When looking to the future, programs are concerned about issues of sustainability:

Among program providers surveyed, fewer than 1 in 5 report receiving public funding for COVID-19 relief, such as the American Rescue Plan.

Most program providers anticipate serving students in-person this fall and are optimistic about the future, despite concerns including the ability to operate safely due to COVID-19.

A PROMISING FALL OUTLOOK

However, among summer program providers that are physically open, programs serving mostly low-income students are most likely to be reduced capacity due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Staffing and increased costs of programming are additional challenges programs face.

NOT A COMPLETE RETURN TO NORMAL - CHALLENGES REMAIN

Summer programs are keeping kids active, connected, and engaged in learning, while providing critical supports for their mental health and academic success.

Almost all summer program providers are open in some capacity this year, with programs that are physically open in some capacity compared to the summer of 2020.

This summer, as most states lift COVID-19 restrictions and families ease back into public life, summer programs are serving students in-person in some capacity.

Programs’ primary funding sources are varied:

- Federal government funds (CCDF or CCLC)
- State government funds (not 21st CCLC)
- Corporation/businesses
- Local government funds
- Parent fees
- Foundations
- Other social services
- Grants
- Summer school
- Tuition

A RETURN TO NORMAL? NOT QUITE. WHAT SUMMER PROGRAMMING LOOKS LIKE FOR 2021.

Reduced enrollment due to COVID-19 health restrictions affects most programs, with half of providers serving students in-person having a waitlist and operating at reduced capacity.

Increased costs of programming have affected almost half of programs that report increased costs, with nearly half reporting an increase of more than 10.

Almost all programs report that they have not been able to fully return to normal.

While programs are facing challenges, they are also working together for solutions. The landscape is changing, but the important precedent is to support our working parents.

During this time of crisis, it is very important for us all to think strategically and work together for solutions. The dashboard provides an overview of the current situation and trends, as well as related issues pertaining to COVID-19 impacts.

View the 2021 Fall dashboard here.