

# THE LASTING IMPACT OF EMPLOYER-SPONSORED CHILD CARE CENTERS

# STUDY SHOWS DEFINITIVE ORGANIZATIONAL VALUE OF OFFERING CHILD CARE TO EMPLOYEES

What's the organizational value of offering an employer-sponsored child care center? Data show it's substantial. Employees are becoming parents when they're older and in senior roles that are costly to replace; and they're gravitating to jobs that are family friendly — and leaving expensive gaps in workplaces that are not. The study shows that employer-sponsored child care is a differentiator, delivering exceptionally engaged workforces and people who want to stay with the company and do their best work.

### **RETENTION**

Employees overwhelmingly reported that they're staying with organizations for child care, and are four times less likely to have considered leaving because of child care difficulties\*.

- 80% call employer-sponsored child care among the best benefits they have
- 74% are more likely to continue working for their employer
- 94% say employer-sponsored child care would be an important consideration when making a decision about changing employers

## **ABOUT THE STUDY**

The Lasting Impact of Employer-Sponsored Child Care Centers offers valuable data about child care as a powerful organizational strategy. Conducted by *Horizons Workforce Consulting®*, the study looked at responses from 1,903 parents in 300 organizations across multiple industries, all of whom had children at Bright Horizons employer-sponsored child care centers.

"This is the best benefit I have. I'd sooner give up my bonus than give up this on-site child care center."



Roughly 1/3 of employees turned down/declined to pursue a job change in order to maintain access to an employer-sponsored child care center.

Of those who turned down a job:



73%

SAID THAT THE JOB OFFER WAS FOR A HIGHER SALARY 62%

HAVE WORKED WITH THEIR COMPANY FOR 5 YEARS OR LONGER



AKE MANAGERS

<sup>\*</sup>Control group represents respondents from Horizons Workforce Consulting's proprietary survey database of child care needs assessment studies with more than 50,000 respondents over the past nine years.

### RECRUITMENT

Employees are not only accepting jobs with employersponsored child care in mind; they're also elevating the image of their organizations as employers of choice.

- 79% call employer-sponsored child care important in their decision to join the company
- 91% are likely to recommend their employer to other working parents because of it

"I took this job, for less overall pay, because of the child care option."

### **PRODUCTIVITY**

Employees with employer-sponsored child care are excelling with the company – and more than 90% credit child care for positively impacting their success at work.

Because of employer-sponsored child care:

- 96% are able to work necessary hours
- 95% are able to concentrate and be as productive as possible
- 94% are able to integrate personal and professional demands

"Having child care sponsored by my employer allows me the ability to really focus while at work. I feel I can be completely dedicated during my work hours and not distracted."

### **RETURN TO WORK**

Employees with child care — both men and women — are coming back to work after a baby, and many say their employer-sponsored center is a significant reason why.

- 90% call employer-sponsored child care important in their decision to return
- 79% report that child care reduces the amount of stress they face in managing their work and personal responsibilities

### WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

While both men and women credit employersponsored child care for their ability to do their jobs, women were especially impacted, with 81% of female managers calling child care important in their decision to join the company.



SAY THE CHILD CARE CENTER HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED THEIR ABILITY TO PURSUE OR ACCEPT A HIGHER POSITION

Working parents are a critical segment of the workforce. At a time when parents are leaving companies that aren't family friendly — and when organizations feel the stakes of positioning themselves against high-profile competitors famous for their cultures — employer-sponsored child care is proving to be a substantial differentiator; one that offers decisive gains for employers in recruitment, retention, and productivity, as well as in engaged, committed employees.



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