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Access to Early Childhood Education Becomes More Difficult for New Mexico's Children

Centers Closing

In three and a half years, from December 2010 to July 2014, 173 centers have closed in 56 cities and towns across New Mexico, with 29% coming from Albuquerque. Centers not renewing their licenses and closing their doors can be correlated with increased demands from CYFD without adequate funding to support those changes.

Chart 1. Centers Closed by Year

Year	Number of Centers Closed
December 2010	5
2011	47
2012	41
2013	60
2014 (Jan - July)	20

Source: CYFD IPRA

Chart 2. Centers Closed by County

County	Centers Closed from December 2010 - July 2014
BERNALILLO	54
CATRON	1
CHAVES	8
CIBOLA	2
CURRY	8
DE BACA	1
DONA ANA	9
EDDY	7
GRANT	3
HIDALGO	1
LEA	3
LINCOLN	2
LUNA	2
MCKINLEY	4
OTERO	9
QUAY	2
RIO ARRIBA	11
ROOSEVELT	4
SAN JUAN	6
SAN MIGUEL	1
SANDOVAL	7
SANTA FE	11
TAOS	5
TORRANCE	2
UNION	1
VALENCIA	9

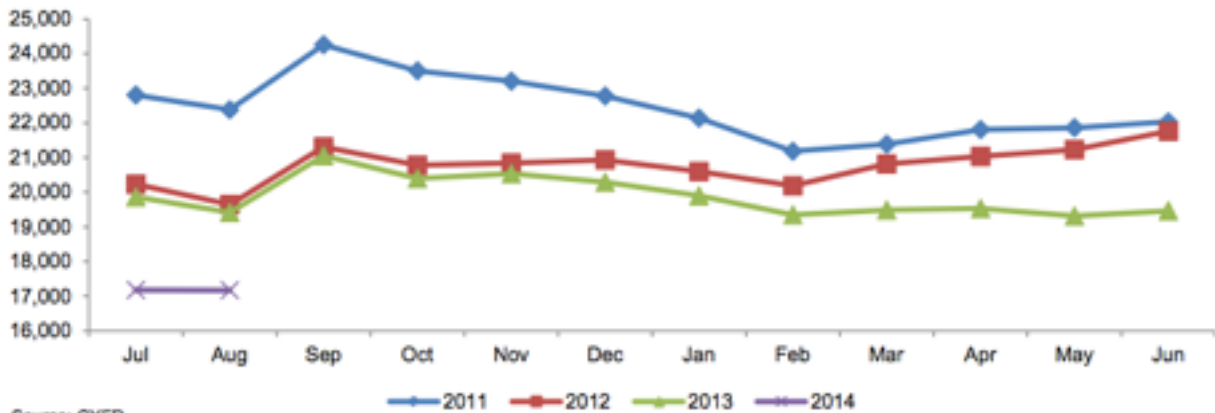
Source: CYFD IPRA

Slots disappearing

According to the *Impact of Childcare and Head Start on Student Achievement* study produced by CYFD for the Legislative Finance Committee on September 25th, 2013:

“The number of children receiving childcare assistance subsidy has consistently dropped during the past three years. Although the number of children receiving subsidy fluctuates seasonally, the average number of children receiving subsidy per year fell by 5,268 children, or 23.5 percent, between 2011 and 2014.”

Chart 3. Children Receiving Childcare Subsidies



Source: CYFD

CYFD has implemented new rule changes and requirements which contribute to this loss in access for low income children. Accordingly CYFD’s increased requirements and lack of adequate funding has caused a shift in the percentage of centers accepting children with a subsidy contract from 83% of centers participating in 2011 to only 69% participating in 2014.

Chart 4. Centers Accepting Subsidy

Date	Percentage of Centers accepting children on subsidy
May 2011	83%
July 2014	69%

Source:CYFD IPRA



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