Support for Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs in the United States has grown as mounting research demonstrate the economic, social, emotional, and intellectual benefits to children, families, and society. *Counting Our Losses* looks at the overwhelming loss to the Maryland economy as a result of an inadequate child care system.

### LOST PRODUCTIVITY

- **49%**
  - Percentage of Maryland parents with children age 5 and under who report short-term disruptions to employment in the past 3 months because of issues with child care.

- **15%**
  - Percentage of Maryland parents with children age 5 and under who report long-term disruptions to employment in the past year because of issues with child care.

### LOST OPPORTUNITY

- **25%**
  - Percentage of working Maryland parents with children age 5 and under who report forgoing additional educational opportunities because of child care issues.

### LOST DOLLARS

- **$2.41 billion**
  - Cost to Maryland employers from employee absence and turnover due to child care issues of working Maryland parents of children age 5 and under.

- **$2.34 billion**
  - Cost to Maryland in lost wages, taxes, and spending due to parents of children age 5 and under not pursuing additional educational opportunities because of issues with child care.

- **$1.28 billion**
  - Amount of lost Maryland tax revenue due to child care issues of working Maryland parents of children age 5 and under.

- **$117 million**
  - Amount of Maryland’s lost economic output from worker absence and turnover due to child care issues of working Maryland parents of children age 5 and under.