



National Indian Child Care Association



COVID-19 IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES



COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

- Services:
 - Small center (less than 100 children): 54%
 - Family child care home: 30%
 - Large center (more than 100 children): 10%
 - Relative caregiver/in-home: 7%
- Type
 - Independent business/self-employed: 58%
 - Head Start/Early Head Start program: 16%
 - CCDF program: 12%
 - Non-profit: 12%
 - School or community organization: 4%



COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

Biggest impacts felt

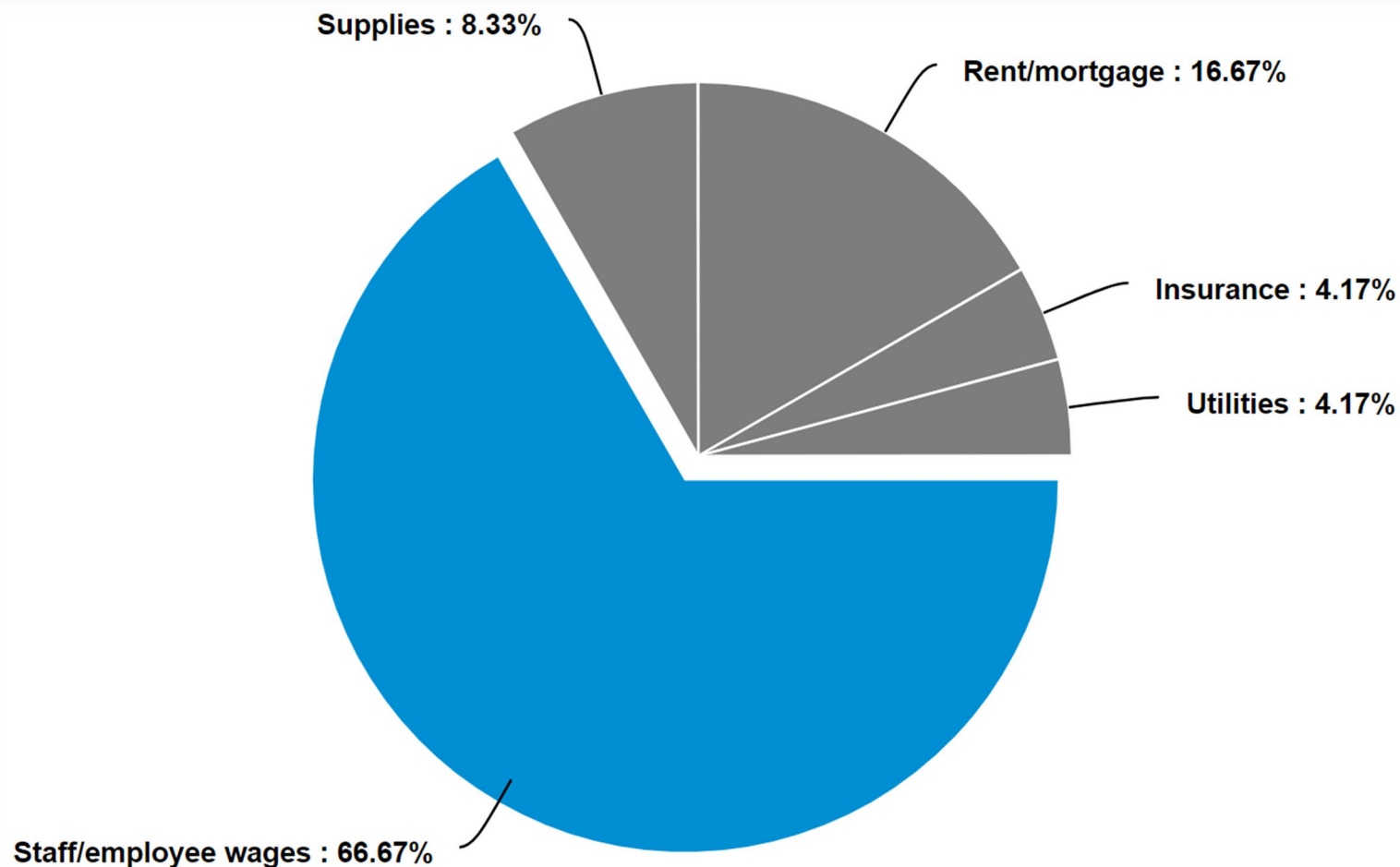
- Fewer children/low child attendance
- Difficulty getting supplies
- Loss of revenue
- Increased costs for supplies

Financial loss

- 75% experienced financial loss
- Range: \$2,000 to \$32,000
- Average: \$11,230



COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY – Single largest expense





COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

- Closures
 - More than half did not close (52%).
 - Open providers stayed open for essential workers (50%) and to maintain cash flow (23%).
 - For those that did close, more than 50% are not charging tuition. For those that are still charging tuition, 25% have decreased the cost.
 - All continue to pay employees.
- There was a 72% drop in daily attendance from January to April 2020.
- Tuition rates largely did not decrease.
- 60% did not have any group size mandate. 40% had state or tribal mandates.

BARRIERS TO **ACCESSING SUPPORT**

- **Lack of ability to get supplies** – quantity limits, restrictions on children entry, lack of supplies
- **Funding to pay staff** during closures/ low-attendance



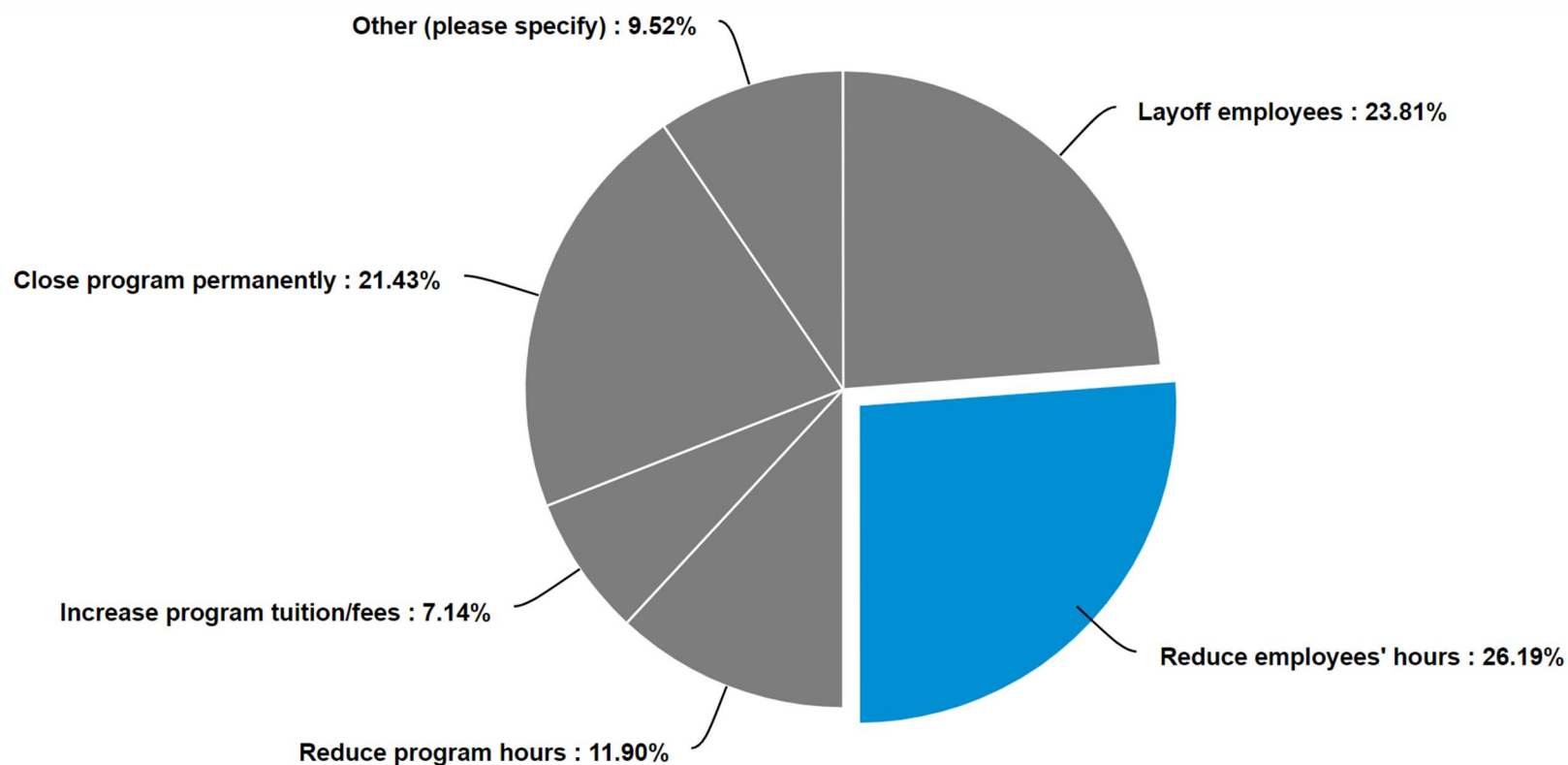


CONCERNS

Opening programs/providers that have closed – costs and staffing

Difficulty replacing lost staff

Impact on programs if families continue to keep children home or continued closure





PROMISING STRATEGIES

Flexible grant programs

- CARES funding used for grants to providers/programs to cover costs for providers, center staff, essential workers
- Programs that target Tribal communities (Home Grown)
- Flexible use

Coordinated grantmaking

- Customizable toolkit for Tribes (and States) to provide grants to providers/programs needing support
- Coordination in information sharing between states and tribes to further the reach of support funding
- <https://bit.ly/CCPPtoolkit>



WHAT MUST WE BE AWARE OF FOR THE FUTURE



Challenges will be much more acutely felt in Tribal communities – qualified staffing, more severely limited resources, communication challenges



VOICES FROM THE FIELD

“Our state...has done nothing to help childcare centers/ homes even though they received [millions] from the CARES Act to help us.”

“We could have used help [with] income and the supplies we couldn't get back in March 2020. [We are] still trying to get [CCDF] pay for February that has not been paid.”

“The Tribes have been the most helpful during this entire process. The state has given little to no help in navigating Covid-19.”



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