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" Evaluation Focus and Time Frame

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- "Research Questions
- " Preliminary Finding
- " Plans for further analyses
- ″ Q&A

"SCDSS receives federal block grant funding for child care scholarships

"First Steps local partnerships support and facilitate access to scholarships

"Two types of scholarships "purchased from SCDSS

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"Most families also engaged in other First Steps programs/services



" First Steps scholarships unique



"What are the impacts of receiving a scholarship on KRA performance and on chronic absenteeism in kindergarten?

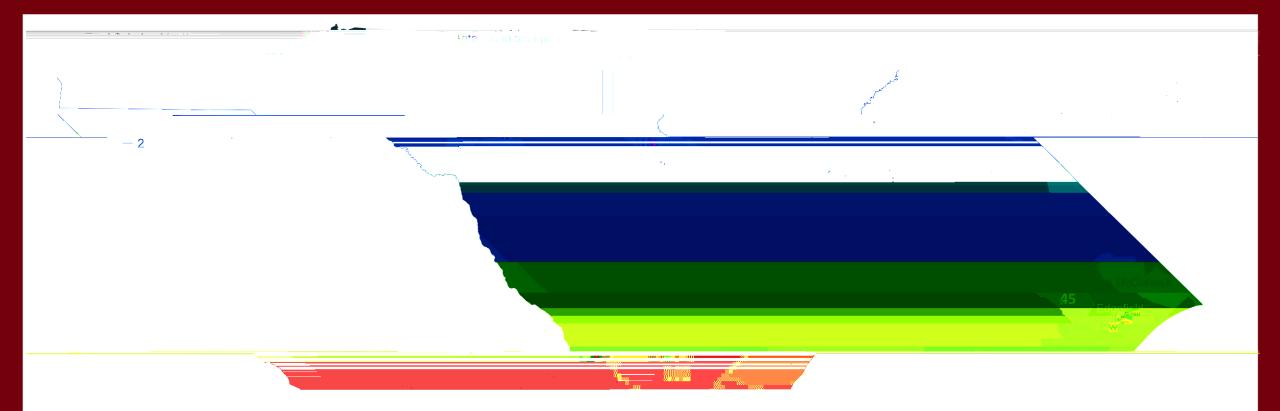


Across the five-year evaluation period, there were 2,131 scholarships provided

Scholarship Program	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total

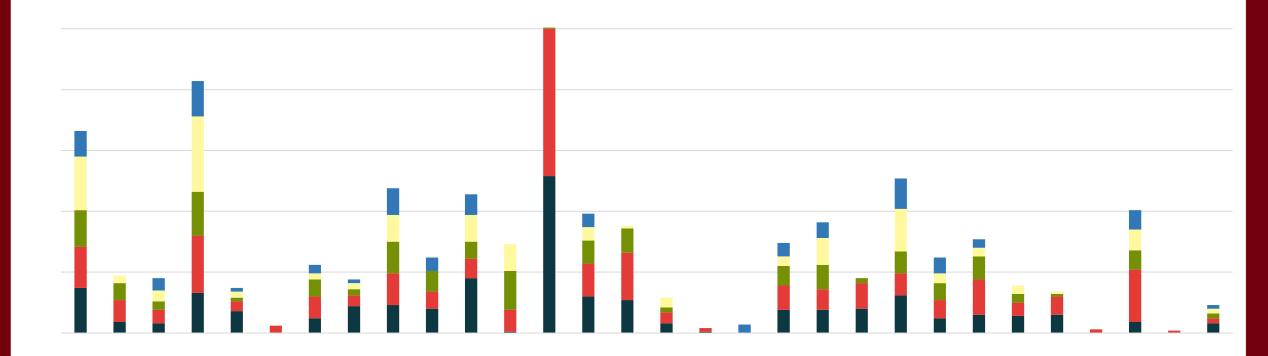


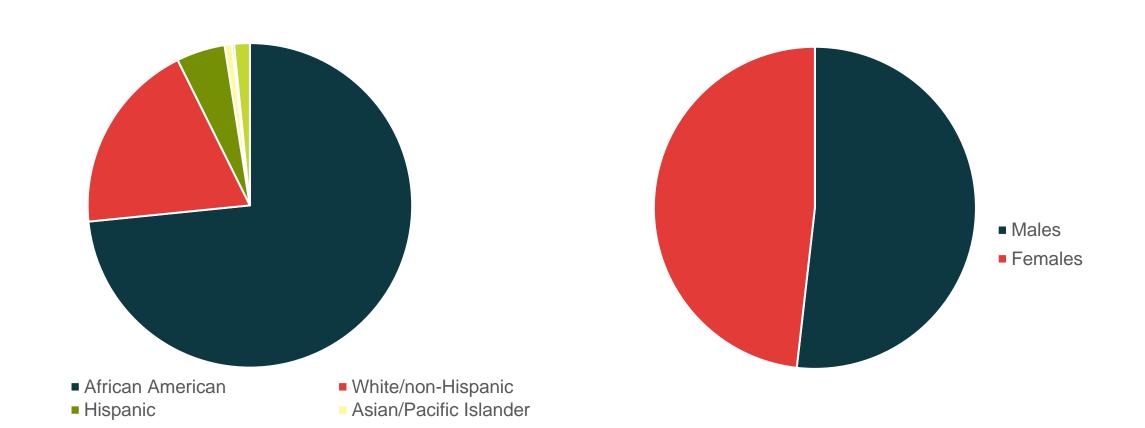
Scholarship Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Full-time	472	564	295	293	208
Part-time	69	42	67	34	21
Wrap-around	3	0	0	6	9
Total	403	470	258	246	221



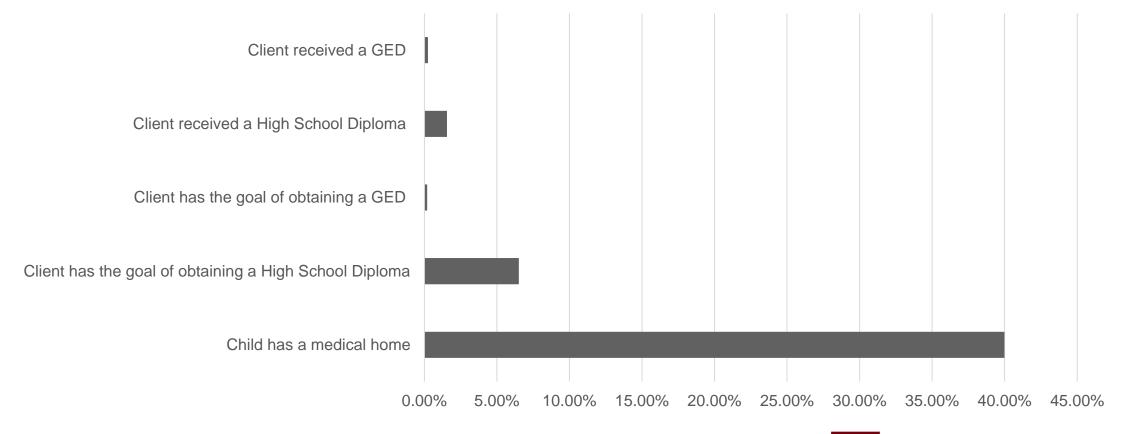
Total Number of Scholarships by County FY18-FY22











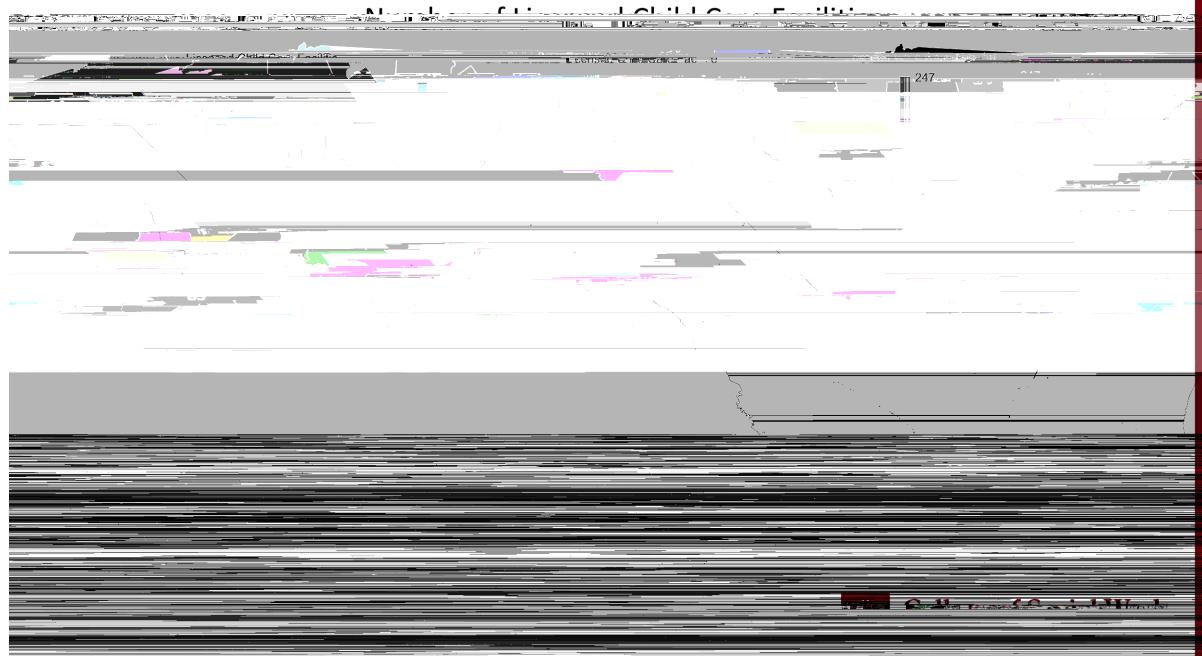
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40% of children receiving child care scholarships had a total family income of less than \$10,000

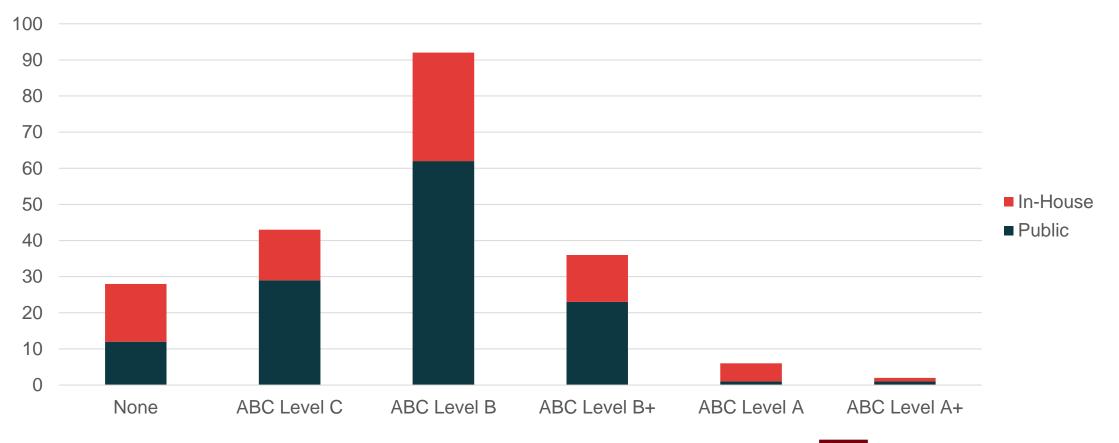












- "Permissions obtained for SCDOE data on KRA and Chronic Absenteeism in Kindergarten
- " Data Files in Preparation
- " Propensity Score Matching Approach



- "School District information
- "Inferential analyses
- " Moderator/mediator analyses
- "Eye toward practical recommendations



Q&A Thank you!

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