

## Picking Up the Pieces: Building a Better Child Care System Post COVID-19:

“CCAoA usually releases two major reports in the fall that examine the child care landscape. *State Fact Sheets* explore child care supply, child care resource and referral agency (CCR&R) activities and quality initiatives in each state. *The U.S. and the High Price of Child Care* compares child care affordability among states. Both reports relied on data from the previous calendar year gathered from CCR&Rs across the country.

However, the data from last calendar year (2019) did not reflect the reality of the massive changes in the child care system because of COVID-19. So, we went a step further and gathered as much 2020 data as we could. The result is *Picking Up the Pieces*. It includes the 2019 data that typically would be included in fall reports, as well as data and stories collected as recently as July 2020. With that additional information, we were able to compare the child care system pre- and mid-pandemic.

*Picking Up the Pieces* is organized into three chapters that explore the impact of COVID-19 on:

- **Access to Child Care**
- **The Affordability of Child Care**
- **Child Care Quality”**

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