

These are a few highlights from the Engage MB parent survey on Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Modernization. The survey was open to the public from February 12, 2021 to March 1, 2021 with a total of 4,351 respondents who completed the full survey.

The detailed results of the parent survey can be found in the [What We Heard](#) document.

Availability

The top three barriers to finding child care:

- Available space (85%)
- Convenient location (66%)
- Affordable child care (47%)

Modernized System

When it comes to modernizing ELCC in Manitoba:

- 3 of 5 respondents agreed a targeted approach to modernizing child care was best
- 1 of 5 respondents preferred a one-size-fits-all approach
- 1 of 5 were unsure at this time

Early Learning Programs

- 3 of 4 respondents agreed that early learning is more important for younger children
- Recreational activities and socializing programs ranked highest for older children

Cost of Child Care

When asked if parent fees should be adjusted by income:

- 60% of respondents agree
- 35% are opposed
- 5% aren't sure yet

Inclusive Programs

- About 1 in 2 respondents could access a child care space that meets their child's needs

Board Management

Respondents say the two best ways to improve board management are:

- More Resources
- Required Training

Flexibility

The three most in demand types of flexible care are:

- Early Mornings (66%)
- Late Evenings (60%)
- Part Time (45%)

Respondents were asked to provide additional comments regarding the current early learning and child care system or a future modernized system in Manitoba. The most common themes identified included:

- Cost
- Value of Early Learning and Child Care
- Availability
- Quality
- Flexibility
- Online Child Care Registry