

Public Meeting

September 11, 2023



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Welcome!

Thank you for joining this meeting. We will begin shortly.

Members of the public are still able request to provide oral public comment today by emailing their request to megan.schneider@tea.texas.gov. Please include your name (as it appears in Zoom), email, organization you are representing, and agenda topic being addressed.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. June and July 2023 Minutes Approval
3. Public Comment
4. Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Needs Assessment Findings Presentation 3: Families and Data Systems
5. Updates from TELC Members
6. Upcoming Early Childhood Events
7. Adjourn

Public Comment

Earlylearningtexas.org has a section called Meetings. This houses all the meeting information for past and upcoming meetings as well as the agenda once it's released. Public agendas are posted a minimum of one week prior to the meeting date, along with instructions for submitting public comment.

- Please provide your name, organization, and the agenda topic you are commenting on for the record.
- Each speaker will be allotted three minutes to provide your public comment. When you hear a chime sound at the two-minute mark, this indicates that you will have one minute remaining to wrap up comments.
- Council members may ask questions after each speaker concludes.

Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five

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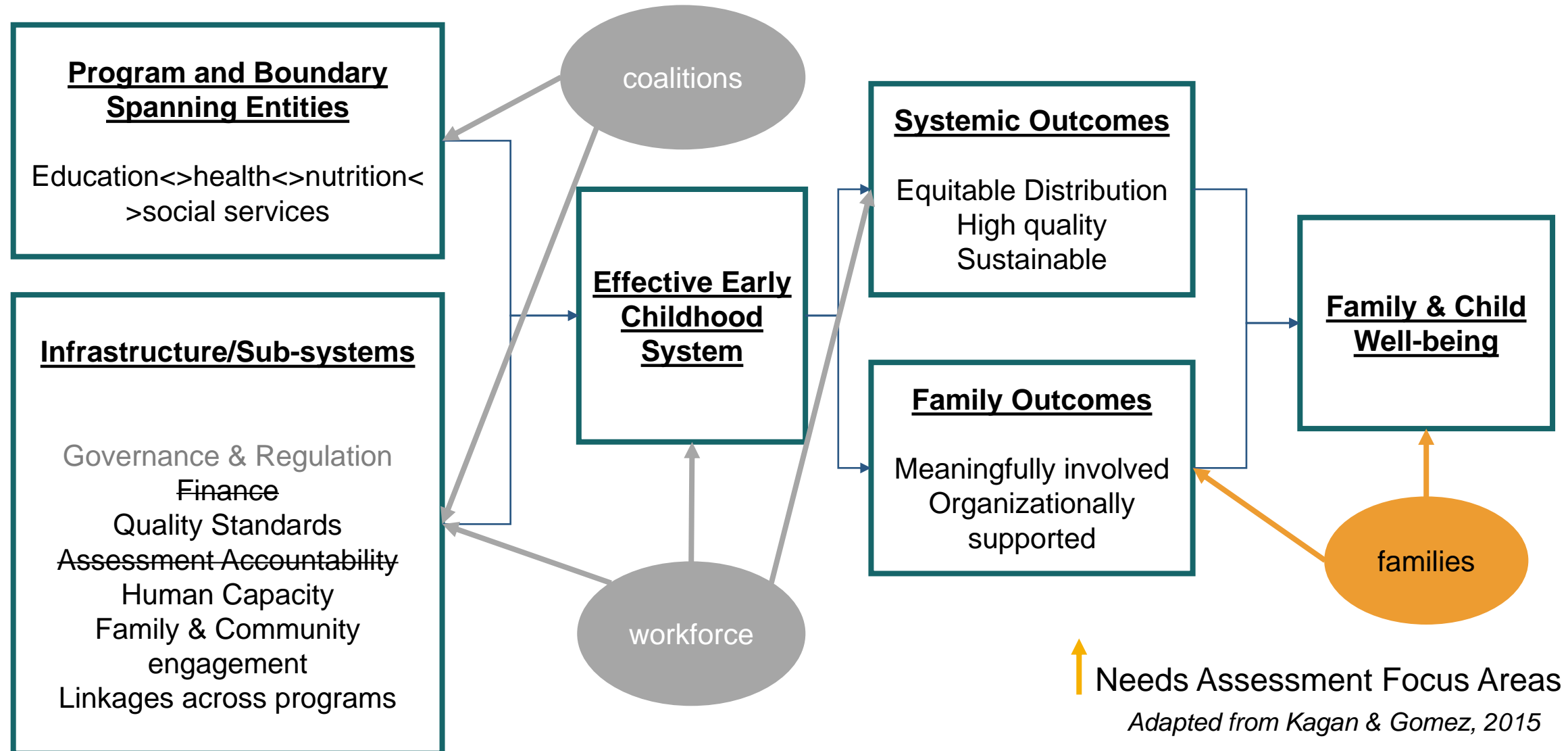
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PDG Needs Assessment: Family Needs

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Needs Assessment Focus



Family Well-being and Quality of Life

- Ability to access preferred child care
- Impact of COVID on the family & children
- Family quality of life
 - Family functioning
 - External parental support
 - Social/emotional well-being
 - Material well-being

Meaningfully involved & Organizationally supported

- Do families trust the child serving organizations?
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Family Survey

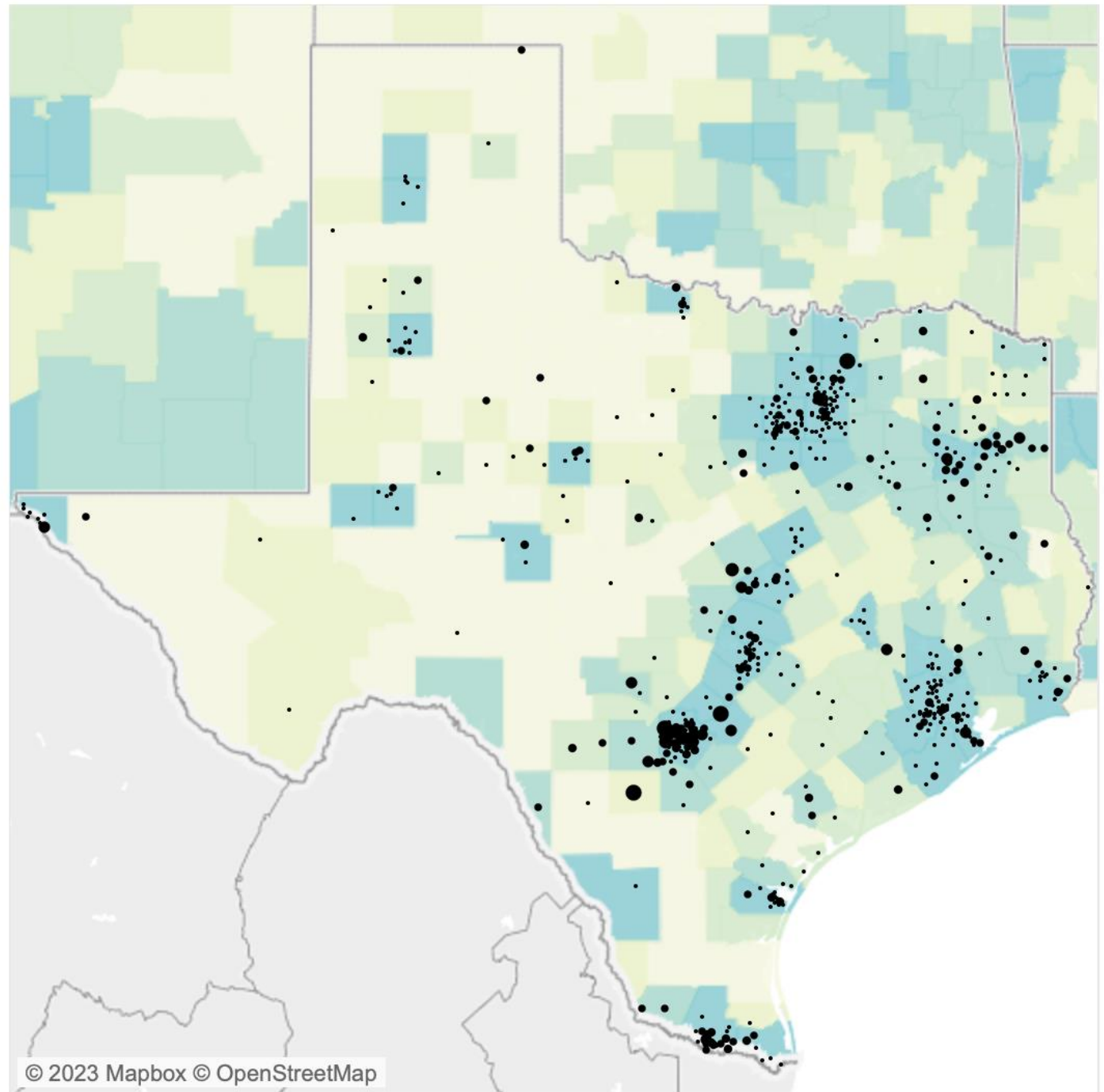
- Distributed through state agency partners and local community organizations
- Families compensated \$35 for their time
- Eligible if have a child younger than the age of 6 and lives in Texas
- Exclusions
 - Completed the survey too fast
 - Did not provide assent to the survey
 - *Combination of services, income, disability status was not realistic*

Responses to the survey

The results presented here:
1,423 total responses

80.8% from metropolitan areas
12.3% from micropolitan areas
(e.g. Fredericksburg, Paris, Jasper)
4.9% from small town
(e.g. Brownwood, Burnet)
1.7% from purely rural areas

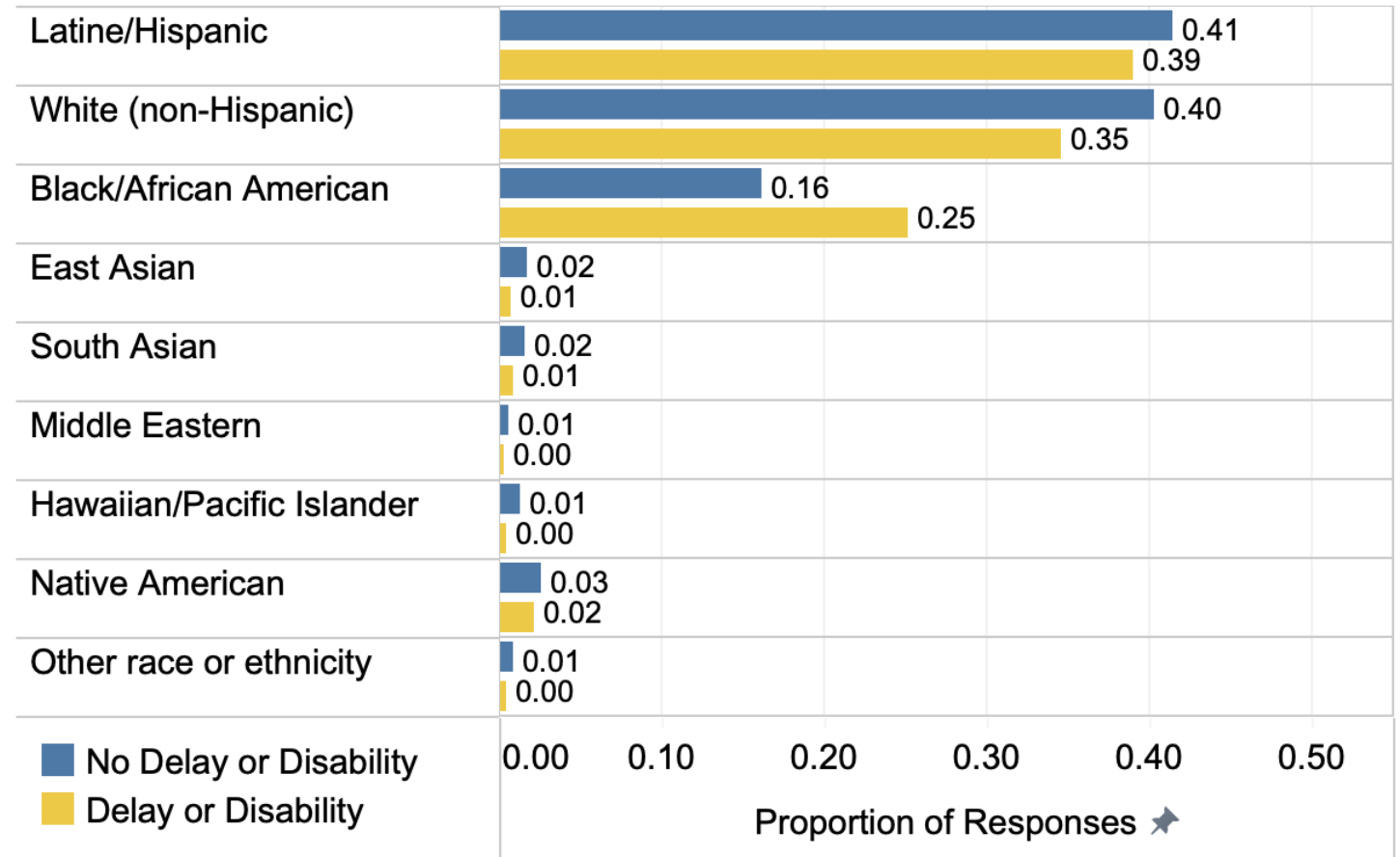
NOTE: Color on the map represents the number of households in each county, with blue representing larger counties



Characteristics of respondents

	No Delay or Disability	Delay or Disability
<\$20,000	19% (190)	23% (100)
\$20,000-\$40,000	27% (268)	24% (104)
\$40,001-\$60,000	17% (164)	14% (62)
\$60,001-\$80,000	10% (95)	11% (46)
>\$80,000	28% (272)	28% (122)
<i>total</i>	989	434

Racial/ethnic identity of respondents



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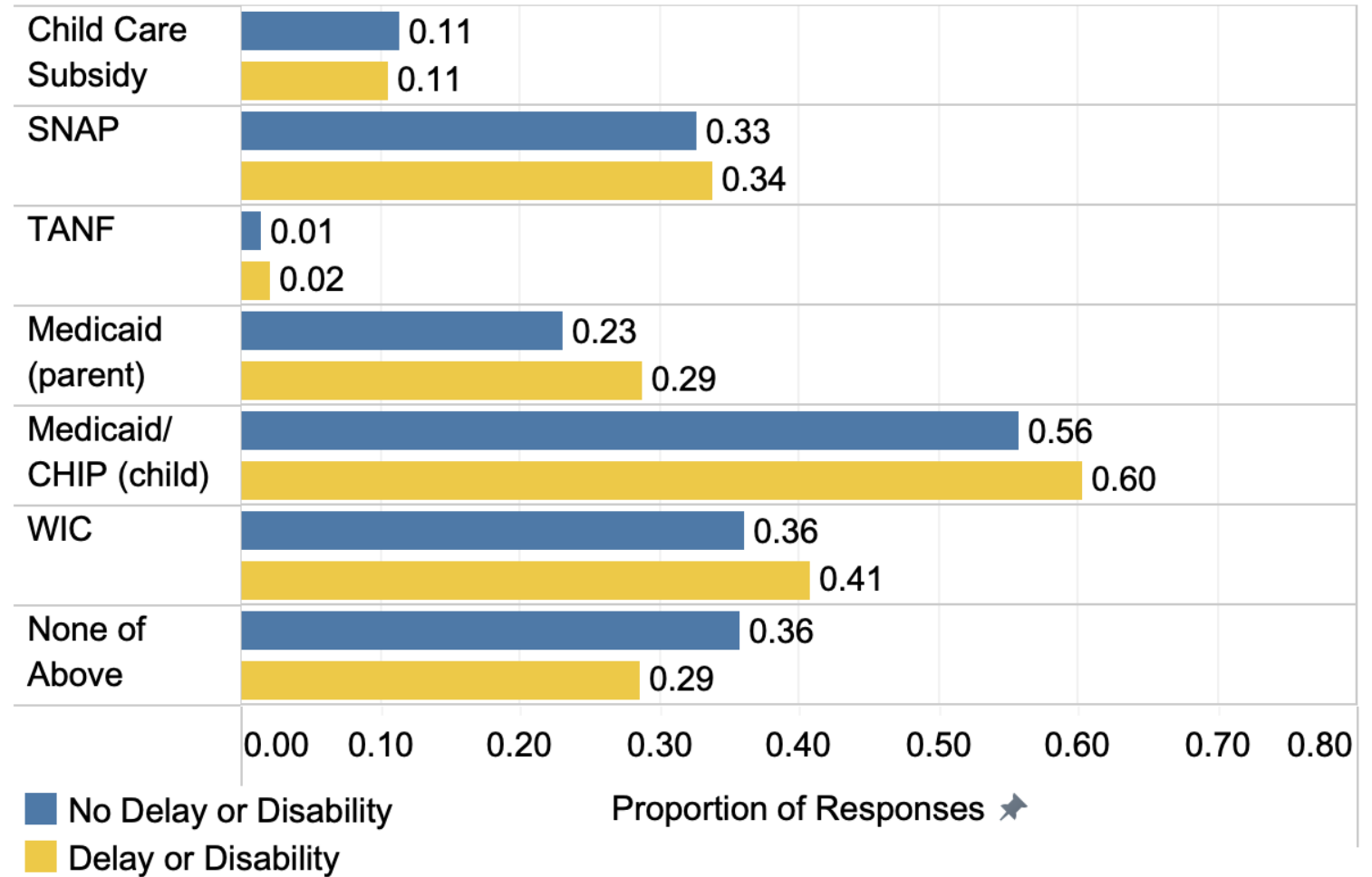
Respondents that had a child with a developmental delay or disability were significantly more likely to:

- Have used WIC
- Have Medicaid for their child

Child care subsidy use was lower than expected.

- Possible issue of terminology

Services used in the past year

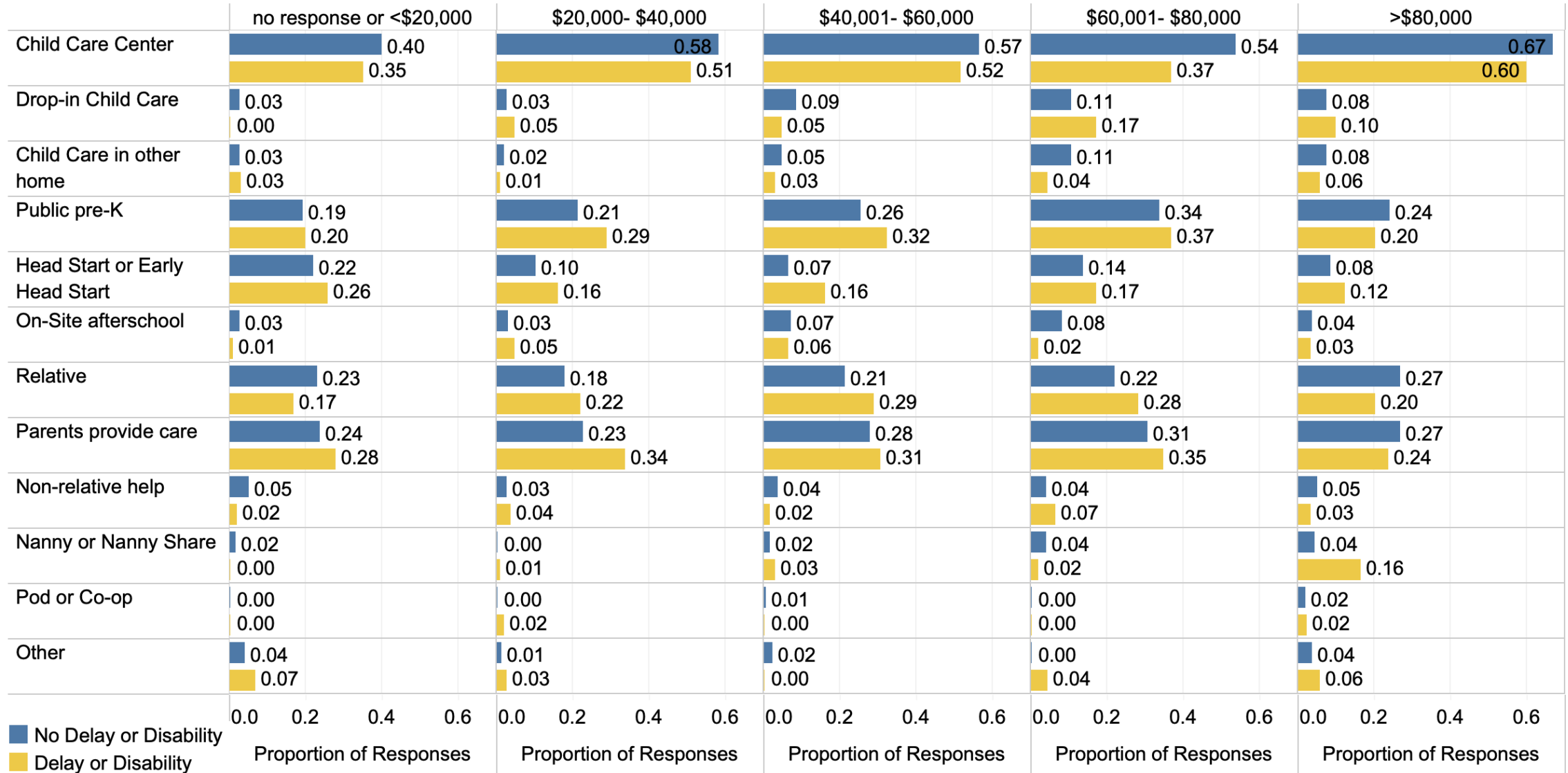


Child care use and preference

- Three questions
 - What type of child care have you used in the past year? (check all that apply)
 - What type of child care do you usually use?
 - If money and availability were not an issue, what type of child care would you prefer to use?

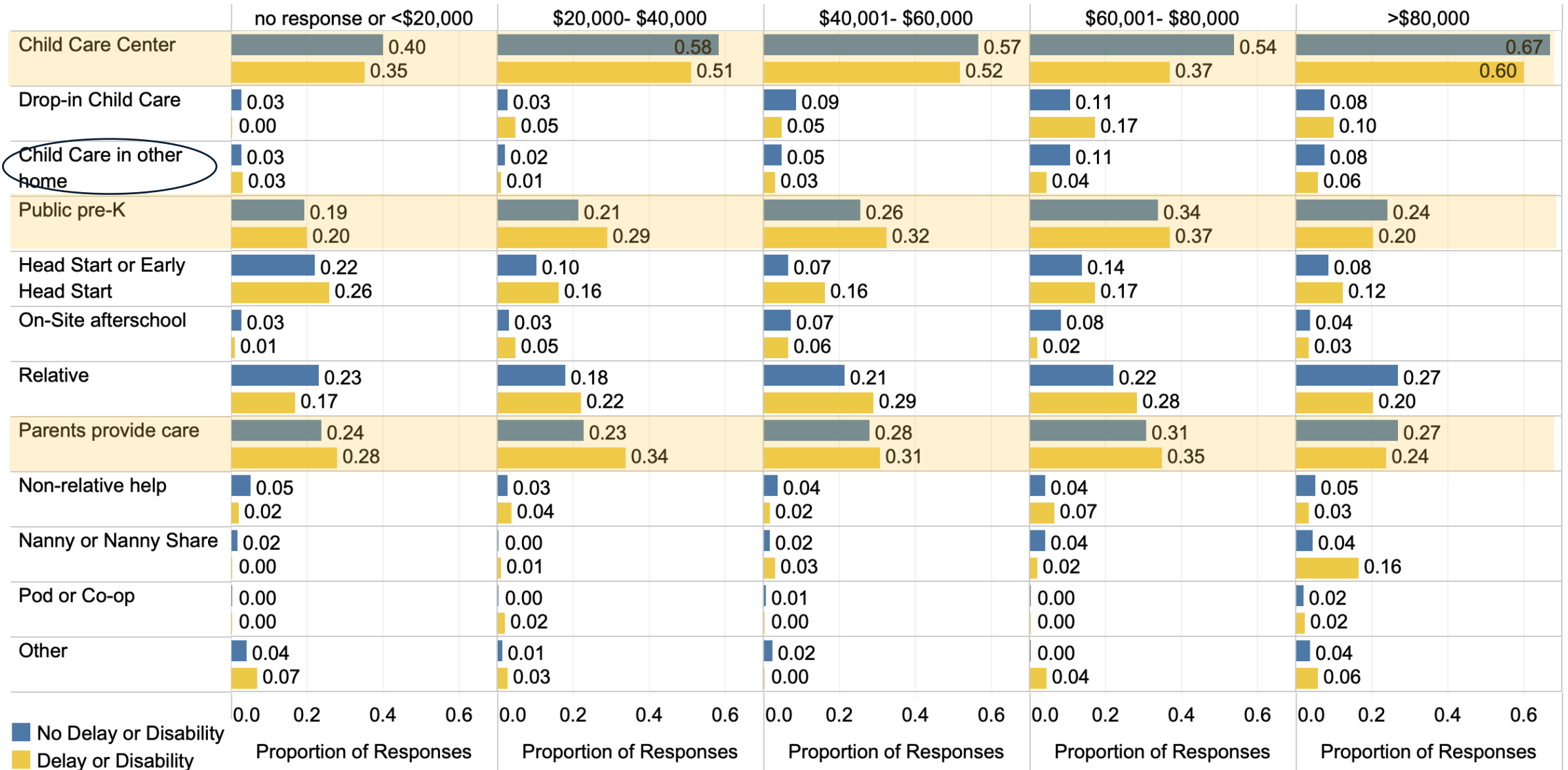
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Top 5 usual child care settings

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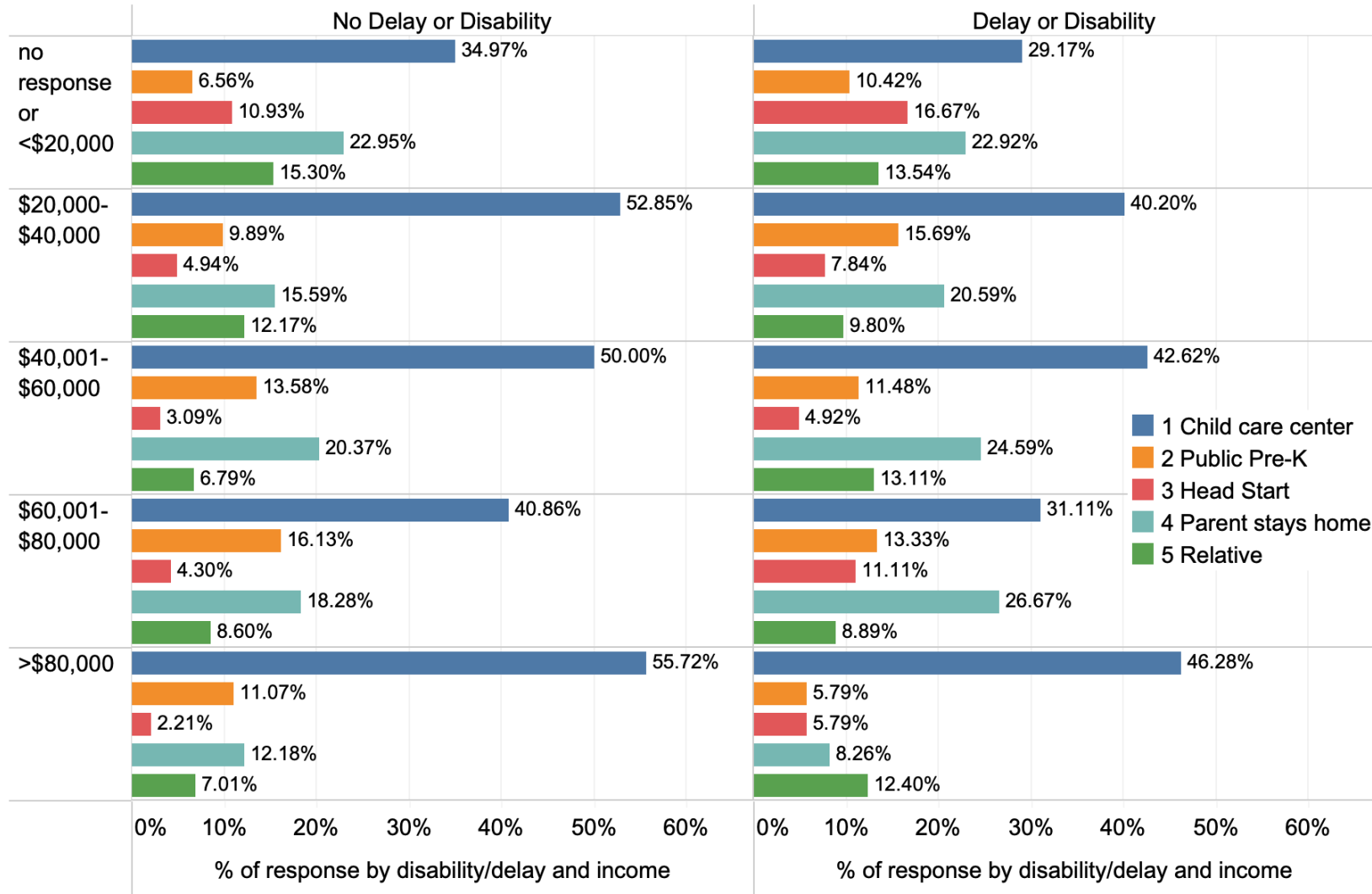
Parents are more likely to stay home to care for children if one has a developmental delay or disability

Parent are less likely to use center-based care if a child has a developmental delay or disability

Across all incomes except the highest:

Parents are more likely to use Head Start if they have a child with a developmental delay or disability

Top 5 usual child care settings



Top 5 ideal child care settings

Across all incomes child care center or Head Start are the preferred settings

31% that prefer Head Start are in Head Start

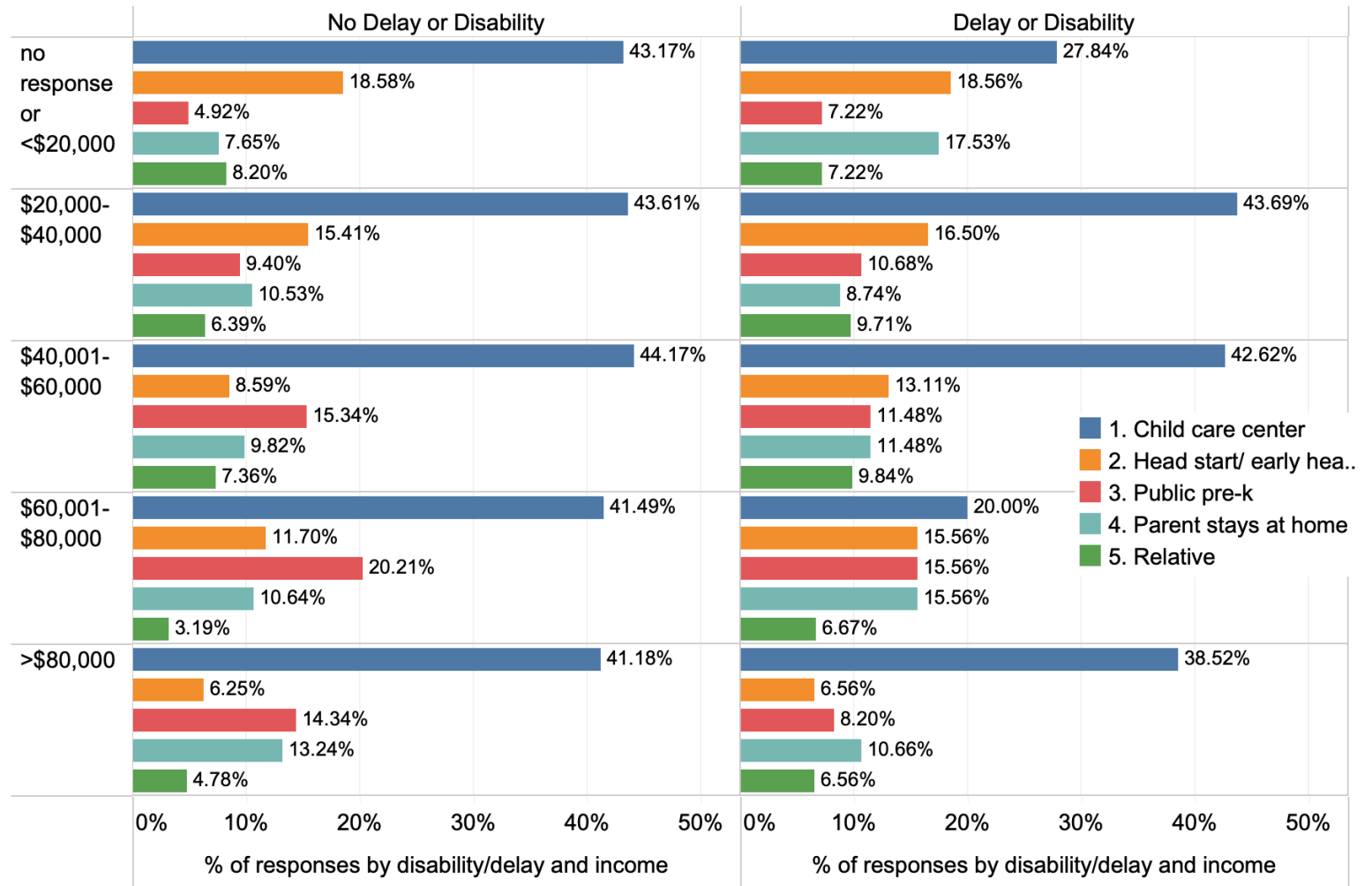
Upper income families prefer public pre-K at a higher rate than lower income families

53% that prefer public pre-K are in public pre-K

Child care centers are most likely to be ideal and used

77% that prefer child care centers are in one

Top 5 ideal child care settings

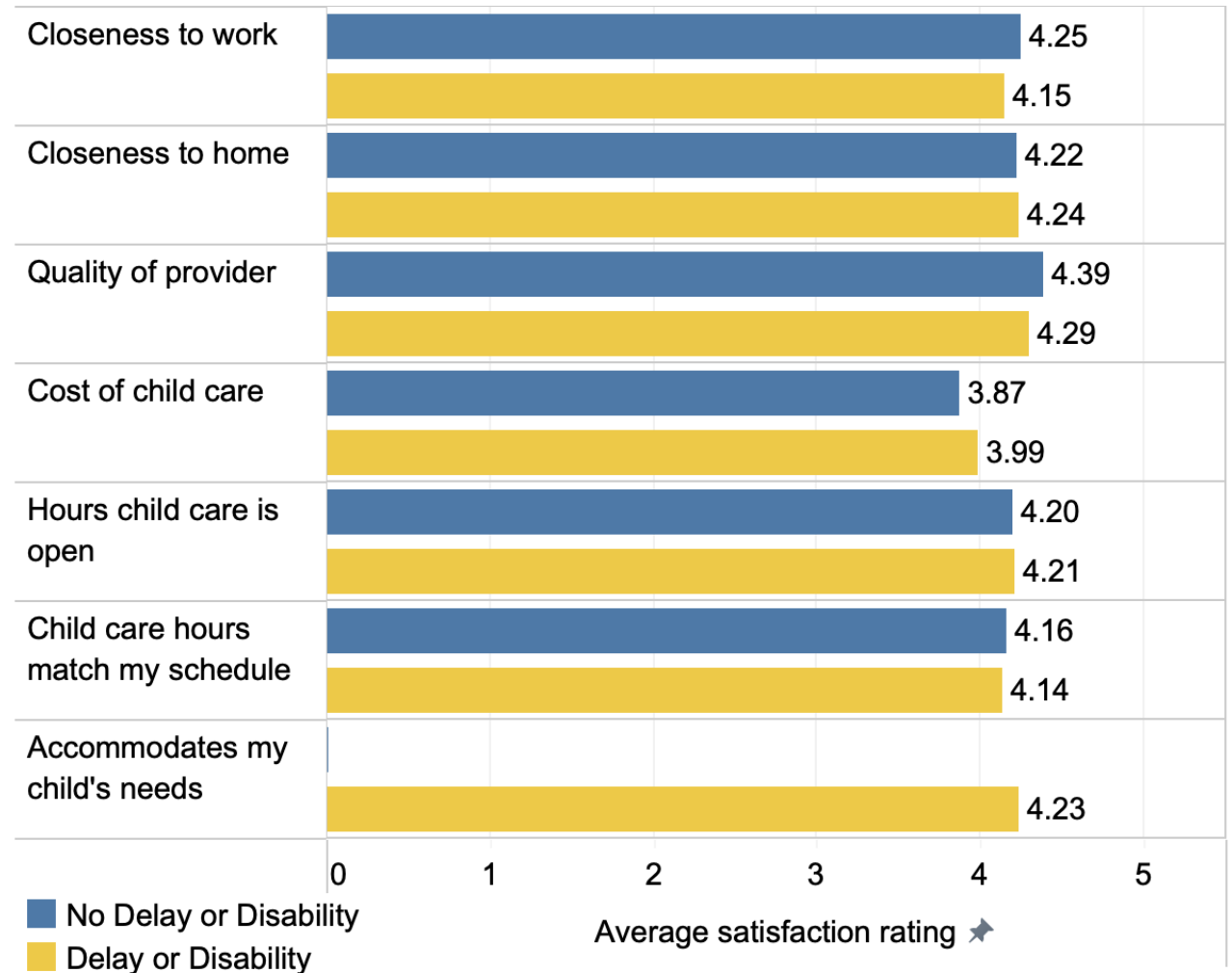


Satisfaction with out-of-home care

Cost of care has the lowest satisfaction ratings (unless child is in Head Start)

Satisfaction ratings did not differ based on having a child with a developmental delay or disability

Satisfaction with out-of-home child care arrangements



Perceived impact of COVID on the family

- Acute stress/event experiences during COVID
- Rating on a scale of 0 to 20 of how COVID impacted
 - Overall health of the family
 - Child's social development
 - Child's learning progress
 - Child's overall behavior
 - Whether the family is generally better off now
- What does your child need to move forward from COVID?

Events and stresses

Families with a child with a developmental disability or delay were significantly more likely to experience

Loss of employment

Beginning a new job

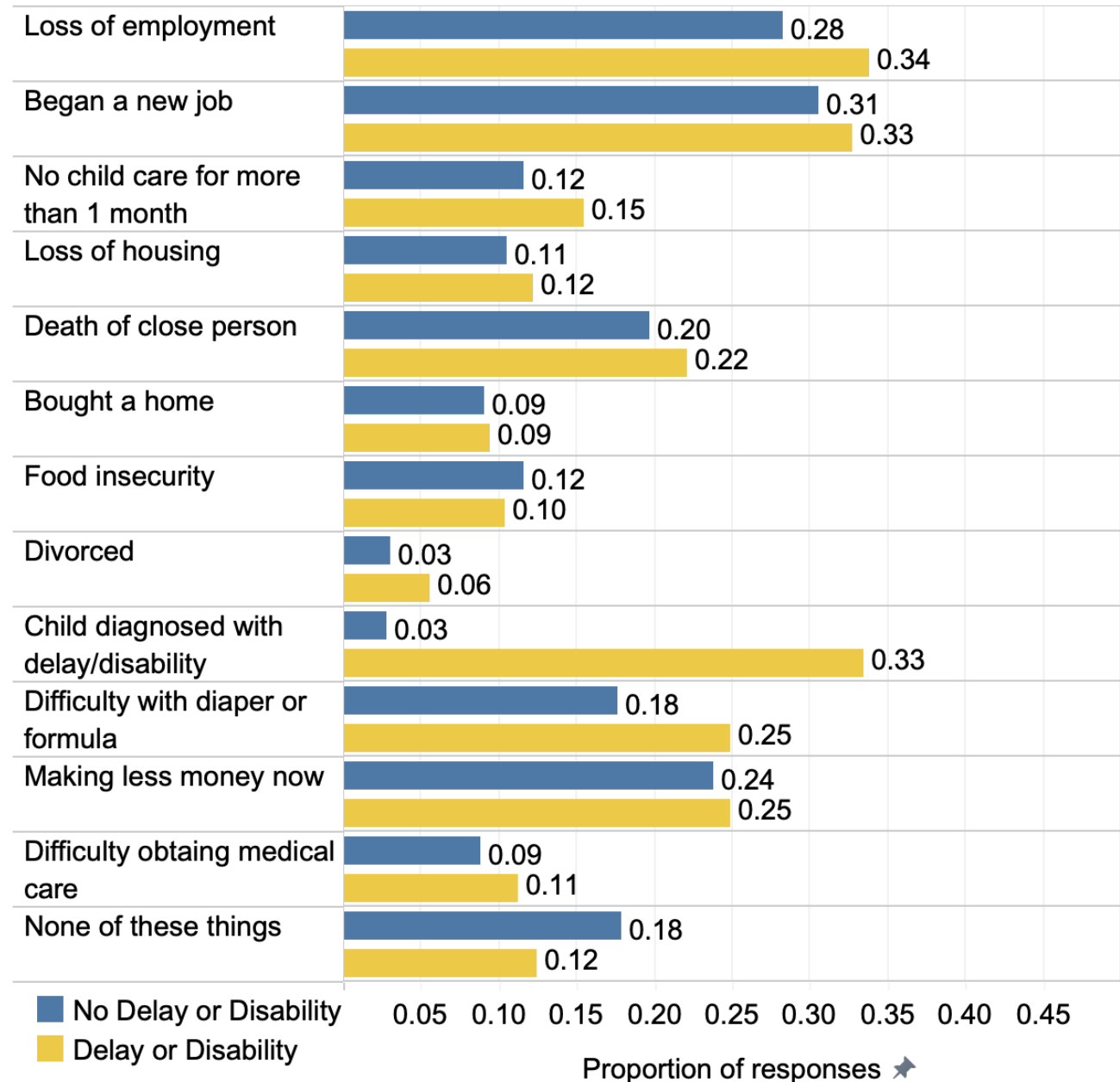
Sustained loss of child care

Difficulties with obtaining diapers or formula

1/5 of respondents lost a loved one during this time

1/4 of respondents are making less money now than at the beginning of the pandemic

Events experiences during COVID

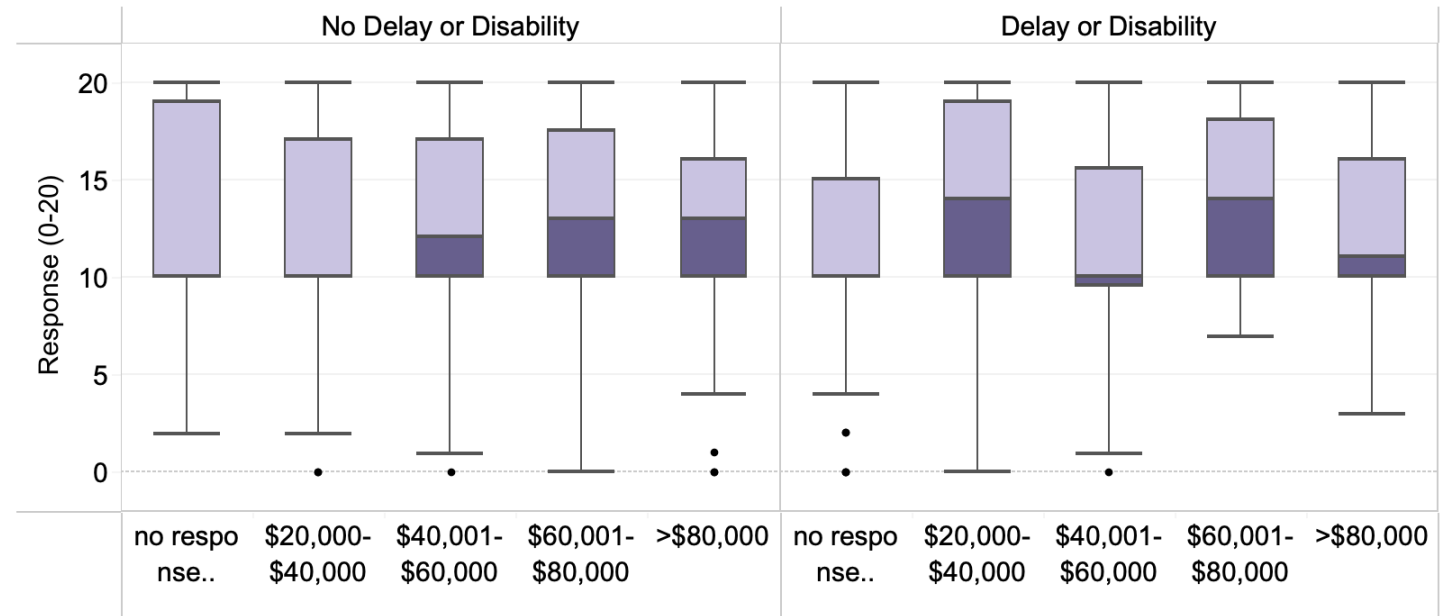


Perceived impact of COVID on child's health & behavior

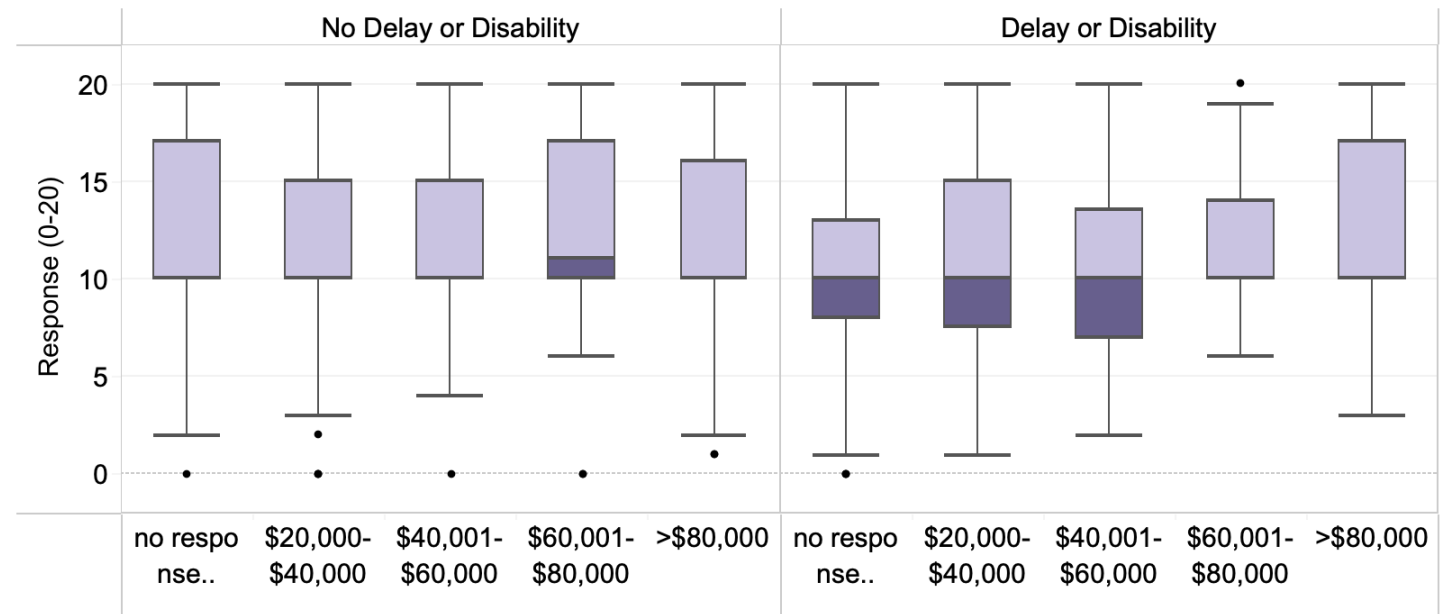
For child's general health, there are no trends in differences based on income or disability status

For child's behavior, families with a child with a developmental disability or delay were significantly more likely to endorse that their child's behavior got worse

Child's general health



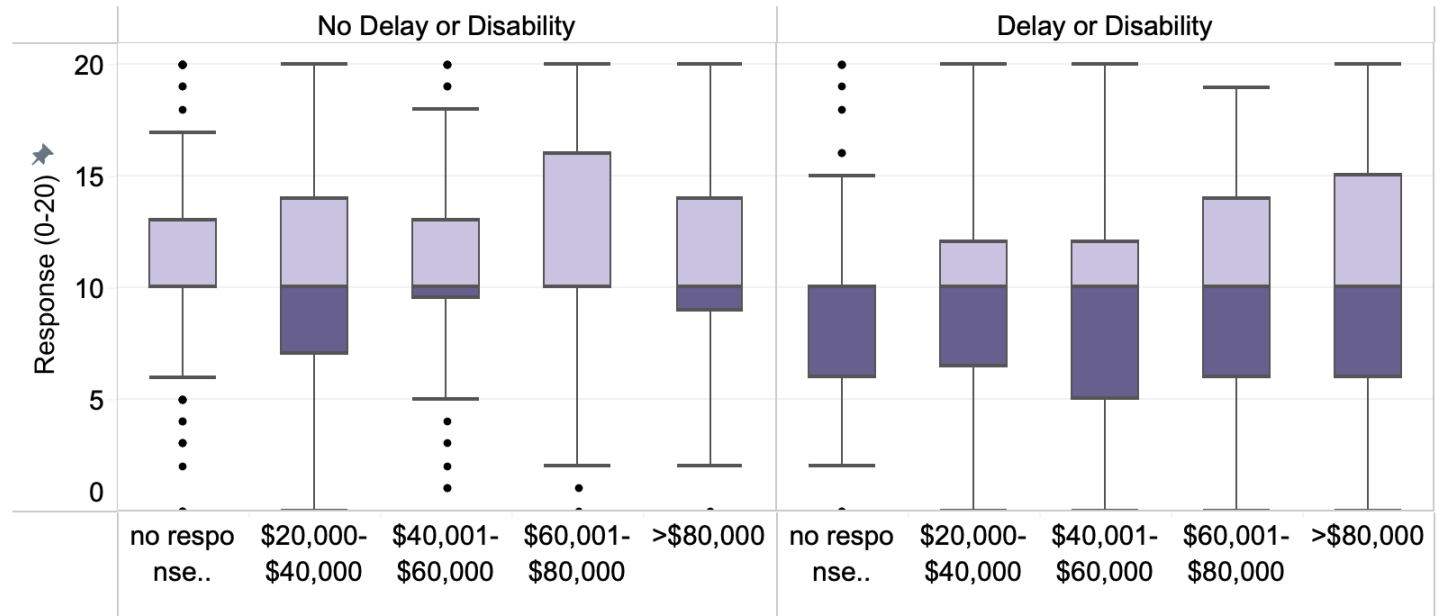
Child's behavior



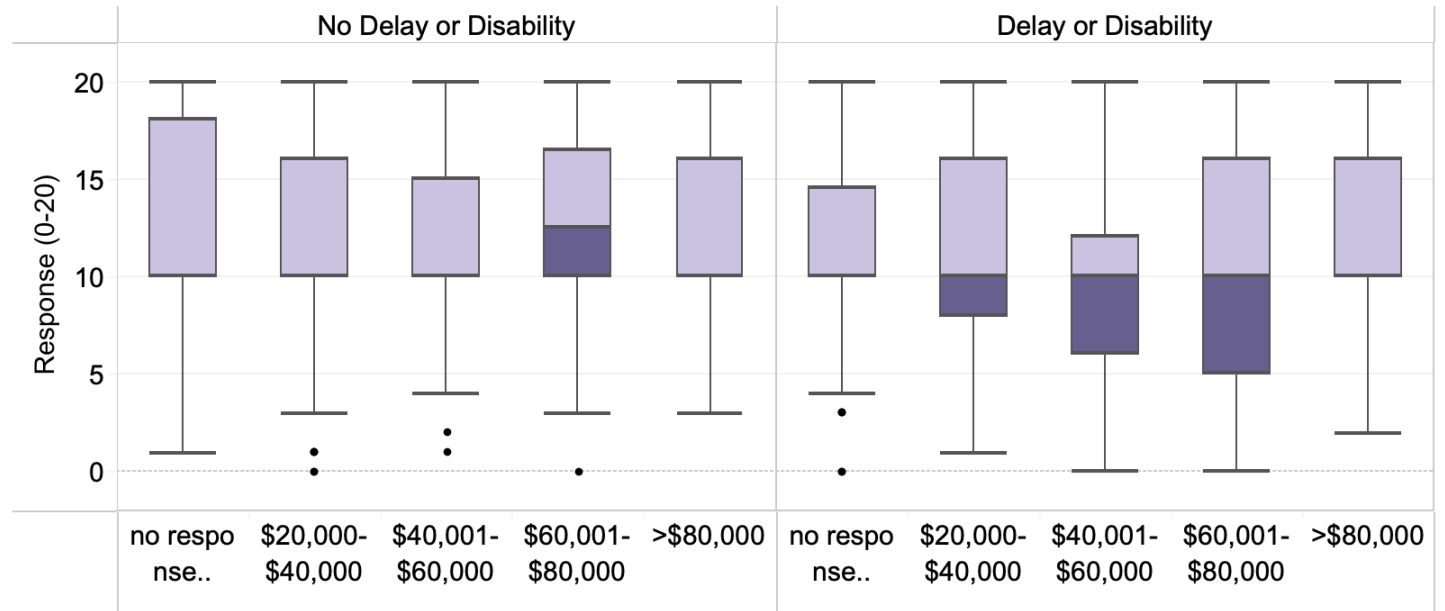
Perceived impact of COVID on child's social development and learning

Families with a child with a developmental disability or delay were significantly more likely to endorse that their child's social development and learning suffered

Overall social development of my child



Child's learning or progress in school



What does your child need to move forward from COVID?

Social/emotional catch-up

my almost 3 year old is rarely around any kids his age and it has been a struggle trying to teach him the right things such as potty training and learning to share

readjusting to life after covid has been very hard on the kids. as they didn't have social interactions and had to uproot their lives because of the shut down so they have had it hard.

She probably needs to express her feelings more. She doesn't always let her teachers know when something is wrong.

Accommodations

My child's biggest need is to have a caregiver who understands the world she was born into and how to have grace for children as they try to understand it.

Access to childcare for neurodiverse students. Our schools and childcare facilities cater to "normal" kids and do not have the training and ability to accommodate kids who have ADHD and developmental delays

Consistency

Having consistent childcare providers due to turnover. My two children are attending a preschool that pays better than most other preschools/ISDs in the area and turnover is still an issue.

Family quality of life

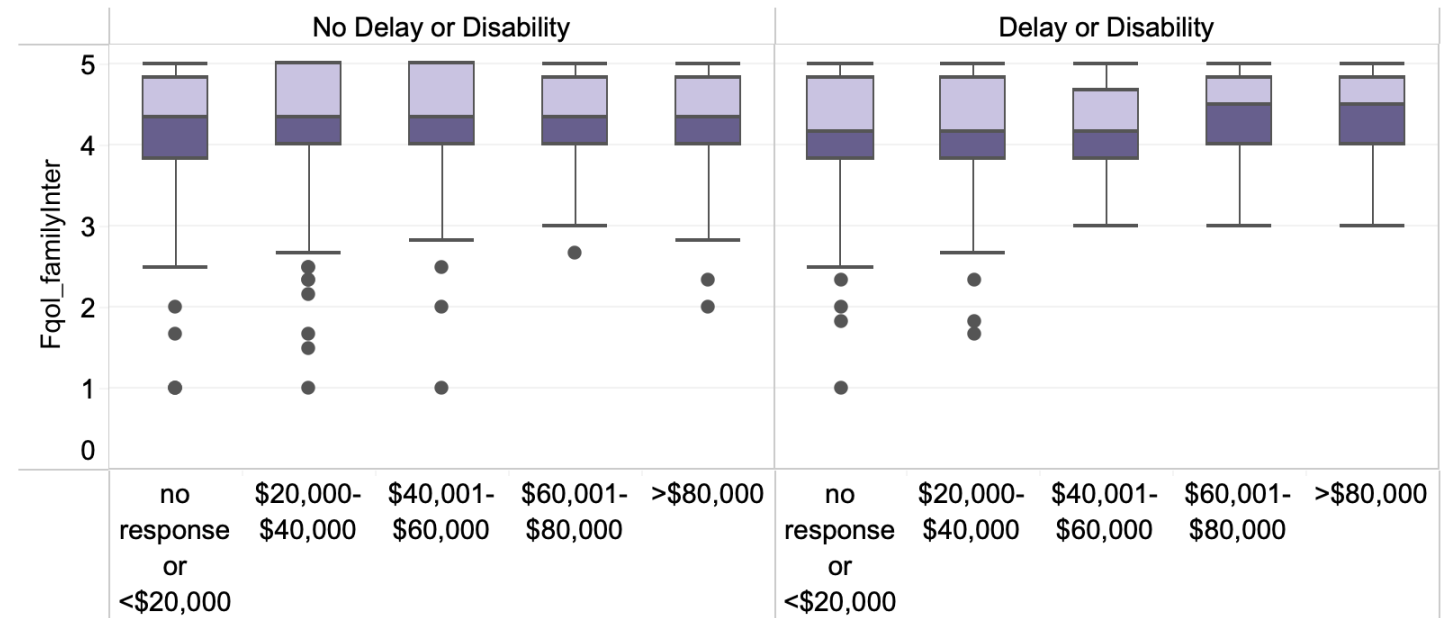
- Measure of resiliency and support within the family
 - Interactions in the family
 - External parenting support
 - Emotional well-being of the family
 - Material well-being of the family

Family Quality of Life: Family Interactions & Parenting Support

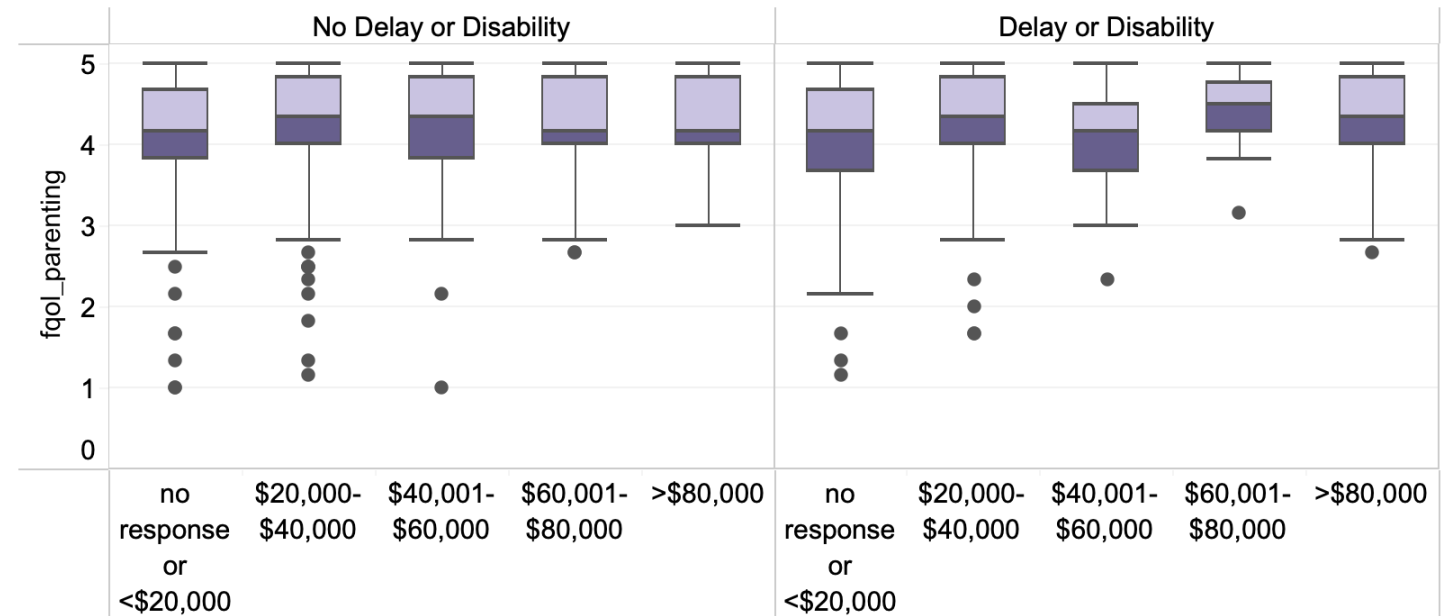
There are no significant differences in either sub-scale by income or developmental delay or disability status

However, families with lower incomes have more variation than those with higher incomes

Overall Family Quality of Life-Family Interactions by Income and Child Disability



Overall Family Quality of Life-Parenting by Income and Child Disability

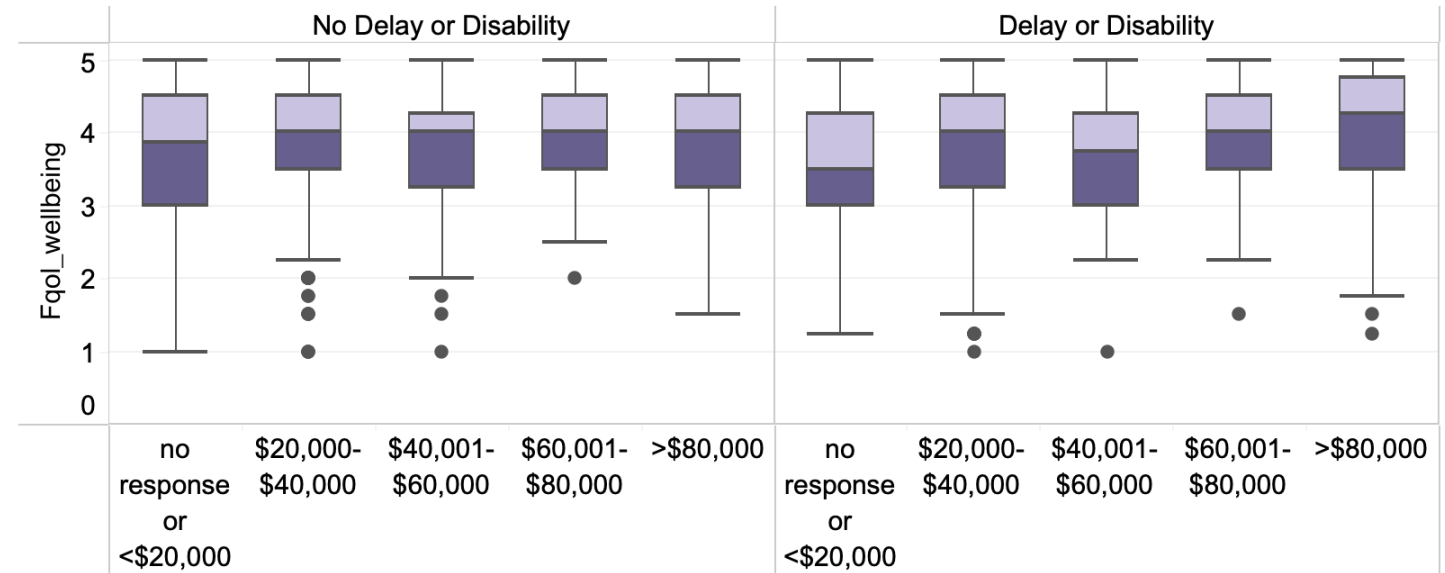


Family Quality of Life: Emotional & Material Well-being

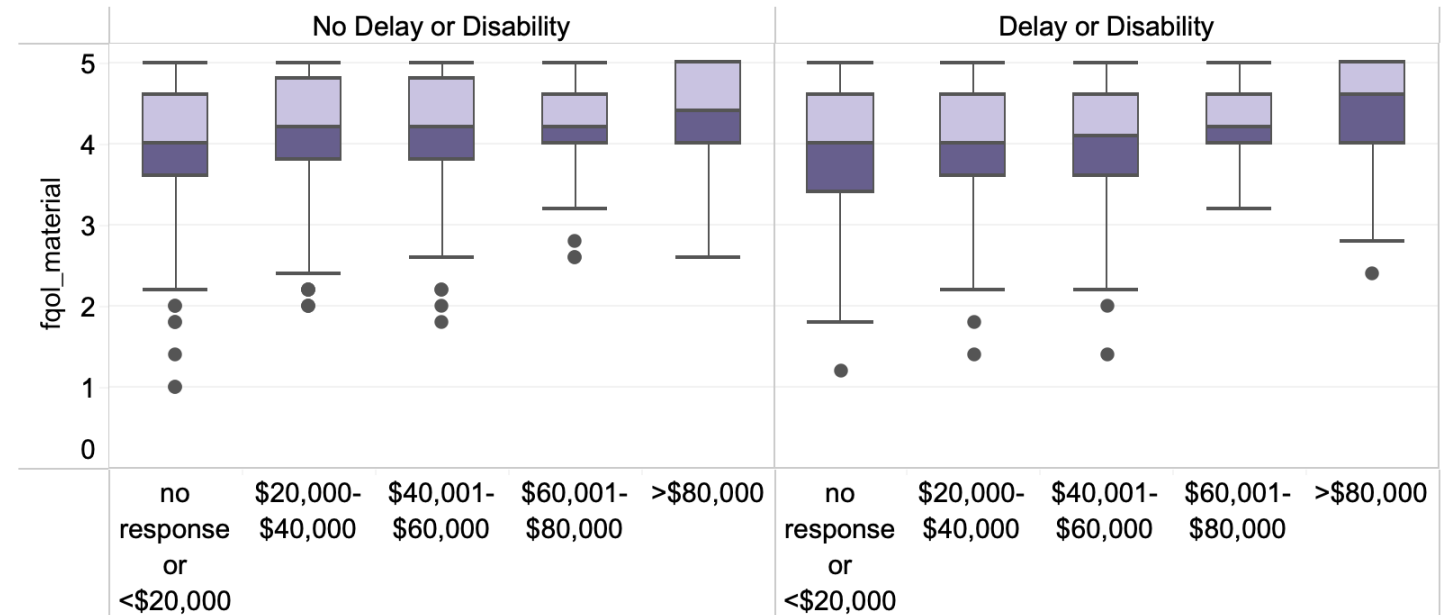
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Overall Family Quality of Life-Emotional Well-Being by Income and Child Disability



Overall Family Quality of Life-Material Well-Being by Income and Child Disability



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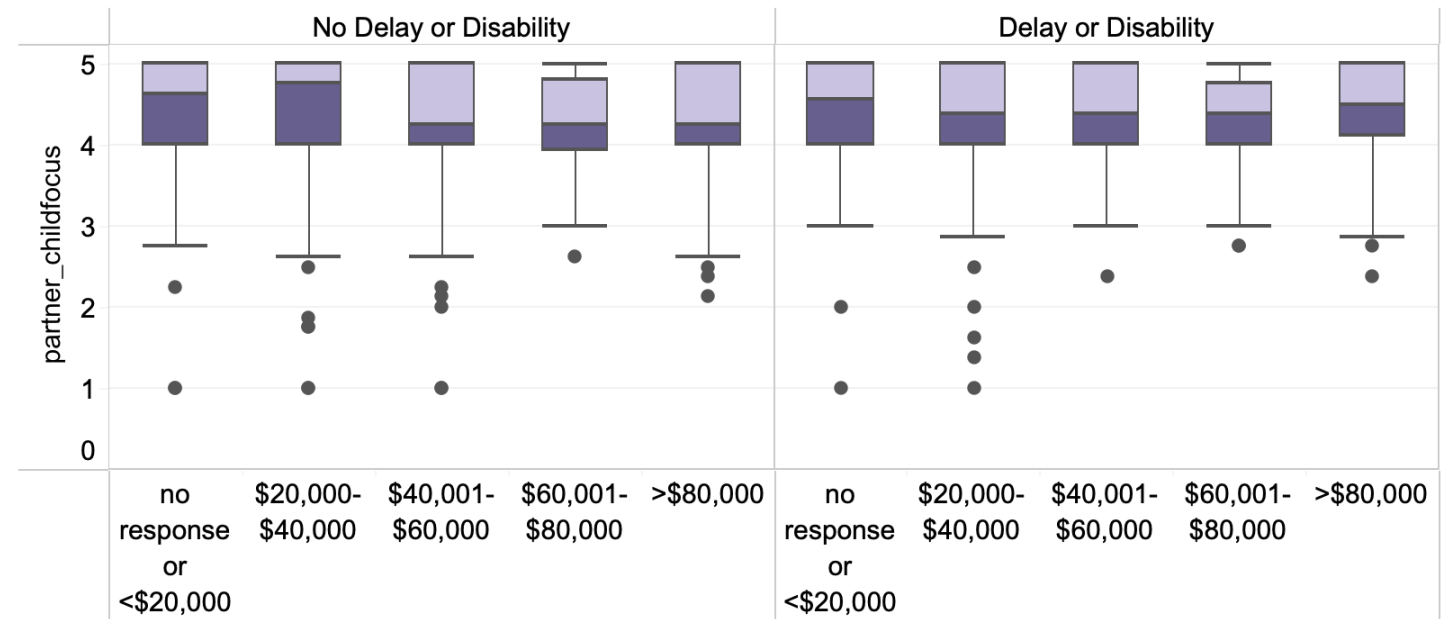
Family-Provider Partnerships

The way the parent sees the provider's interactions with the child, is the way they see the provider's interactions with them

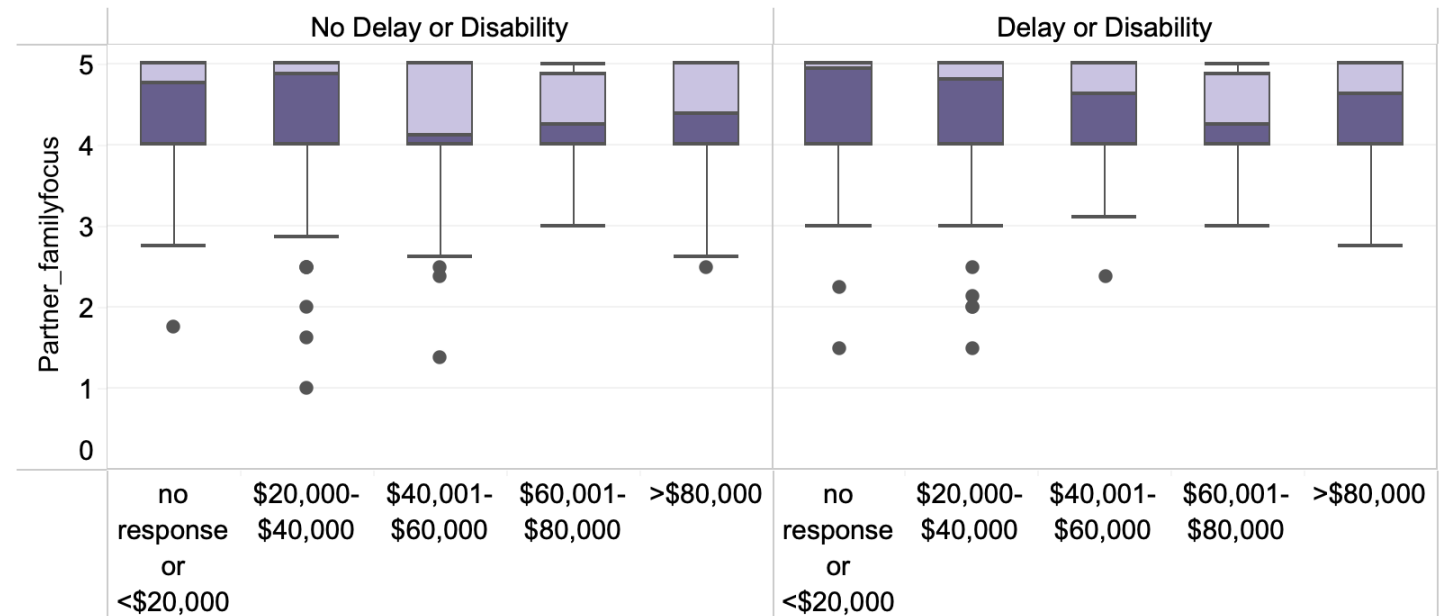
Parents are more critical of the way that providers treat their children

This same finding holds for trust in child serving providers

Overall *Family-Provider Partnership-Child Focus* by Income and Child Disability



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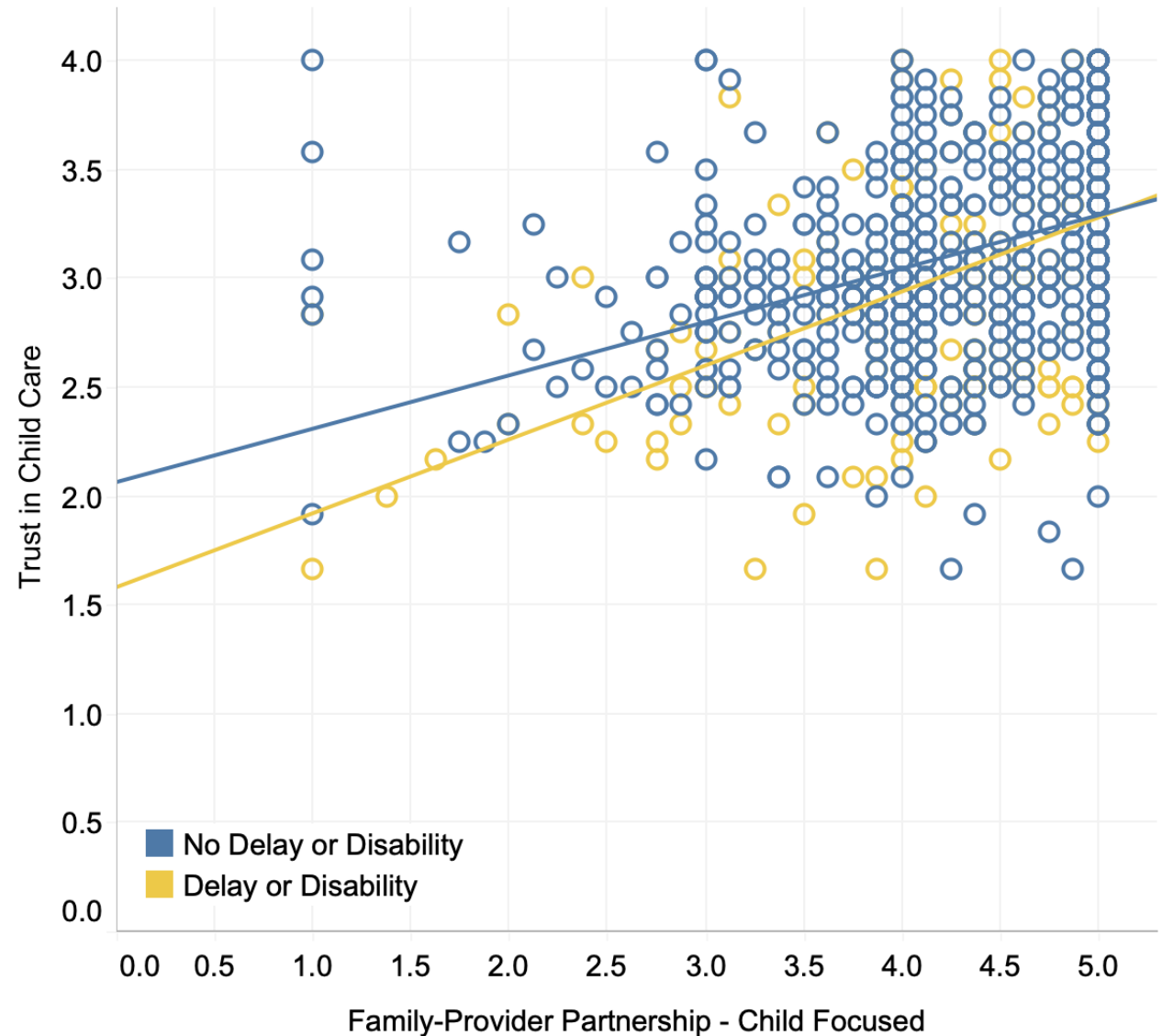
Trust and family partnerships go hand in hand

High correlation between trust and belief that provider-family partnership are child focused

Correlation is even higher when there is a child with a developmental delay or disability

Family quality of life related to external parenting support is correlated with satisfaction with child-focused partnerships.

Relationship between Trust in Child Care and Child Focus Family-Partnerships



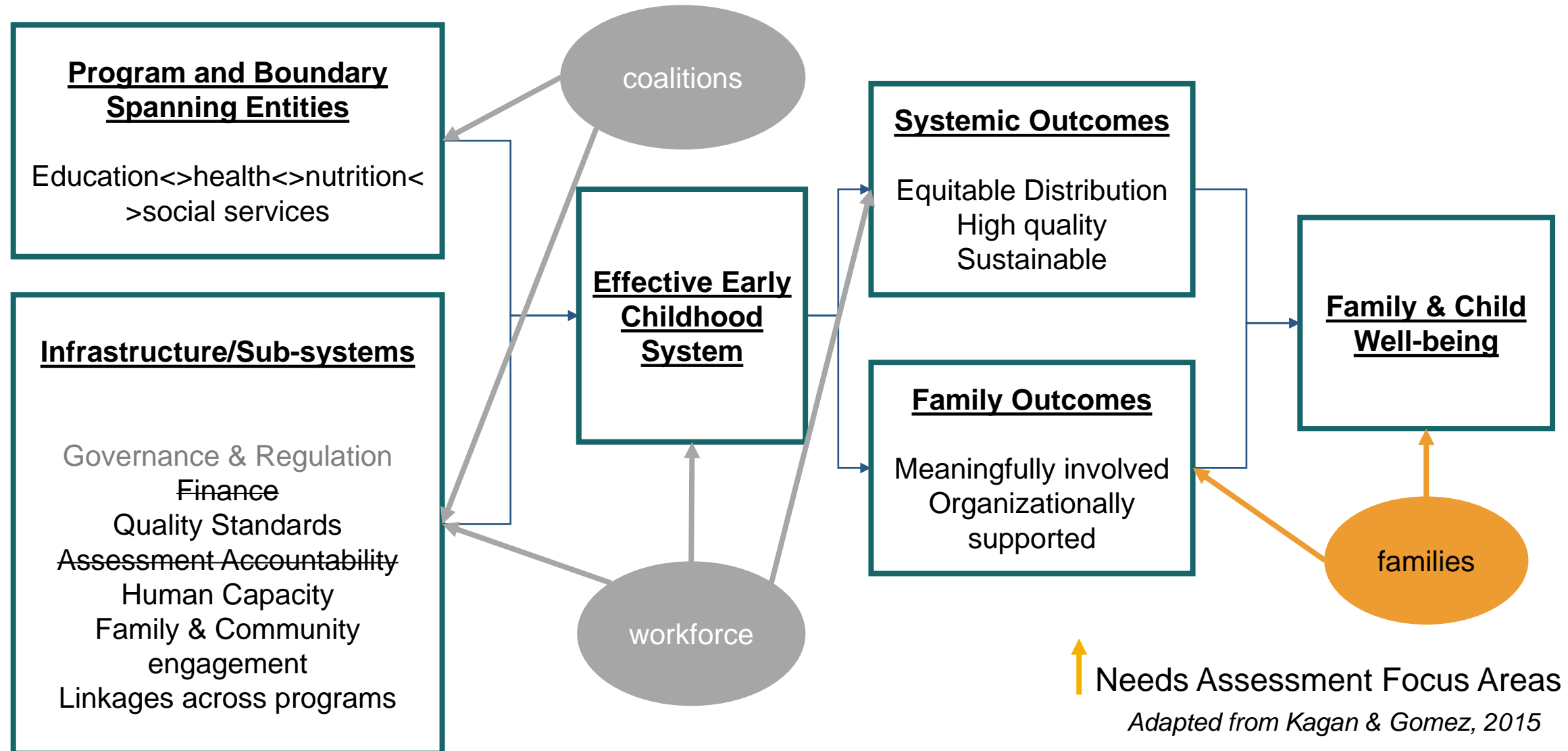
Family needs with a child with developmental delay or disability

- Extra help getting into their preferred child care arrangement
- Consistency in the *professional* early childhood workforce
- Early childhood system that is a partnership with the child
- Emotional support for the families

Family needs

- Help getting into their preferred child care arrangement
- Social and emotional development support for children (even those without diagnosed delays)
- Consistency in the professional child care workforce
- Early childhood system that is a partnership with the child
- Families that had hard experiences during COVID have the lowest Family Quality of Life now

Needs Assessment Focus



Data Needs Across Systems

State to Local Needs with Sharing Data

Sharing Data and Integrating Data Systems

State

- Questions of unique families served
- Questions of services accessed by families

Local

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**Federal,
State LBB, &
other reporting**

Local

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**Family service
improvement &
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Updates from TELC Members

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Reagan Miller, Texas Workforce Commission

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Updates from TELC Members

Events

[National Shared Services Conference](#), October 2-4 (Phoenix, AZ)

[Help Me Grow National Forum](#), October 11-13 (Ft. Worth) and October 17 (virtual)

[Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference](#), November 2-4 (Round Rock)

[Partners in Prevention Conference](#), November 14-16 (Austin)

Adjourn



Next meeting:

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8:30am – 4:30pm CT

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