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Child Care Programs for Mildly Ill Children

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In 1995 the National Association for Sick Child Daycare (NASCD) designed and implemented a survey to determine the state of sick child care in the United States. Since the previous survey, completed in 1991, the number of programs providing sick child care had doubled—from 101 to

202. Forty-three of the 202 known sick child care programs responded to the 1995 NASCD

sick child regulations were adopted in Delaware in 1986. Thirty-two states now have regulations developed or are in the process of developing them. Because 24 states do not regulate hospital-based care, many states have sick child care services regardless of current regulatory status.

The survey found that 58 percent of the programs had a daily attendance of two to five children. Sixty-nine percent could accommodate between five and 15 children per day. With the average price of sick child care being less than \$40 per day, the average daily income for these program was only \$200 (i.e., five admissions at \$40/day). This level of income does not ensure economic success, yet there continues to be a huge need for sick child care.

Sick Child Care Publications Available from NASCD

Title	Price
1995 Sick Child Care Survey	\$30.00
Get Well Care: Guidelines for Programs Serving Mildly Ill Children	\$12.00

To order either of these publications, call 804-747-5900.

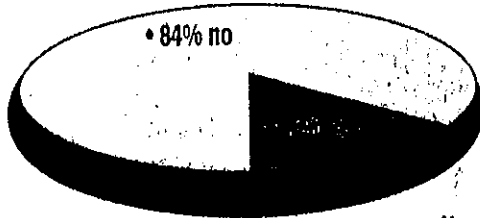
survey. Programs from 18 states representing all geographic regions responded. Forty-nine states responded with information regarding the status of sick child care regulations.

Significant regulatory progress has been made since the first

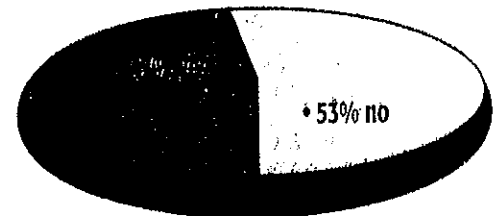
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Some findings of the NASCD survey:

Is your program for-profit?



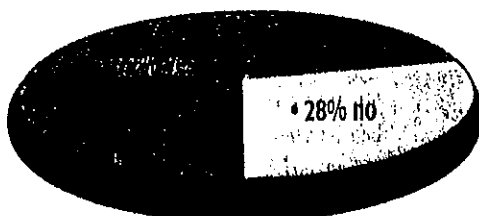
Is your program hospital-based?



Have you been in business more than six years?



Does your program receive some sort of subsidy?



Does your program have at least 50% repeat business?

