

Quality Child Care in the Tri-County Region

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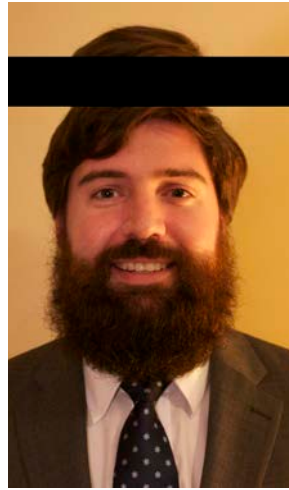
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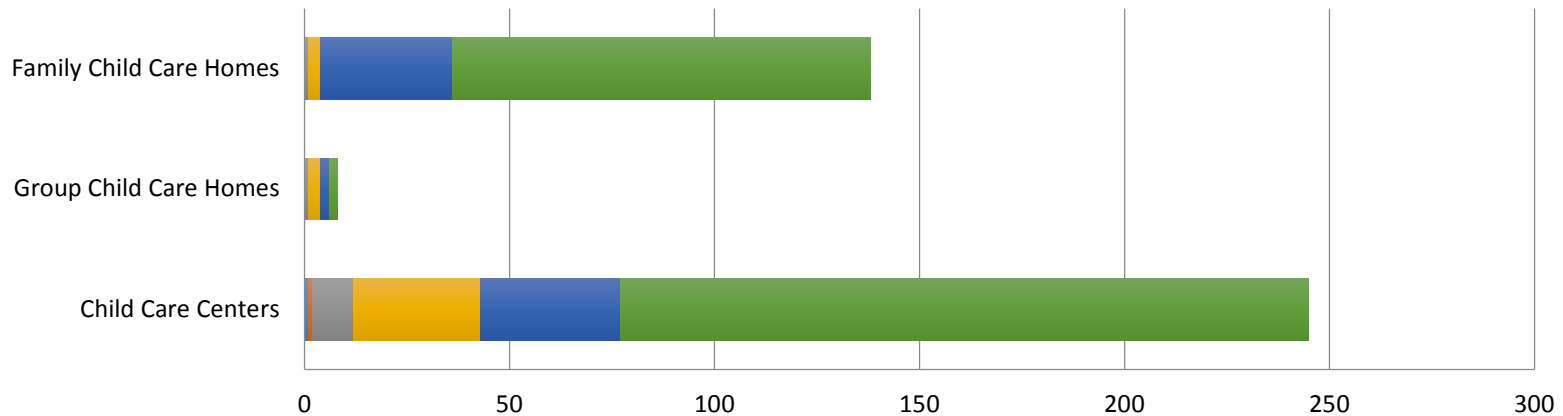
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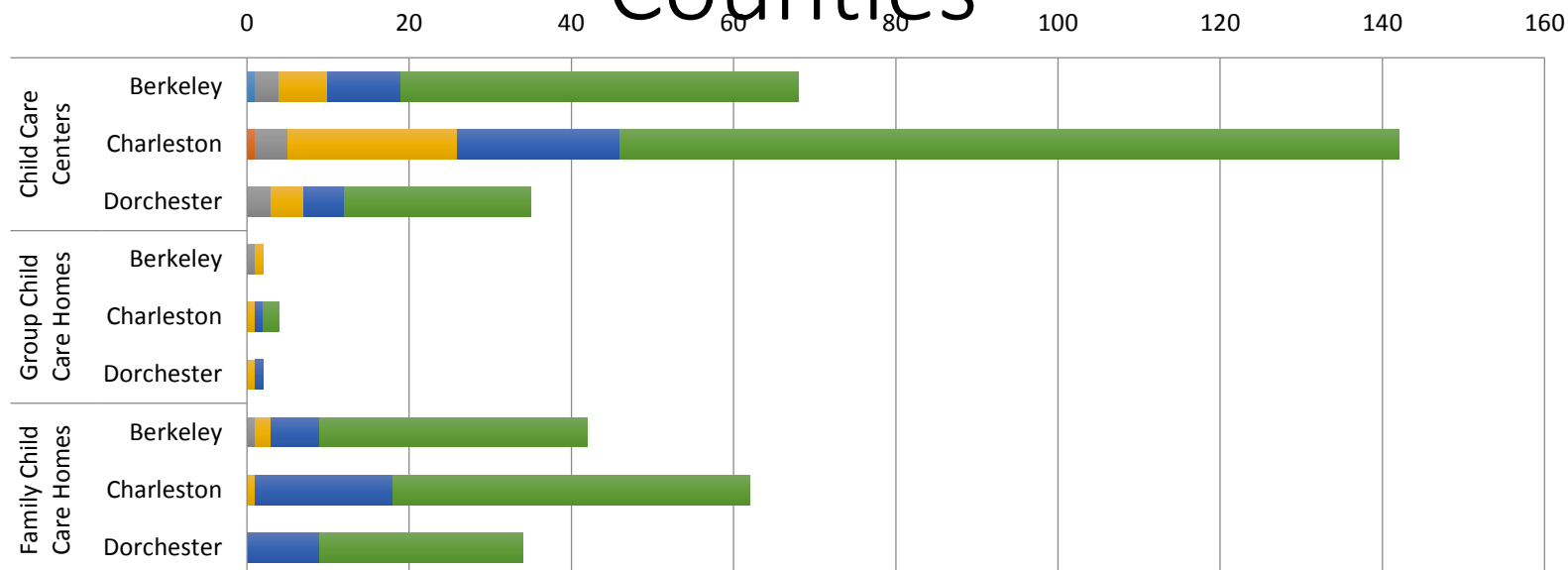
Current Child Care Infrastructure

Number of Providers by Quality and Facility type - Berkeley Charleston Dorchester



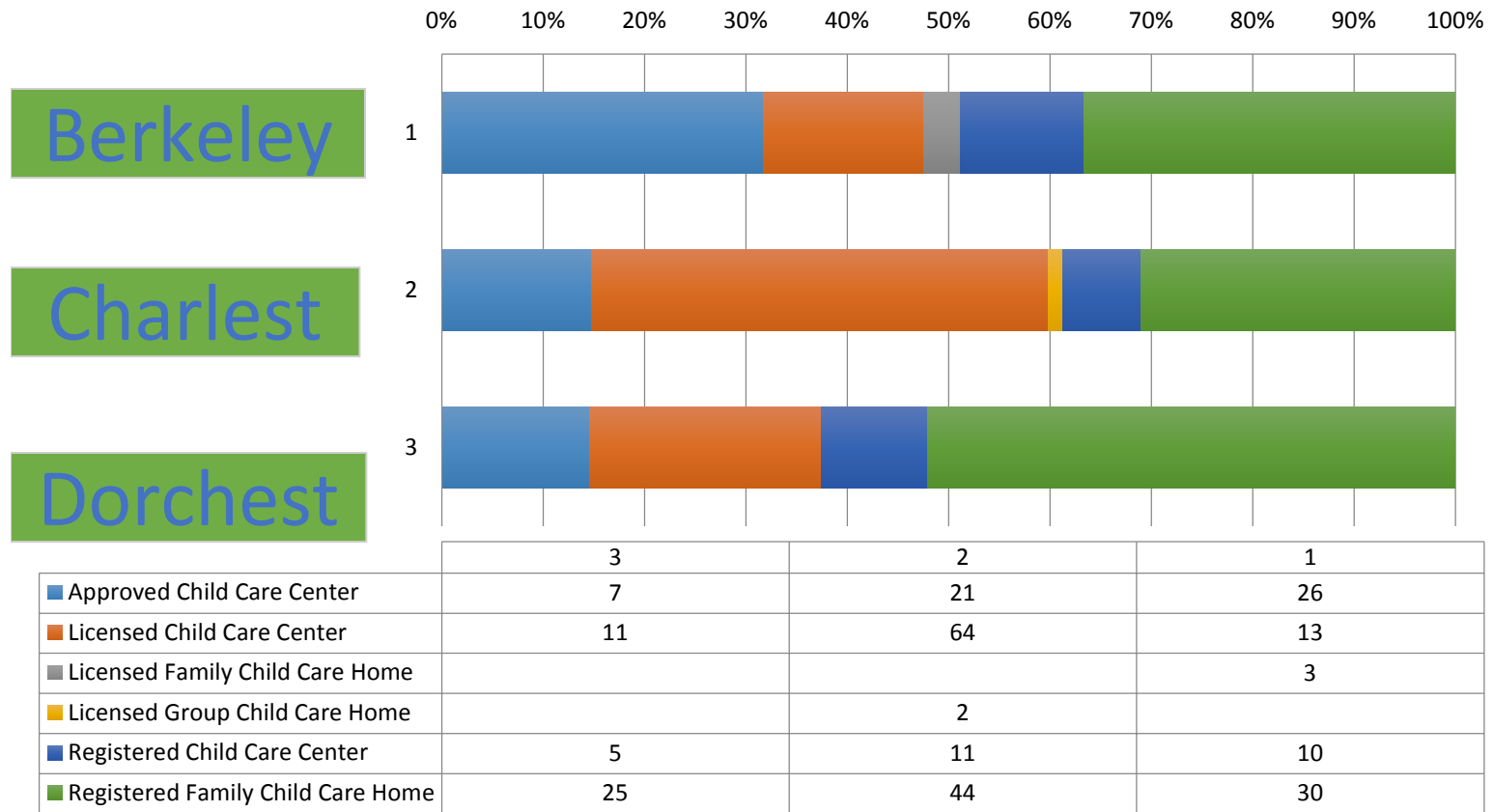
	Child Care Centers	Group Child Care Homes	Family Child Care Homes
Level A+	1	0	0
Level A	1	0	0
Level B+	10	1	1
Level B	31	3	3
Level C	34	2	32
Not in ABC Quality	168	2	102

Child care infrastructure in the Tri-County Counties



	Family Child Care Homes			Group Child Care Homes			Child Care Centers		
	Dorchester	Charleston	Berkeley	Dorchester	Charleston	Berkeley	Dorchester	Charleston	Berkeley
Level A+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Level A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Level B+	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	3
Level B	0	1	2	1	1	1	4	21	6
Level C	9	17	6	1	1	0	5	20	9
Not in ABC Quality	25	44	33	0	2	0	23	96	49

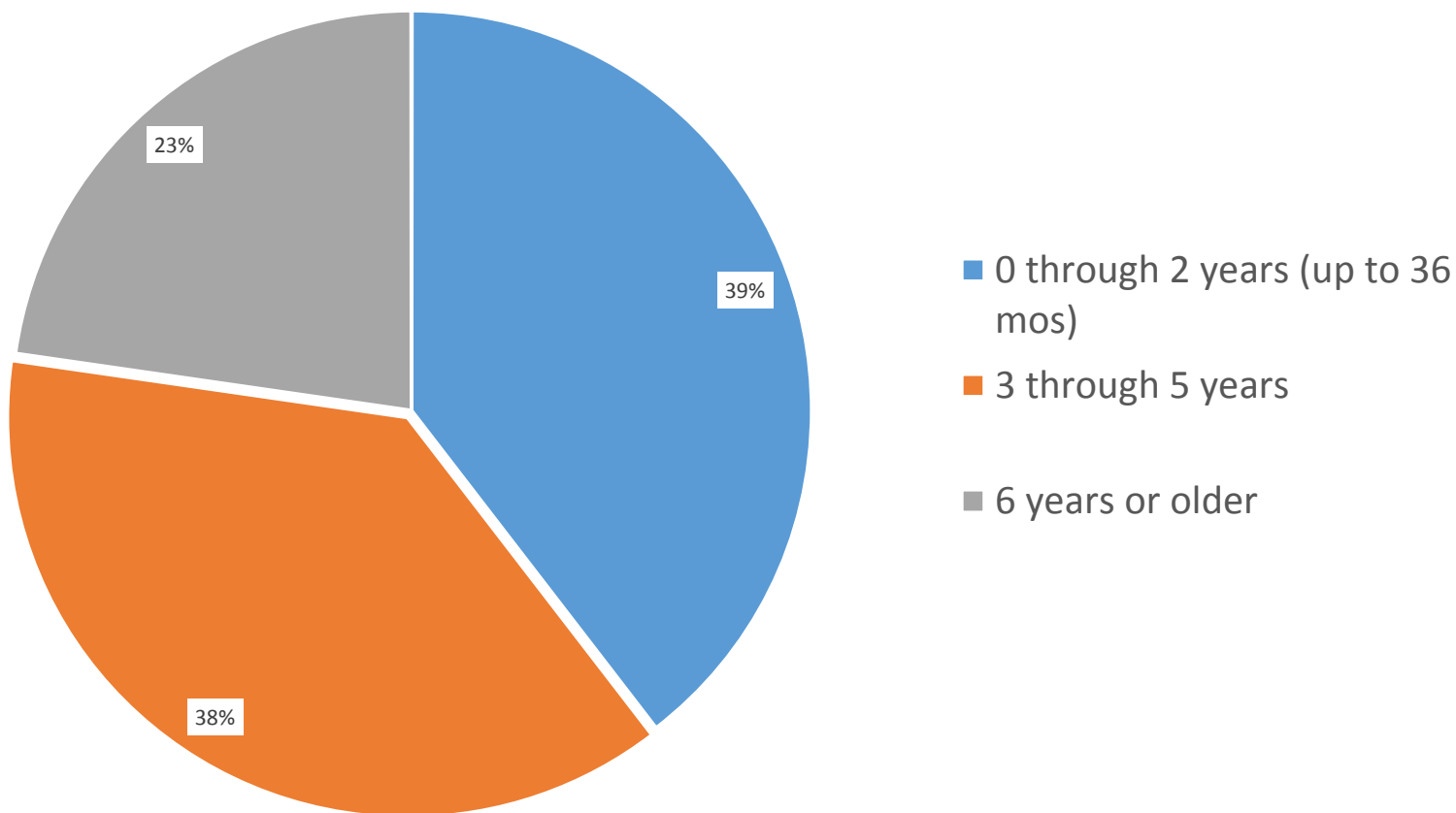
Who is not in ABC Quality?



* Registered Child Care Centers are not eligible to participate in the Quality program. However, the center can become licensed and eligible.

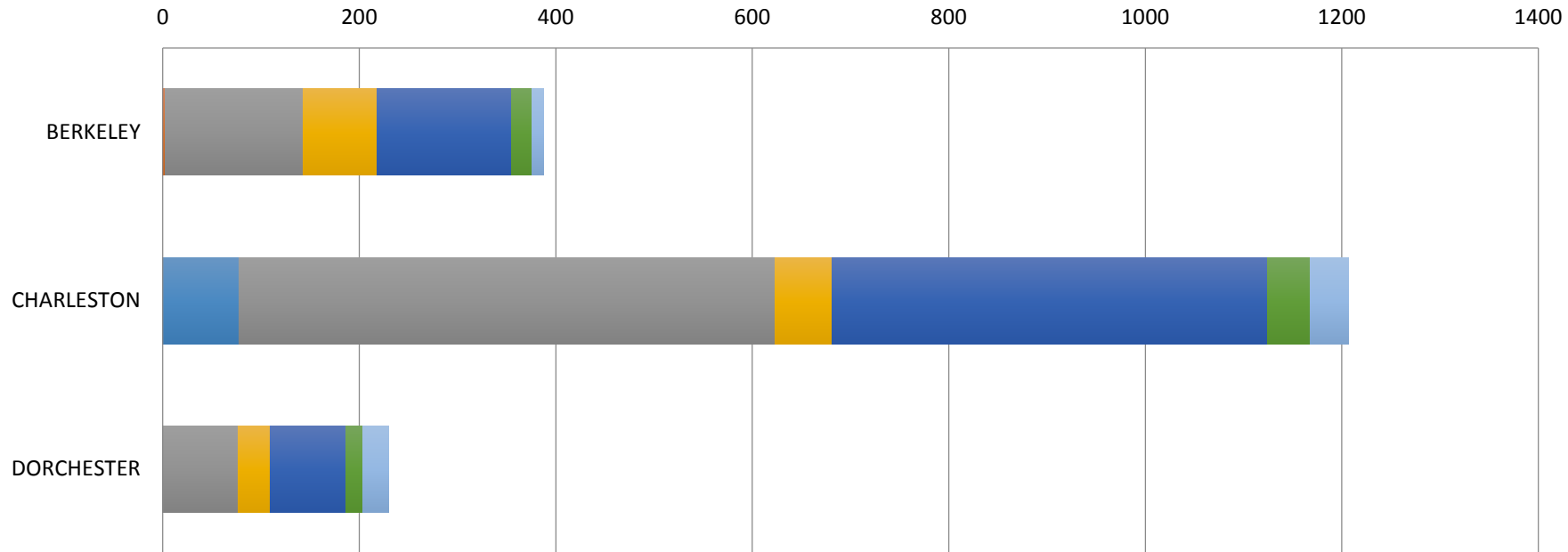
Children served during July-Sept 2015

Age of Subsidy Recipients



Children served during July-Sept 2015

CCDF Subsidy Recipients n=1835

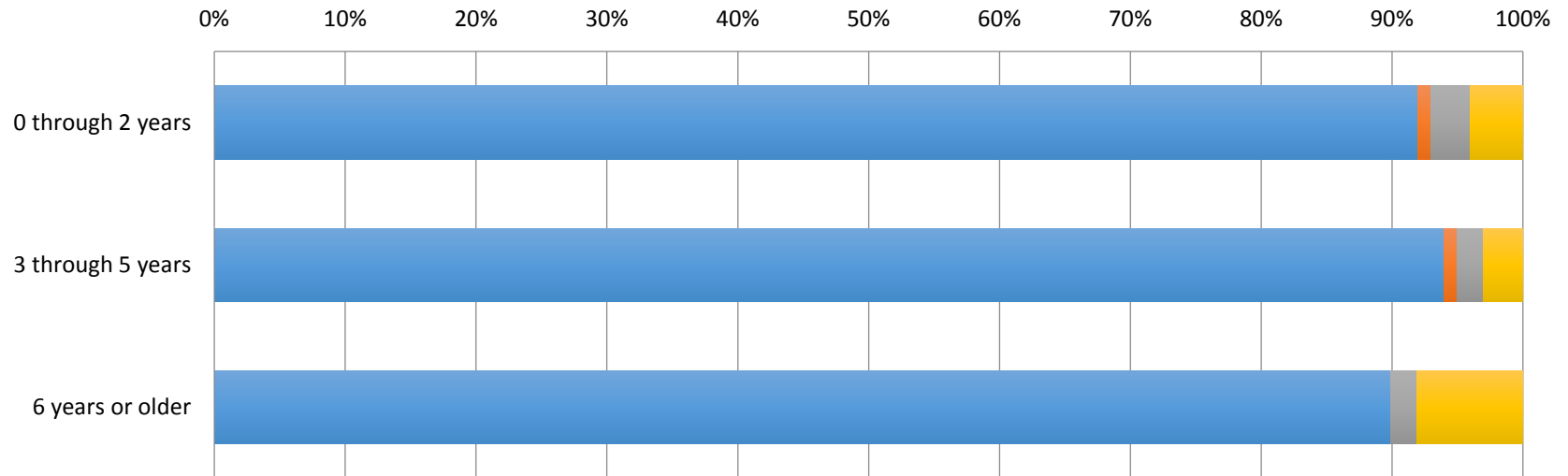


	DORCHESTER	CHARLESTON	BERKELEY
Level A		78	
Level A+			2
Level B	77	545	141
Level B+	32	58	75
Level C	77	443	137
Family Friend Neighbor	18	44	21
Exempt	26	39	12

Special needs vouchers: 4% (73)

CPS or Foster Care: 8% (146)

Most children received their child care services in child care centers



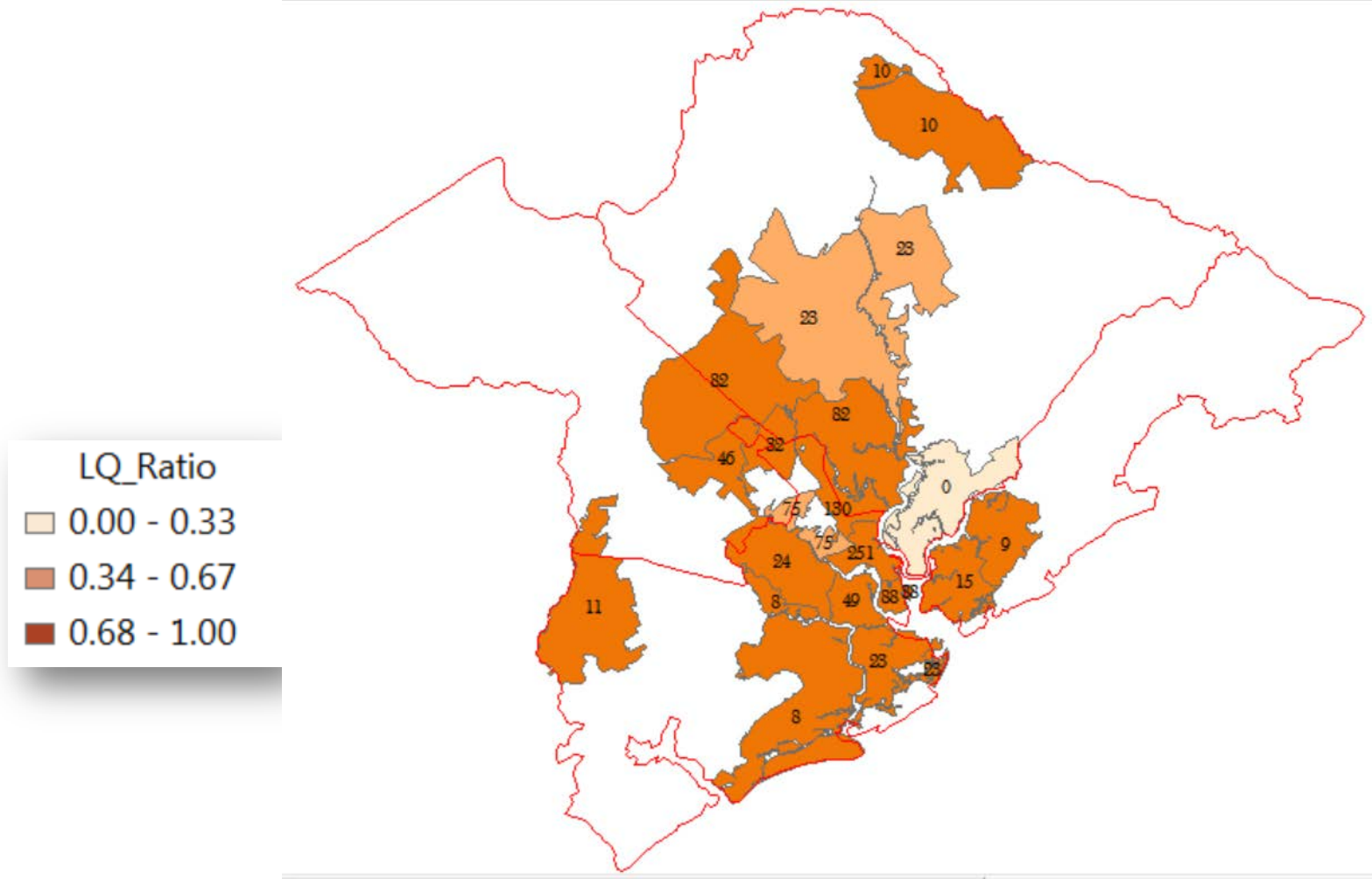
	6 years or older	3 through 5 years	0 through 2 years
Child Care Centers	89%	93%	92%
Group Child Care Homes	0%	1%	1%
Family Child Care Homes	2%	2%	3%
Family, Friend, or Neighbor care	8%	3%	4%

Overall 92% of the children received their child care in a child care center

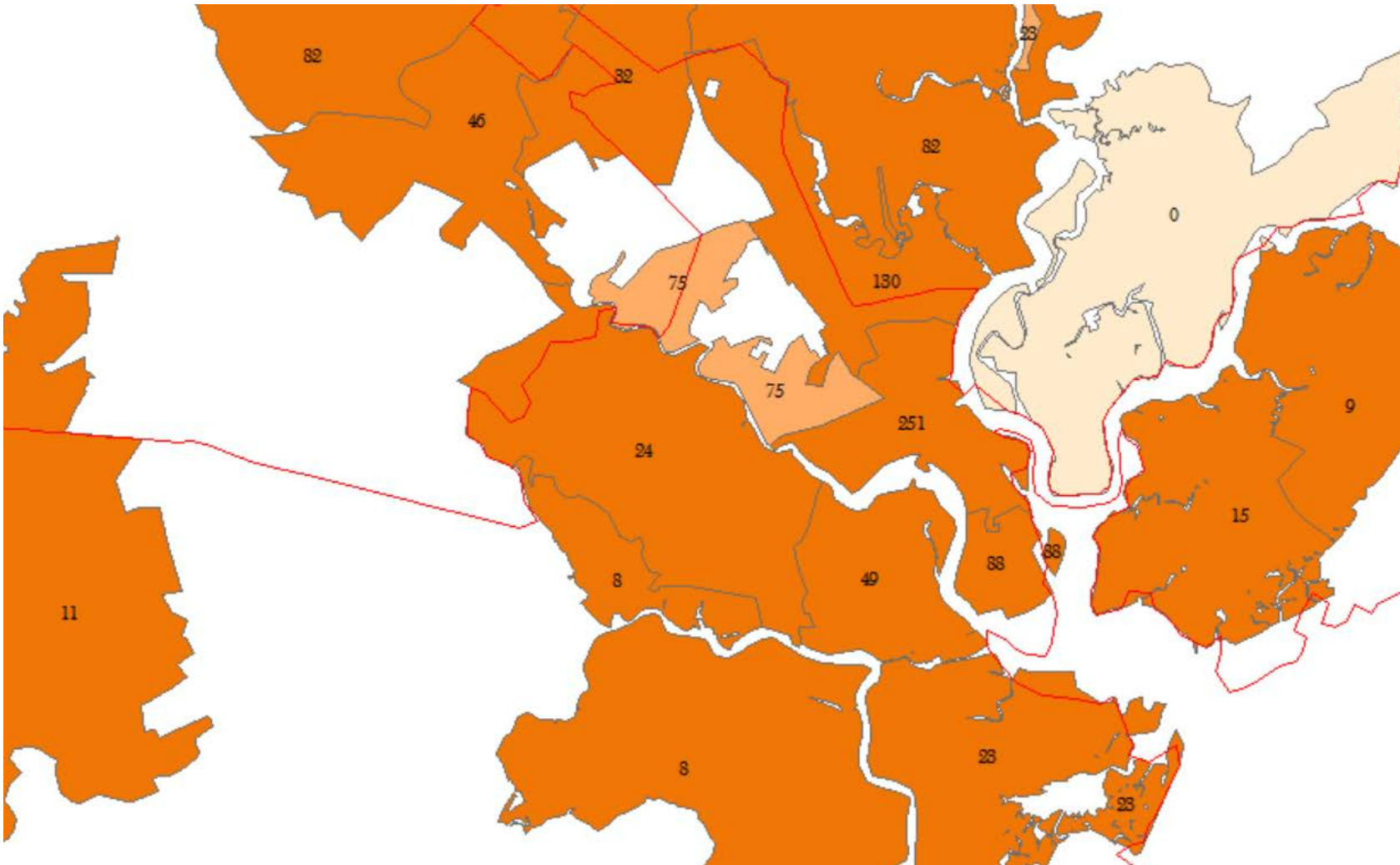
Ratios defined

LQ Ratio	Kids in low quality / Total kids	Zipcode level
HQ Ratio	Kids in high quality/ Total kids	Zipcode level
Example	20 kids / 100	= .20 (20% are in HQ or LQ)

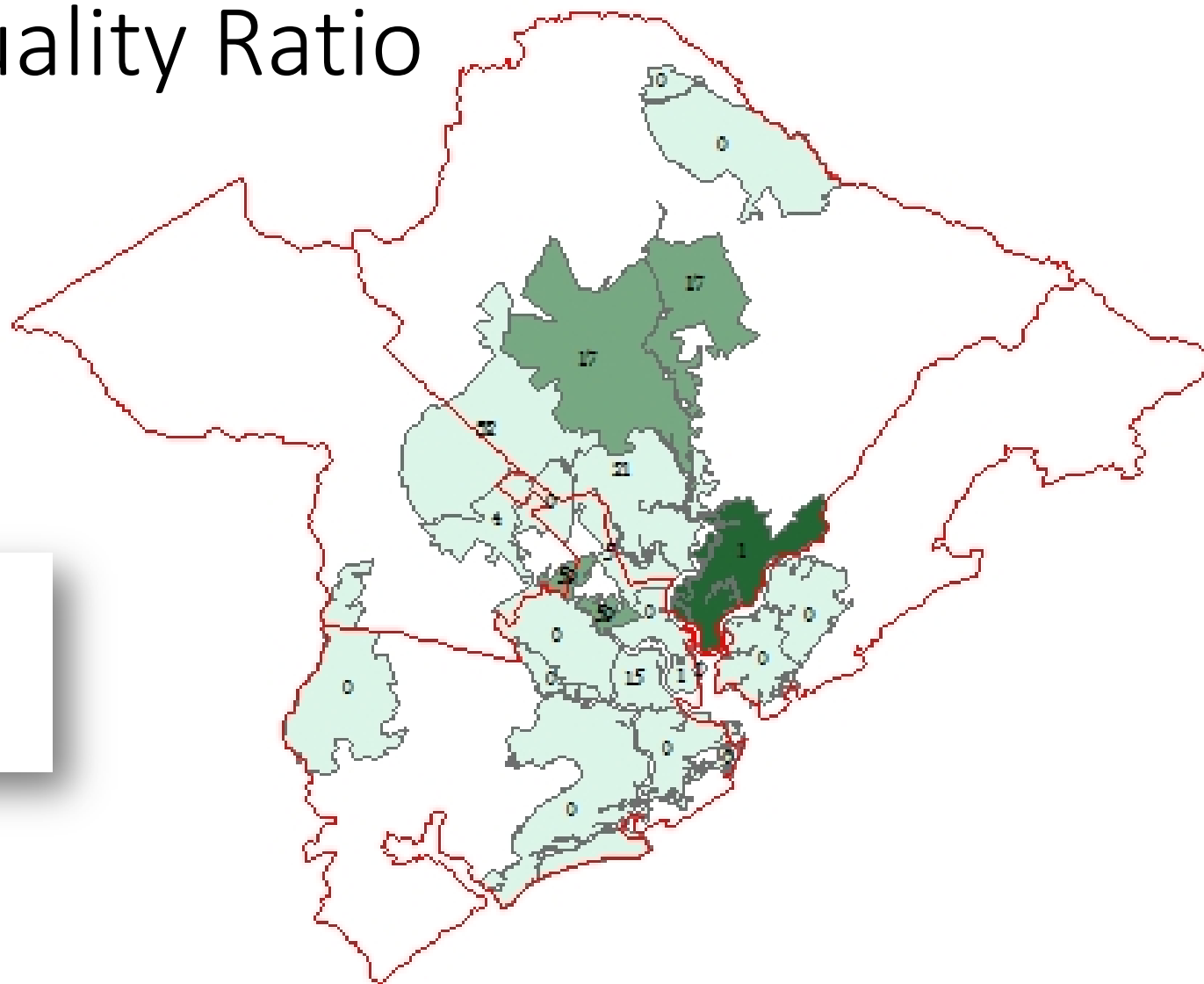
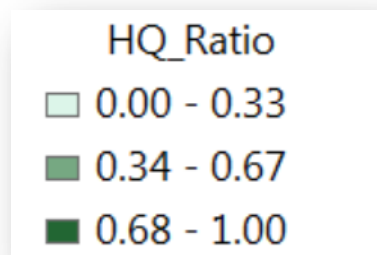
Low Quality Ratio



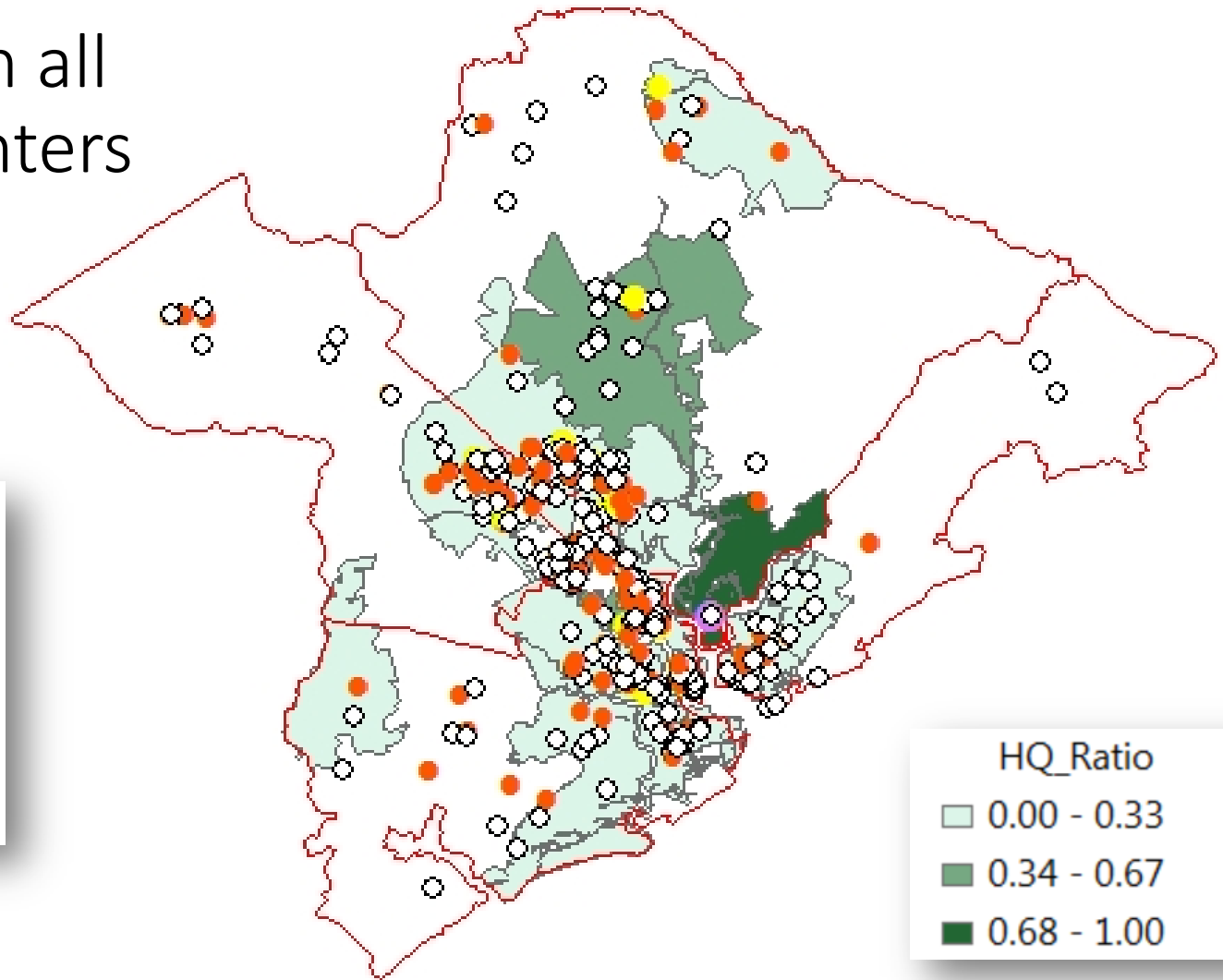
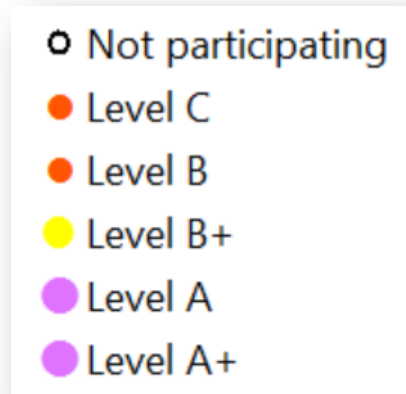
Detail of LQ Ratio



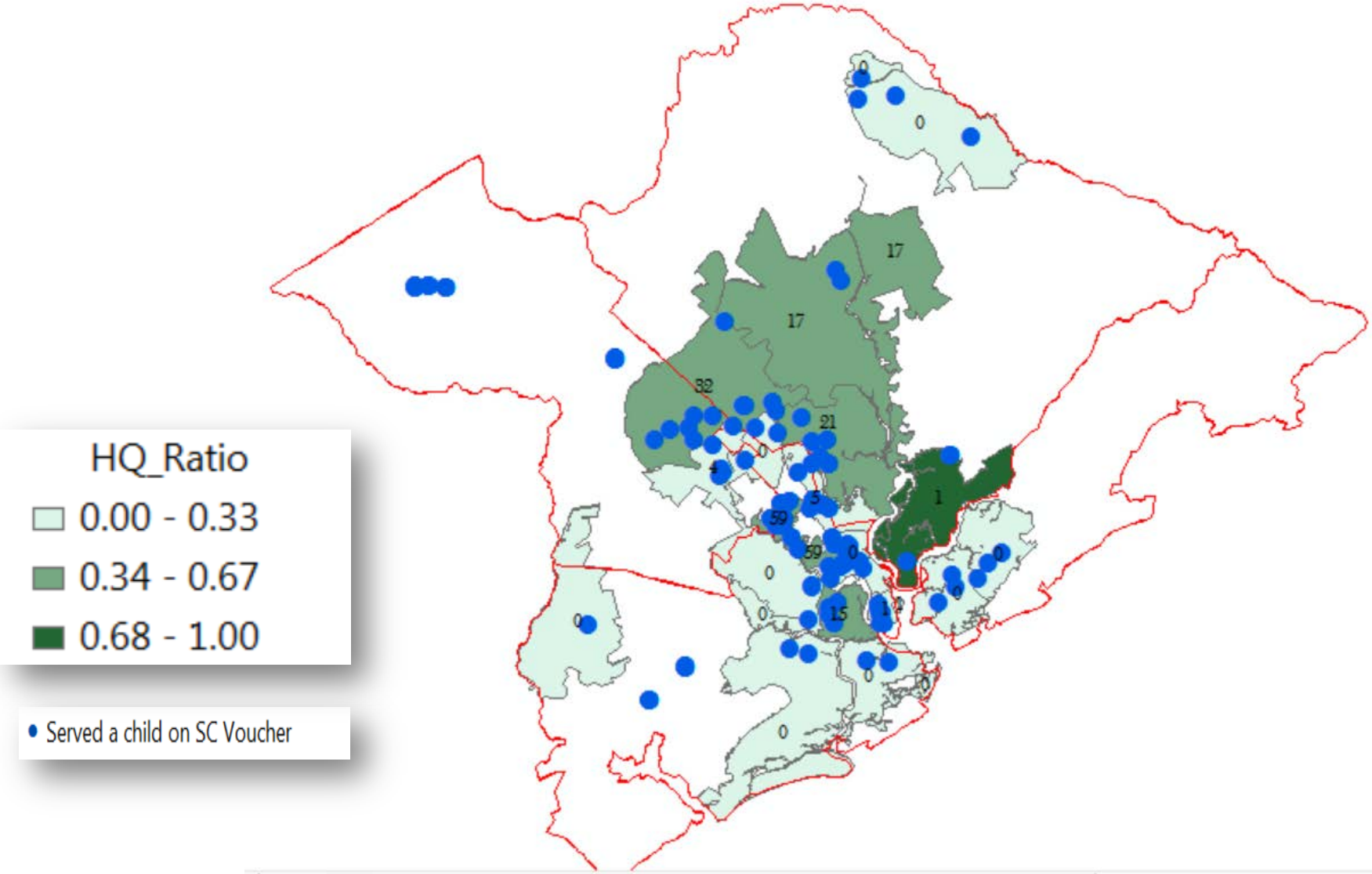
High Quality Ratio



HQ Ratio with all child care centers



HQ Ratio with Providers who served children using SC Vouchers



SC Department of Social Services Division of Early Care and Education

Informed with results of recent analyses of our administrative data, the Division has recently implemented new strategies designed to:

1. Support family access and use of HQ child care
2. Respond to CCDBG reauthorization requirements
3. Support increased supply of HQ child care



Recent Changes to SC Voucher

Support for family access and use of HQ Child care

- 75-95% market rate - increase in maximum provider rates
- \$30/week bonus for children in foster care
- 414 slots for homeless children
- 143 slots for parents involved in Family Literacy
- 5 slots per provider in underserved voucher areas
- 52 weeks of eligibility and 3 months for job search

Recent Changes to SC Voucher

Support for family access and use of HQ Child care

Benefits for families:

- Increased rates help resolve the disparity between the cost of HQ child care and the price parents are able to pay
- Dedicated slots increase supply in areas where HQ child care is sparse
- 52 weeks of eligibility and 3 moths for job search increase stability for children

CCDBG Reauthorization Changes

Health and Safety Requirements for Child Care Providers

- ✓ Training in 10 different topic areas
 - ✓ Addressed in a 26 hour pre-service training course
- ✓ Ongoing provider training
- ✓ Certification that child care providers will comply with child abuse report requirements
- ✓ Pre-licensure and annual unannounced inspections of licensed CCDF providers
- ✓ Annual inspections for licensed-exempt CCDF providers
- ✓ Qualifications and training for licensing inspectors
- ✓ Appropriate inspector-to-provider ratios
- ✓ Standard regarding group size limits and appropriate child-to-provider ratios based on age of children in care
- Expanding criminal background checks for all child care staff members

Other CCDBG Reauthorization Changes

Transparent Consumer and Provider Education Information

- ✓ Make available by electronic means provider specific information showing results of monitoring and inspection reports as well as number of deaths, serious injuries, and instances of substantiated child abuse
- ✓ Provide a child care website describing processes of licensing and monitoring child care providers
- Federal national website to disseminate consumer education information as well as a national hotline for reporting child abuse and neglect



Other CCDBG Reauthorization Changes

Activities to Improve the Quality of Child Care

- ✓ Minimum quality set-aside increases to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers
- ✓ Spend quality funds on at least 1 of 10 specified quality activities
- ✓ Establish professional development and training requirements
- ✓ Implement Early Learning and Development Guidelines
- ✓ Provisions on social-emotional health of children

Grants to ABC Quality Providers

- **Purpose:** improve, support and promote quality care for all children in ABC Quality programs
- Provides additional support and incentive to participate in ABC Quality and to serve families receiving vouchers
- Three categories:
 - Flood Recovery & Support
 - Quality Improvement
 - Health & Safety
- 992 eligible providers who served 9,864 children on SC Voucher for FY 2015
- Funding from March 31 – August 15, 2016

