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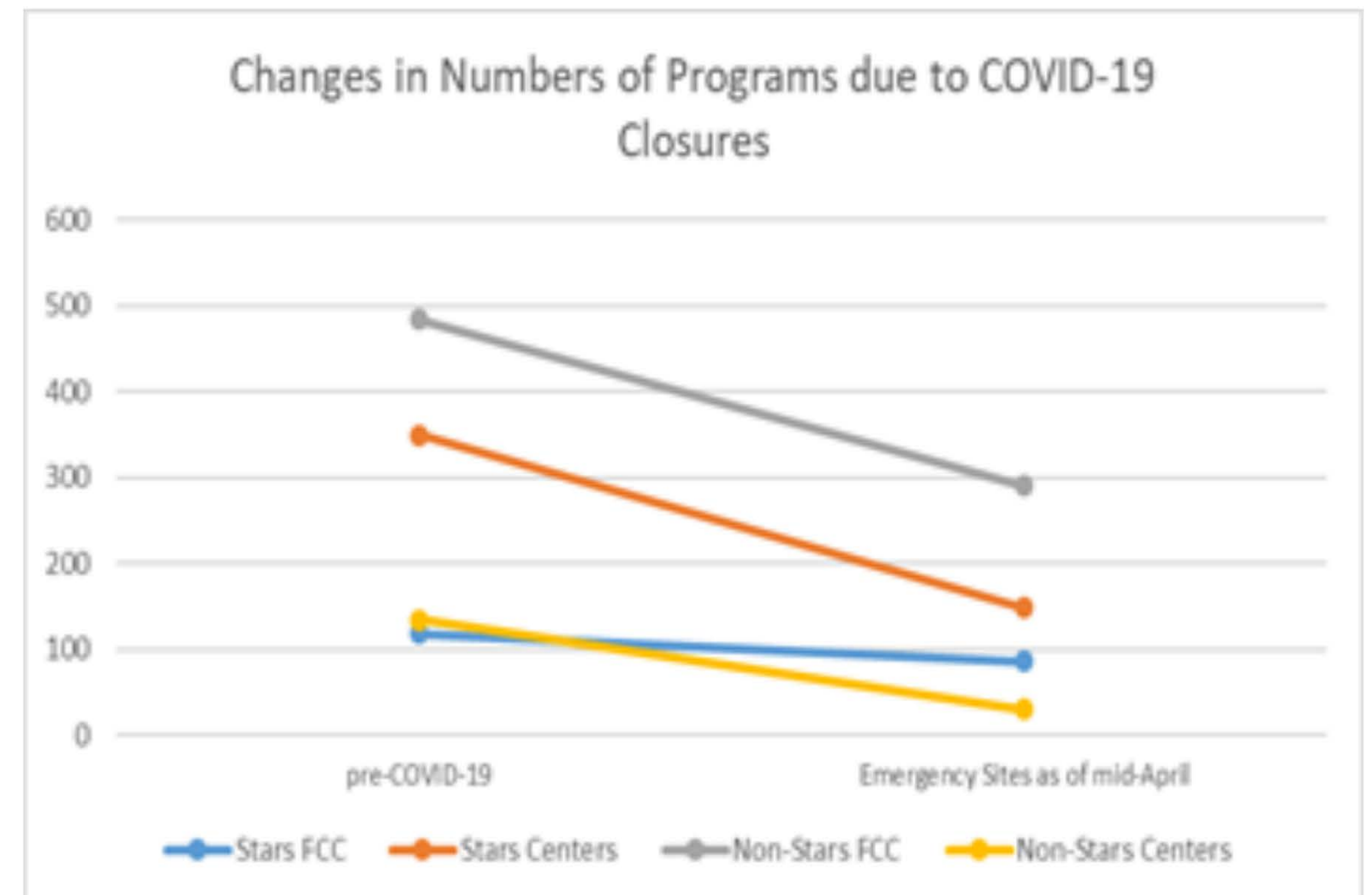
COVID-19 Impacts on Early Care & Education Programs in Delaware

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There have been changes to the operating status of many of Delaware's licensed programs due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The following data highlights the impact. All data reported prior to COVID-19 was retrieved from the Delaware Stars database.

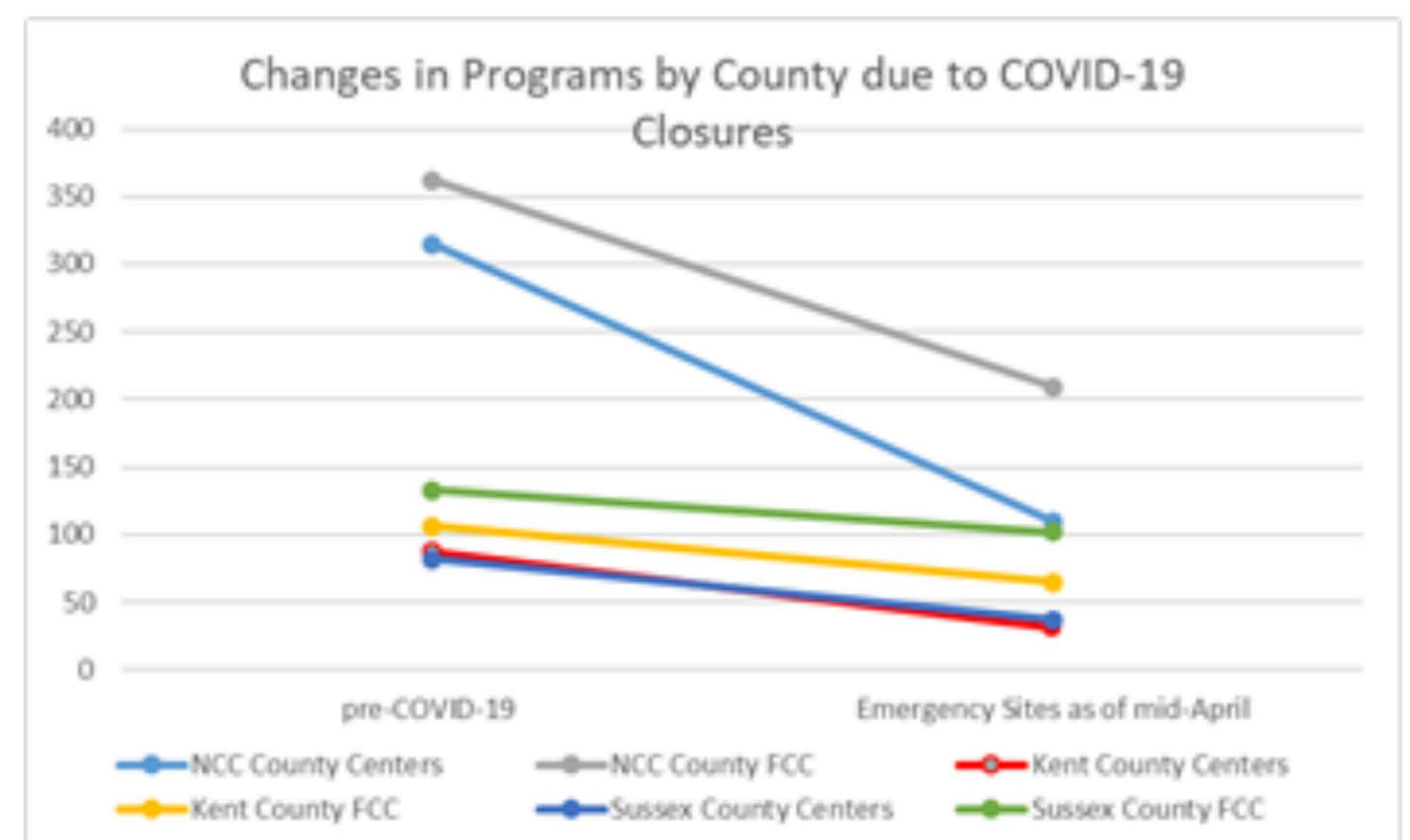
Overall State Highlights:

- Prior to COVID-19, Delaware had 1,085 licensed programs and 467 Stars programs.
- By mid- April, several weeks into the state of emergency, about half of Delaware's programs had closed. Programs remaining open served as emergency sites with limited enrollment.
- Non-Stars family child care (FCC) programs comprise the greatest number of emergency sites and non-Stars centers comprise the smallest number of emergency sites.



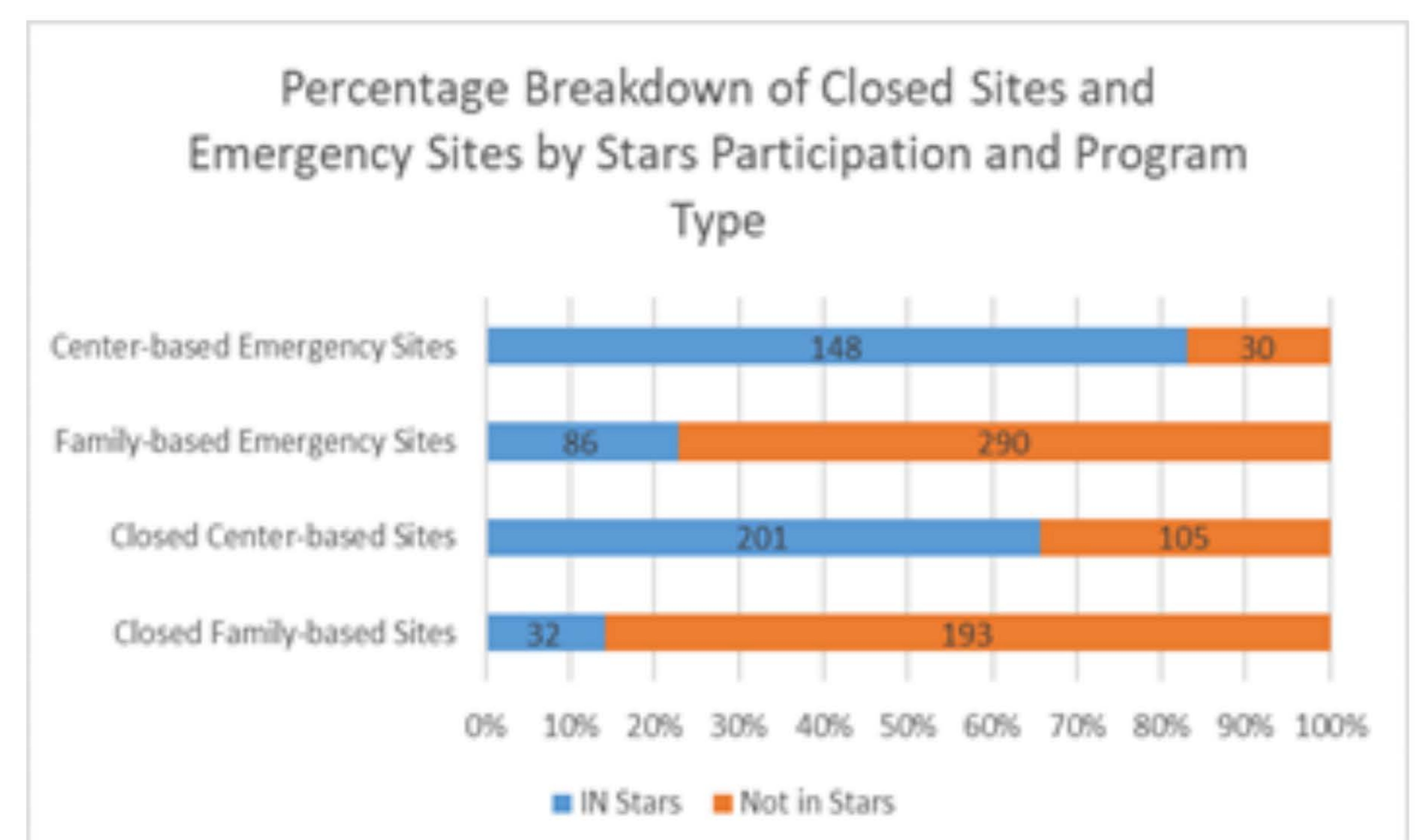
County-Level Highlights:

- 65% of centers and 42% of FCC programs in New Castle County closed.
- 64% of centers and 39% of FCC programs in Kent County closed.
- 55% of centers and 23% of FCC programs in Sussex County closed.



Program Type Highlights:

- Prior to COVID-19, Delaware had 601 FCC programs and 484 center-based programs.
- By mid-April, more than one-third of FCC programs and nearly two-thirds of center-based programs had temporarily closed.
- 83% of center-based and 23% of FCC emergency sites are Stars programs.



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