looking for work.
- High childcare costs challenge families with young children. The average national cost for childcare is \$10,900 and is approximately 15% of median household income.
- A tension between what parents can afford to pay and what most providers need for operations results in very narrow profit margins, resulting in supply challenges for low-to-moderate income parents.
- Limited ECE slots that are challenging to access can make it difficult for parents to participate in the workforce.

Methods for Confirmation

- What are potential validation approaches to understand the extent of these potential challenges for your state?
- What are available data sources that can inform areas of needed focus?
- What qualitative and quantitative approaches can provide insight on policy and funding considerations?

Factors that Influence Supply of Childcare

- Local Infrastructure Costs
 - Rent, insurance, materials & supplies
- Workforce Availability
 - Wages, qualification
- Demand for Services
 - Utilization, vacancy, affordability
- Federal, State, Local Regulations
 - Health & Safety, Fire Marshall, Background checks, quality assessment

Key Question

Do we have enough supply to accommodate family demand for childcare?

Florida tools for Investigating Adequacy of Supply:

- Florida Index of Childcare Access (FLICCA v. 4.2)
- Florida Childcare Provider Occupancy

Florida Index of Childcare Access (v. 4.2)

New Measures

Infrastructure: Contracted Quality Capacity – Subsidized Enrollment

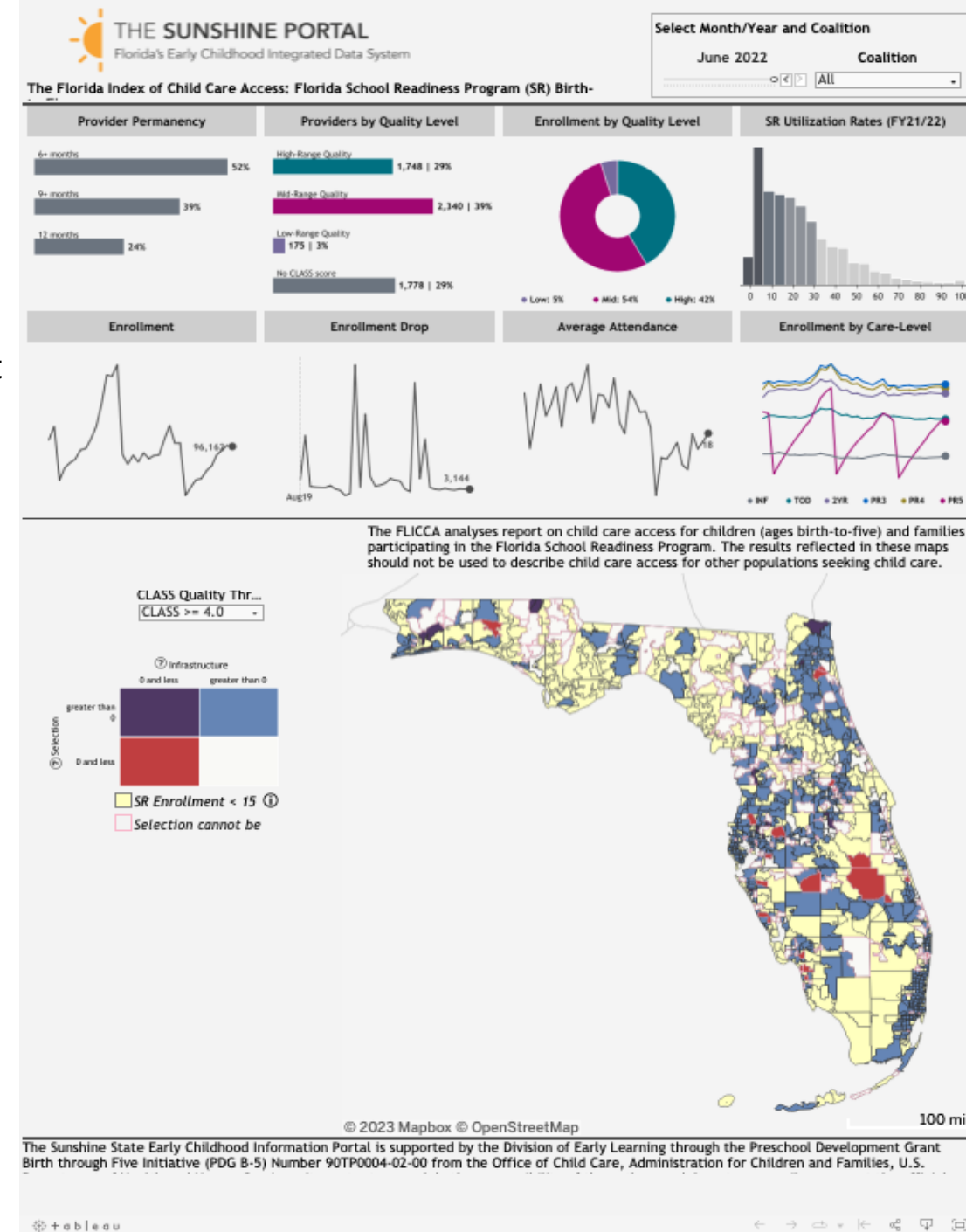
Utilization: Subsidized Enrollment/Contracted Capacity

Data Sources

- FL Department of Education, Division of Early Learning
 - CCDF Payment Data (Enrollment)
 - Accreditation Status
 - CLASS Results
- FL Department of Children & Families
 - Child Care Licensing
- US Census – Community Economic Demographics

FLICCA in Action

- ARPA Stabilization
- PD Priority in Pinellas
- Local Provider Recruitment by ELCs



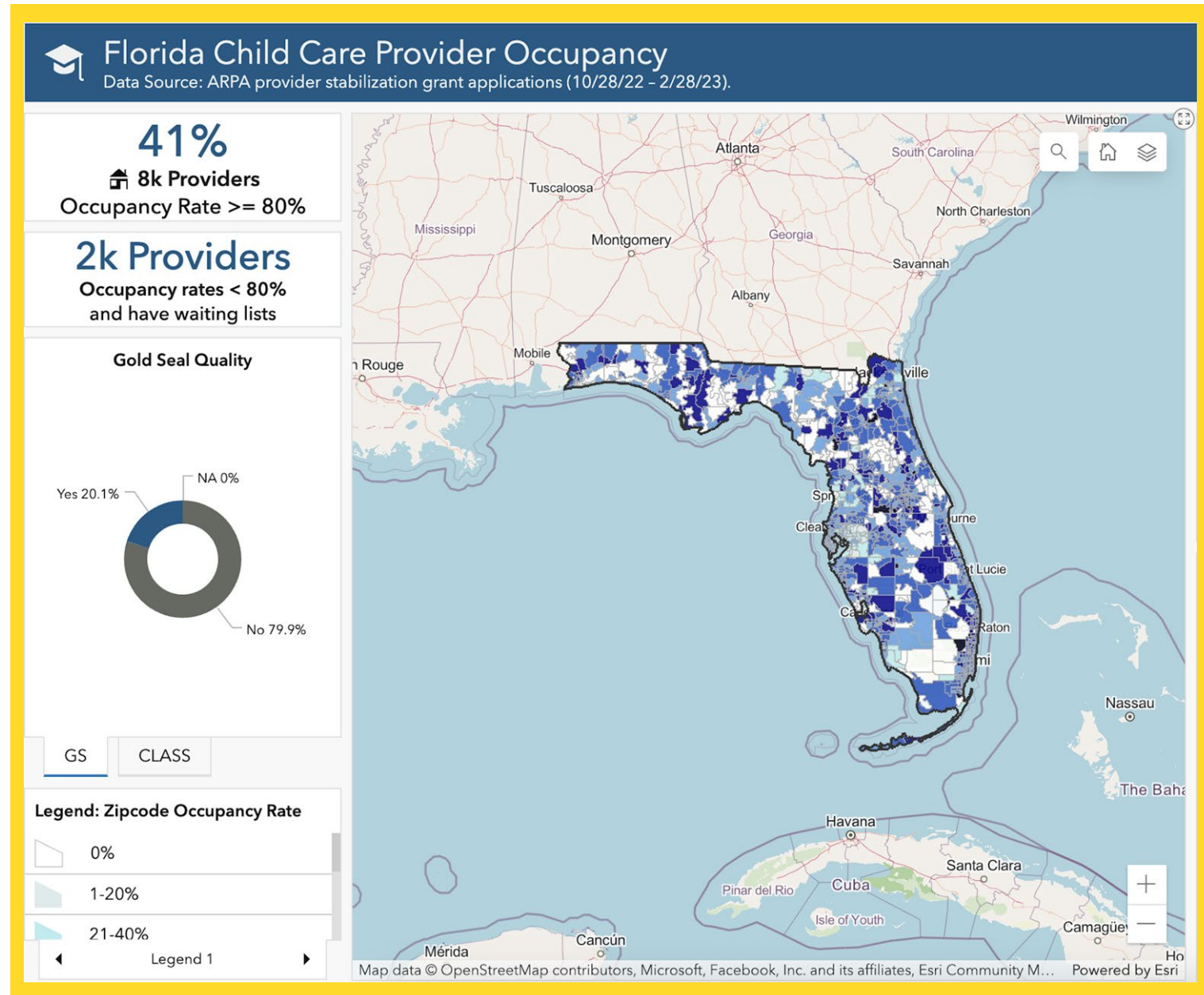
Occupancy Rates

Measures

- **Occupancy:** Enrollment/Reported Capacity
- **Waiting list:** Flag
- **Potential Workforce Shortage:** Occupancy < 80% + Waiting list

Data Source: Provider Self Report ARPA Stabilization Grant Application

- Enrollment by Age (INF, TOD, 2YR, PR, SCH)
- Capacity by age
- Waiting list (Y/N) by age
- Accreditation Status
- CLASS Result



Key Question

Can families in CCDF afford childcare costs?

- High childcare costs challenge families with young children. The average national cost for childcare is \$10,900 and is approximately 15% of median household income.
- Florida tool for investigating childcare affordability
 - Case study in Pasco-Hernando Counties

Case Study in Pasco-Hernando, Affordability

Measures

- **Average Monthly Parent Obligation (AMPO):** Price - Reimbursement Rate + Co-Pay
- **Household Percentage of Income (HPI):** AMPO/Monthly Income
- **Federal Affordability Standard:** 10% Household Income

Data Sources

Division of Early Learning Contracted Provider Data System

- Child Eligibility: HH Income; Copay
- Child Enrollment: Child Age; Enrolled Provider;
- Provider Profile: Price; reimbursement rate; location

Percentage of HH below 10% HPI by Number of Children Enrolled in Childcare Subsidy

Number of Children	Pasco	Hernando	Out-of-County
1	44%	54%	45%
2	24%	39%	25%
3	14%	37%	15%
4	20%	35%	
5	33%	20%	

N=2,481 households

AVERAGE HPI by Care Level

Care Level	Pasco	Hernando	Out-of-County
INF	9%	9%	12%
TOD	11%	10%	12%
2YR	10%	10%	12%
PR3	11%	10%	12%
PR4	10%	10%	11%
PR5	8%	7%	10%
SCH	8%	5%	7%
N	4,157	1,072	317

Average HPI for Families Enrolled in Child Care Subsidy, Number of Children Enrolled

Number of Children	Pasco	Hernando	Out-of-County
1	13%	11%	13%
2	19%	16%	21%
3	30%	19%	20%
4	30%	27%	
5	20%	25%	
N	1,836	478	167

Note. Records removed if fewer than 5 households present