

Region XI Head Start During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Preparation for Future Emergencies

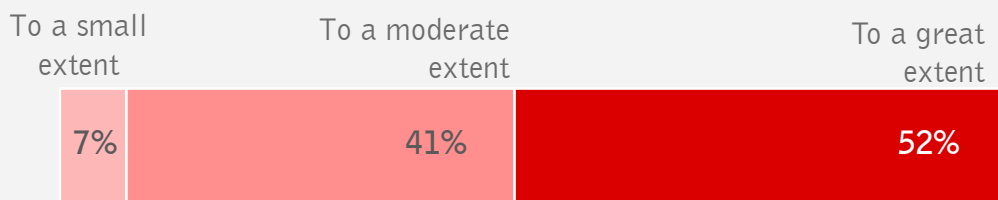
The American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey 2019 (AIAN FACES 2019) is a study describing the children, families, and programs in Region XI Head Start. In 2019, there were about 145 Region XI Head Start programs across the United States. These programs served about 20,000 children, and most of those children were AIAN. AIAN FACES spring 2020 data collection began in late February, but most programs were shut down by mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The AIAN FACES study team, with advice from members of the AIAN FACES Workgroup, created a survey based on COVID-19 and collected data from program and center directors from June 2, 2020 to July 17, 2020.



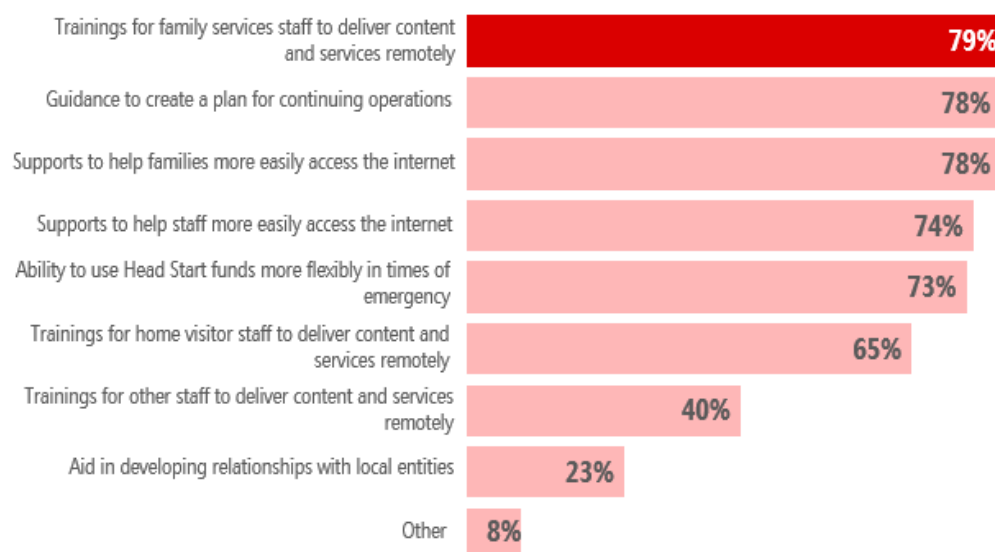
The majority of Region XI Head Start children's program directors thought the ability to use Head Start funds more flexibly in times of emergency was very helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic.



More than ½ of Region XI Head Start children's program directors thought guidance to create a plan for continuing operations was very helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Region XI Head Start children's program directors hope to have many different supports to prepare for future emergencies, especially trainings for family services staff and other staff to deliver content and services remotely.



ABOVE Source: Spring 2020 AIAN FACES Program Director Survey, Table G.13.

Note: Statistics are weighted to represent all children who were enrolled in Region XI Head Start in fall 2019 and were still enrolled in spring 2020.

MIDDLE (BOTH) Source: Spring 2020 AIAN FACES Program Director Survey, Table G.12.

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BELOW (RIGHT) Source: Spring 2020 AIAN FACES Program Director Survey, Table G.13.

Note: Statistics are weighted to represent all children who were enrolled in Region XI Head Start in fall 2019 and were still enrolled in spring 2020. Program directors could report more than one reason, so percentages do not sum to 100 percent. "Other" supports include mental health support for staff, for example.