

# Durham Early Childhood Action Plan

Basic Needs Workgroup

Applicable Preliminary Findings from a Caregiver Survey

November 19, 2020

## Surveys Completed

- Survey went live on 10/18
- Data used for presentation through 11/9
- Total surveys attempted or completed: **741**
  - **551 completed entire survey**
  - **190** did not complete the survey
    - 96/190 excluded from analysis because they answered less than 15% of the questions (primarily demographic data)
    - 94/190 included in analysis (answered 50% or more)
- Total surveys included in analysis: **645**

# Demographics of Respondents (n=645)

	Percent of Respondents
<b>Gender</b>	
Female	93.4%
Male	6.1%
Non/binary/third gender	0.5%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.2%
Black/African American	23.9%
Hispanic	26.5%
White	42.6%
Other Race	1.1%
Prefer not to answer	1.7%

# Demographics of Respondents (n=645)

	Percent of Respondents
<b>Age</b>	
18-24 years	4%
25-34 years	44%
35-44 years	44%
45-54 years	6%
55 years and older	1%
Younger than 18 years	1.1%
<b>Marital Status</b>	
Divorced	3%
Married or domestic partnership	73%
Separated	3%
Single, never married	20%
Widowed	0.8%

# Demographics of Respondents (n=645)

Education Level	Percent of Respondents
No schooling	4%
Nursery school to 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	2%
Some high school, no diploma	7%
HS graduate, diploma, or GED	13%
Trade/technical/vocational training	2%
Some college, no degree	11%
Associate's degree	3%
Bachelor's degree	25%
Master's degree	24%
Doctorate degree	9%
Professional degree	1%

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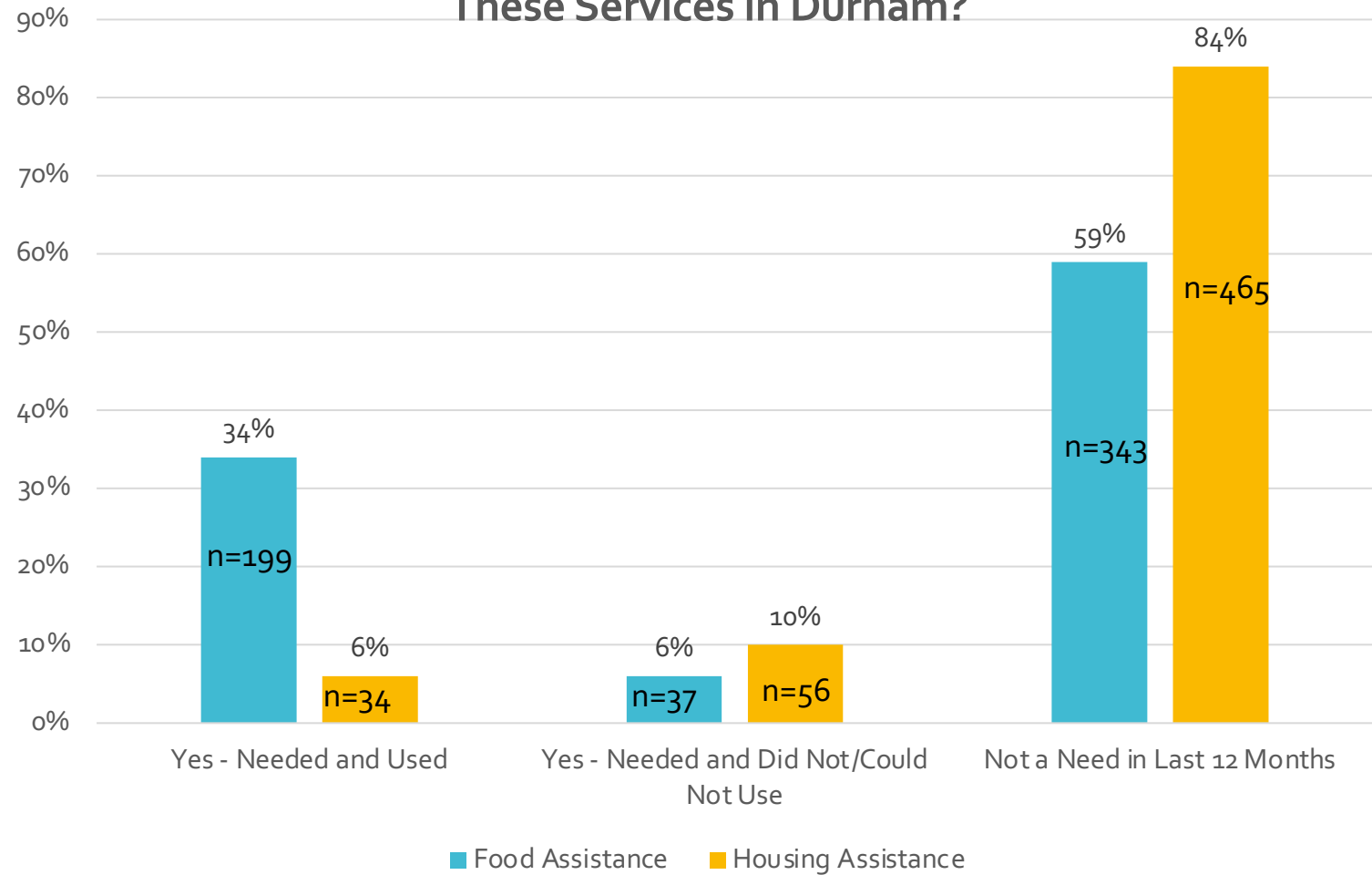
Employment Status	Percent of Respondents
Employed for wages	58%
Self-employed	6%
Out of work and looking for work	10%
Out of work, not currently looking for work	5%
Homemaker	18%
Student	2%
Retired	0.6%
Unable to work	1%

# Demographics of Respondents (n=645)

	Percent of Respondents
<b>Annual Income</b>	
\$0-\$14,999	15.8%
\$15,000-\$34,999	18.3%
\$35,000-\$49,999	8%
\$50,000-\$74,999	9%
\$75,000-\$99,999	11.4%
\$100,000 or higher	30.3%
Prefer not to answer	7%
<b>Annual income of those who responded (n=595)</b>	<b>Percent of Respondents</b>
% under \$50,000	45%
% over \$50,000	55%

# Food and Housing Supports

## In the Last 12 Months Have You Used or Received Any of These Services in Durham?





# Food Supports

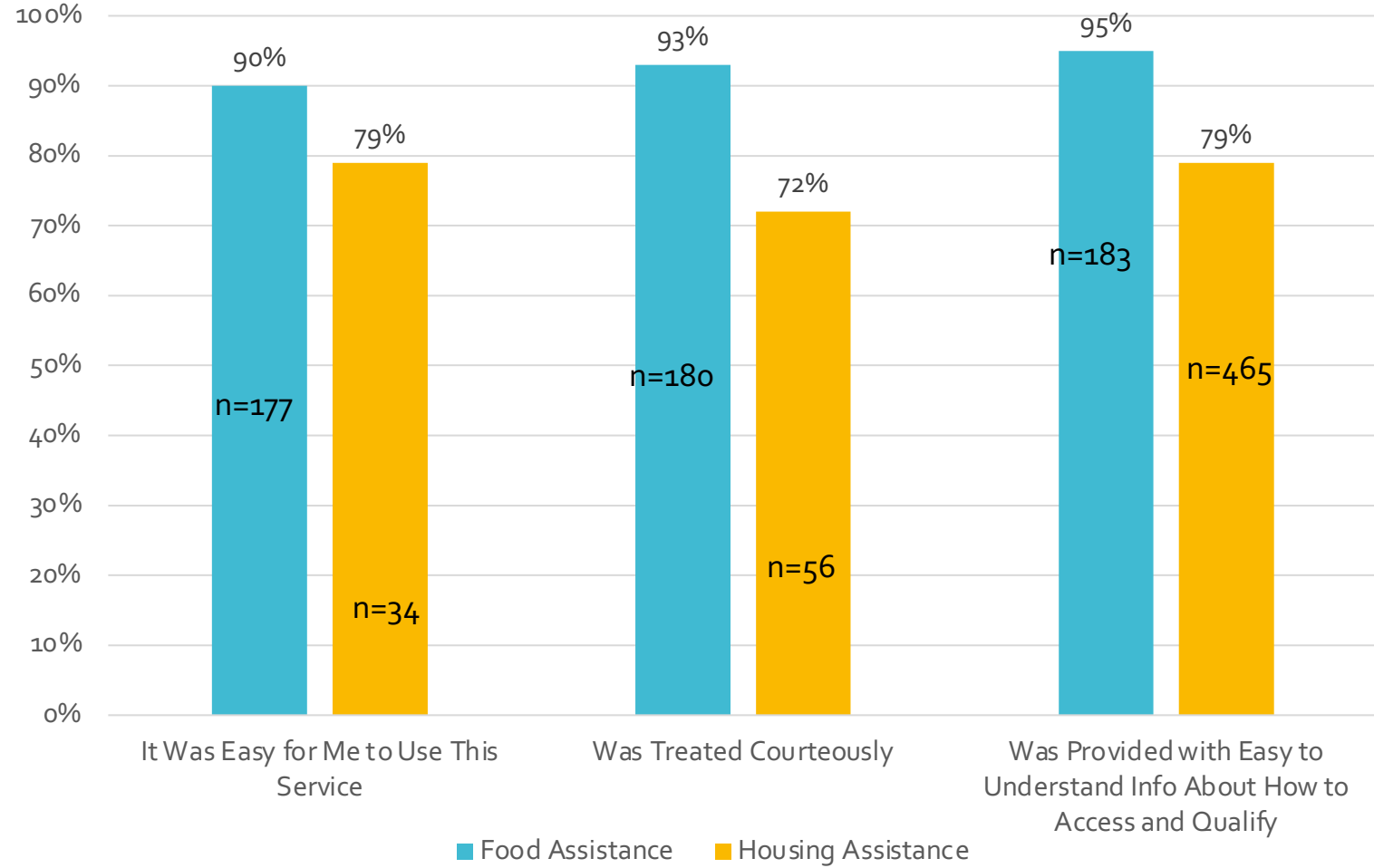
Race/Ethnicity/ Income	Needed and Used	Needed Did Not/Could Not Use	Not a Need in Last 12 Months
Asian/Pacific Islander	16%	<b>16%</b>	68%
Black/African American	<b>56%</b>	<b>9%</b>	35%
Hispanic	<b>63%</b>	<b>12%</b>	26%
White	10%	2%	89%
Income <\$50K	<b>71%</b>	<b>12%</b>	18%
Income >\$50K	7%	2%	91%

# Housing Supports

Race/Ethnicity/ Income	Needed and Used	Needed Did Not/Could Not Use	Not a Need in Last 12 Months
Asian/Pacific Islander	0%	<b>20%</b>	80%
Black/African American	<b>13%</b>	<b>21%</b>	67%
Hispanic	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	76%
White	2%	2%	96%
Income <\$50K	<b>15%</b>	<b>21%</b>	65%
Income >\$50K	<1%	3%	97%

# Food and Housing Supports

## Of Those Able to Access Food and/or Housing Supports

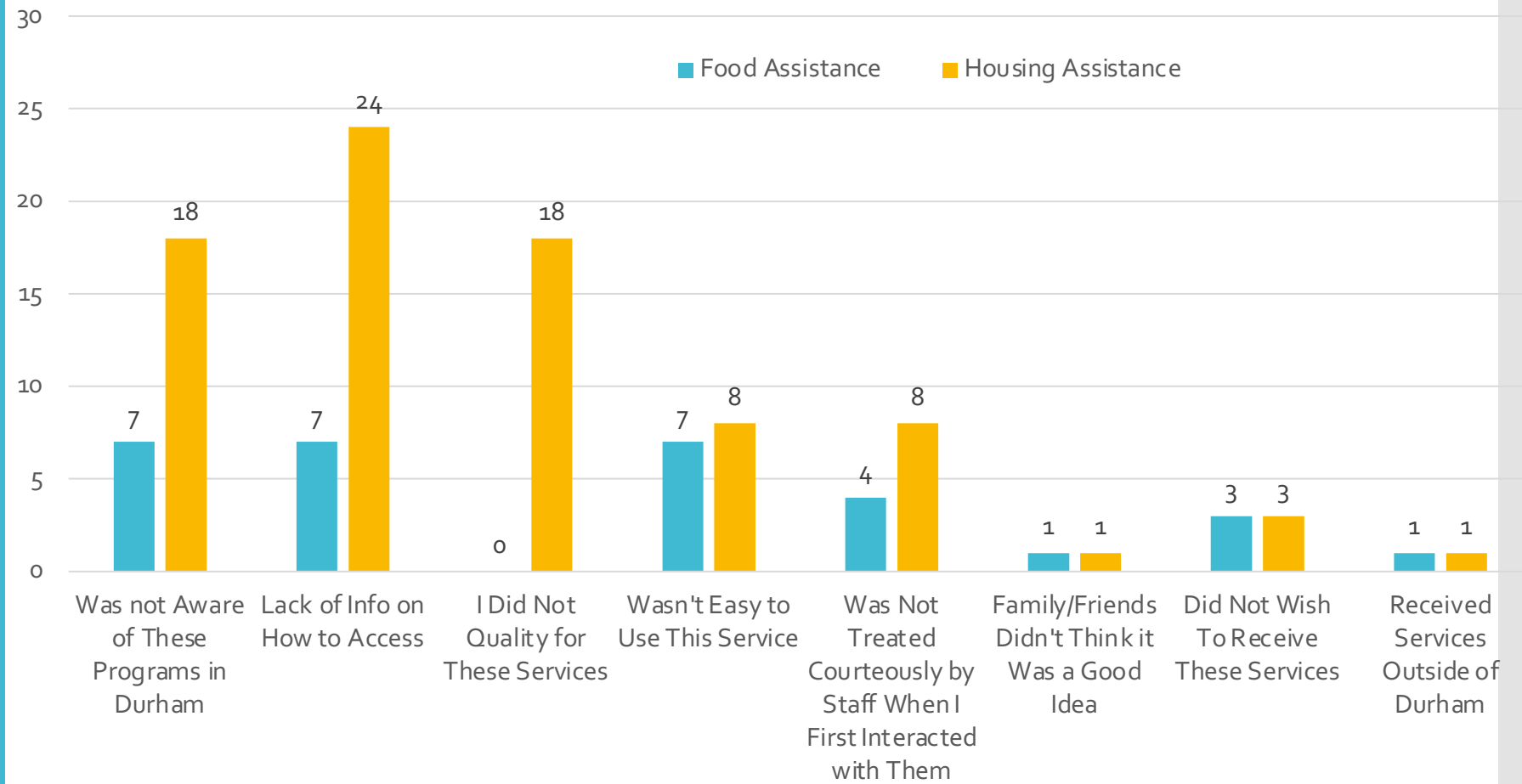


# Housing Supports

	Number	Yes (%)	No (%)
<b>When Accessing Housing Supports, I also received:</b>	29		
Food Assistance		69%	31%
Financial/Employment Assistance		45%	55%

# Food and Housing Supports

## Of Those Unable to Access Food and/or Housing Supports



# Health Insurance

	Number	Do You Have Health Insurance? (%YES)	Do All of Your Children Have Health Insurance (%YES)
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>95%</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	27	100%	96%
Black/African American	154	89%	97%
Hispanic	171	25%	85%
White	275	98%	100%
Income <\$50K	269	55%	92%
Income >\$50K	325	98%	99%

# Interest Level in Resource Navigation Programs

Programs that provide individual/group support to help navigate all the available resources to families in Durham at no cost.

	Extremely Likely	Somewhat Likely	Neither Likely nor Unlikely	Somewhat or Extremely Unlikely
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>39%</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	35%	30%	10%	25%
Black/African American	52%	23%	6%	20%
Hispanic	50%	33%	8%	9%
White	8%	13%	15%	65%
Income <\$50K	58%	27%	5%	10%
Income >\$50K	8%	16%	14%	62%

# Open Ended Responses

## What strengths do you see in your community that support families with young children? (n=125 coded thus far; all English responses)

- 1. Community Organizations (Family Connects, DCI, Book Harvest, Welcome Baby, etc.)(46 responses)**
  - “As a new mom, I appreciated being given a nurse to check in and provide suggestions as I navigate this new role.”
  - “Book Harvest, Dolly Parton book program.”
  - “EDCI is amazing! We have also received phenomenal services from Healthy Families Durham.”
- 2. Parks/Playgrounds/Libraries/Museums(37 responses)**
- 3. Parent Groups/Support Networks(23 responses)**
  - “Support for new parents and parents of young children (with material items and educational classes.”
  - “Parents and families supporting each other locally through swap meets.”



# Open Ended Responses

If your child(ren) attend a daycare center what 3 Outcomes do you expect from the program (for 3- & 4-year olds)? (n=250 coded so far; all English responses)

Key Themes:

1. Social Interaction/Social Skills/SE development (n=91)
  - "Socialization"
  - "Social Skills and Empathy"
  - "Social and Emotional Strength Building"
2. Early Learning Skills/Kindergarten Readiness (n=66)
  - "Learning ABCs and Numbers"
  - "Preparation for Kindergarten"
  - "Pre-literacy Skills"
3. Reliable Care/Varied Activities/Structure & Routine (n=33)
  - "Reliable Care and Hours"
  - "Routine Building"
  - "Play-based Learning and Exploration"
4. Safe and Nurturing Environment (n=21)
  - "Safe and Loving Environment"
  - "Caring Teachers"
  - "Safe and Happy Care"

# Open Ended Responses

## What has been your biggest challenge so far as a caregiver of a young child (n=199 coded thus far; all English responses)

- 1. Understanding child development/managing behavior/addressing family's social emotional and basic needs (65 responses)**
  - "Figuring out what's normal/typical for my children and what isn't and needs intervention",
  - "Navigating social emotional behaviors",
  - "Handling emotional outbursts and tantrums well"
- 2. Managing time/self-care/work-life balance (62 responses)**
  - "TIME and ENERGY"
  - "Sleep"
  - "Managing a full time job and household responsibilities and finding quality time to spend with my kids and spouse"
- 3. COVID-19 challenges (56 responses)**
  - "Working full time and caring for my child at home full time during the pandemic",
  - "Having 2 children close in age, in virtual school. The screen makes their eyes hurt. They need those social skills!!!!!!"

# Open Ended Responses

## What are your suggestions for making Durham a better place for young children (n=170 coded thus far; all English responses)

### 1. Affordable childcare (41 responses)

- “Universal pre-k”
- “Childcare cost”
- “Emphasis on affordable truly high quality childcare. We make a relatively high income and should not be struggling like this”

### 2. Affordable/Accessible Activities and Afterschool Programs for Kids (33 responses)

- “Wider range of programs that are free or have the scale for reduced cost be wide - Especially need free after school care, camps & tutoring”
- “Family events geared towards young children”
- “Having group activities for children between the ages of 2-5”

### 3. Education system improvements (25 responses)

- “More equity in resources to make all schools high quality schools that engage all children within them, universal access to higher quality education, more diverse teachers”,
- “More funding for public schools, especially teacher salaries”
- “Push toward less private/charter schools more emphasis on public schools and allowing those children the same opportunities (clubs, language immersion etc.) as non public/charter/magnet students”