



# CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS

for children aged 0 to 5 with long-term conditions or disabilities, 2023



In 2023, **62%** of children with long-term conditions or disabilities<sup>1</sup> were in child care.<sup>2</sup>



**72%** of parents<sup>3</sup> of children with long-term conditions or disabilities in child care reported that **the child care arrangement used was the best fit for their child.**



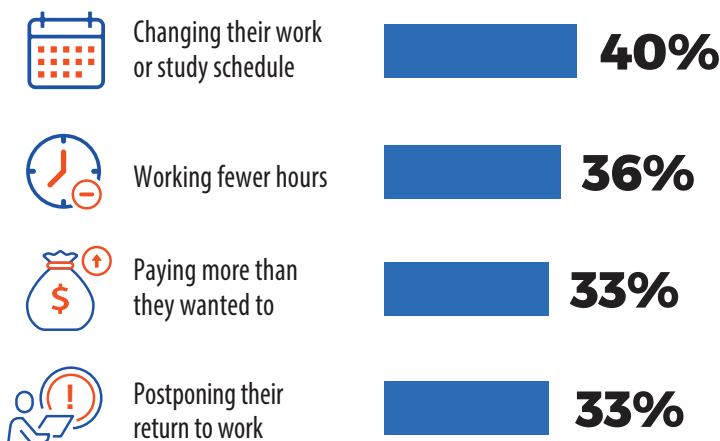
**35%** of children with long-term conditions or disabilities in child care who were using support services or therapies<sup>4</sup> were receiving **at least some of those services at their child care arrangement.**

Areas where children with long-term conditions or disabilities in child care most commonly **needed extra support**

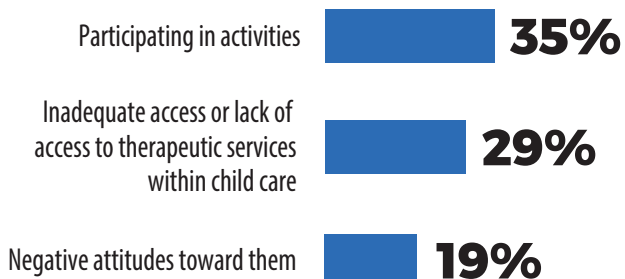


**52%** of parents of children with long-term conditions or disabilities reported **difficulty finding a child care arrangement.**

Most common impacts on parents of difficulty finding a child care arrangement



Most common difficulties experienced by children with long-term conditions or disabilities at their main child care arrangement



1. Children may have one or more long-term condition or disability.  
 2. Includes use of the following: day care facilities; care provided by a relative other than a parent or guardian (e.g., a grandparent); child care provided by a non-relative in the child's home (e.g., a nanny); family child care homes or home-based child care; before- or after-school programs; or another care arrangement.  
 3. "Parents" refers to the parent, guardian or person who was knowledgeable about the child's care arrangements.  
 4. Includes autism services, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, or behavioural therapy.

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