An initial brief in May 2020 provided a snapshot of trends in the operating status of Delaware’s licensed programs in response to COVID-19. Findings showed that about half of Delaware’s programs were closed in mid-April. Additionally, a greater percentage of center-based programs closed in comparison to large family child care (LFCC) programs and family child care (FCC) programs. Further, a greater percentage of Delaware Stars programs operated as emergency sites, in comparison to non-Stars programs. The current brief shows increases in the number of open programs over time, once state regulations permitted re-opening. This data is focused on programs that participate in Delaware Stars for Early Success, the state’s QRIS, which is 72% of center based and 22% of L/FCC programs in Delaware.

**Number of Open Programs Over Time:**

- Prior to COVID-19, there were 467 Delaware Stars programs operating. By mid-April, several weeks into the state of emergency, about half of the programs had closed.

- In the initial weeks following the state of emergency, a much larger percentage of center-based programs closed (58%) in comparison to family child care programs (27%).

- The number of open programs has been gradually increasing each month since April. As of the end of September, 81% of center-based programs were fully open, 9% were open virtually only, and 100% of family child care programs were open again.

**County-Level Highlights:**

- Chart presents the number of open and temporarily closed programs by county due to COVID-19, as of September 30, 2020.

- Most center-based and L/FCC programs in Kent and Sussex Counties were open by the end of September.

- A smaller percentage of center-based programs were open in New Castle County compared to Kent and Sussex.

- Greater percentages of L/FCC programs than center-based programs were open in each county.

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