

Commissioner Alvarez asked First 5 California staff to share the following information from the *California Parent Poll: COVID-19 and Early Childhood* (located on the Education Trust website at <https://west.edtrust.org/california-parent-poll-covid-19-and-early-childhood/?emci=fdb5dd75-248b-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&emdi=168f3c88-2a8b-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=318959>) with the Commission.

Top findings from the *California Parent Poll: COVID-19 and Early Childhood* referenced above include:

- California's parents of children ages 0 to 5 are experiencing intense financial insecurity during this time.
- As a result of the crisis, parents are skipping or reducing their family's meals. 24% of Black, 43% of Latinx, 30% of White, 39% of non-English speakers, and 36% overall of parents are reducing or skipping their meals.
- For many California families, the coronavirus crisis has been incredibly disruptive and put parents' and young children's well-being at risk. 57% of Black, 76% of Latinx, 72% of White, and 73% overall of families are worried about their family's mental health.
- 23% of parents worry about the impact of substance abuse and domestic violence on their family as a result of the coronavirus crisis (31% of non-English speakers and 33% parents of children with disabilities).
- The coronavirus crisis has significantly changed parents' child care arrangements and other parenting supports. 46% of families with a household income lower than \$50,000/year potentially will be unable to afford their existing care if their financial situation worsens.
- The current crisis has introduced a lot of uncertainty about child care for many parents of young children in California, including among essential workers. Only 7% of parents say their daycare is open and their child is attending.