

Child Care: Essential to Michigan's Economic Recovery

ECIC envisions a Michigan where all young children and their families thrive for every race, ethnicity, income and zip code. To reach this goal, we cannot ignore that our world has been upended with the impact of COVID-19 and the resulting economic crisis, which has had disparate impacts. Michigan's workforce and the economy depend on the success of sustaining and improving the child care system in ways that help those with the highest needs.

75%

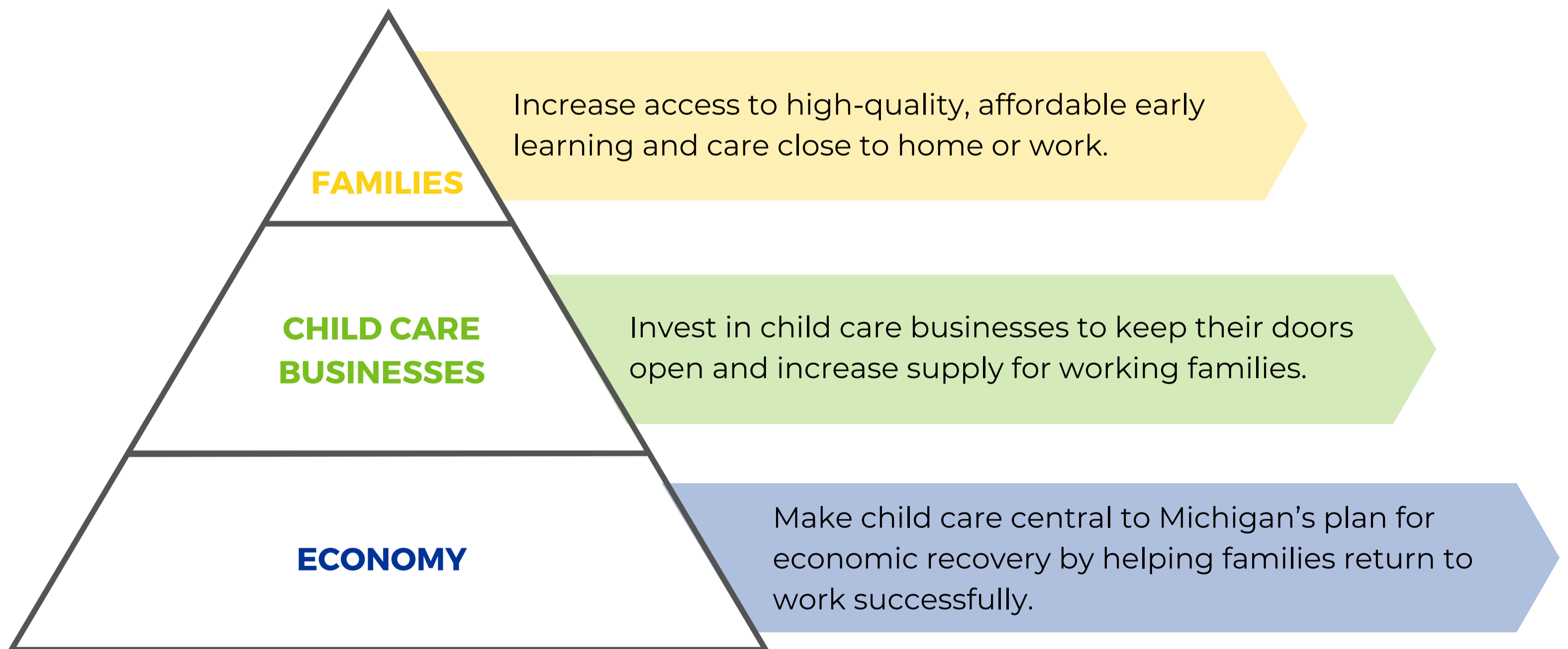
of working parents currently have children with them at home¹

2 in 5

child care providers expect to close permanently without additional support²

47%

of families using child care are more concerned about costs now than before the pandemic³



The Child Care Crisis has Ripple Effects on the Economy, Health and Education Sectors

ECIC and our partners also champion these related priorities for young children and families:



Improve the health & well-being of families and babies



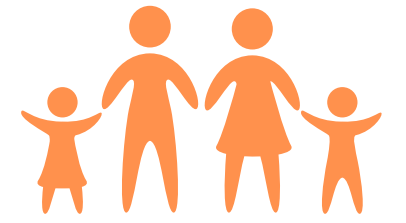
Expand funding for home visiting



Increase funding for Early On



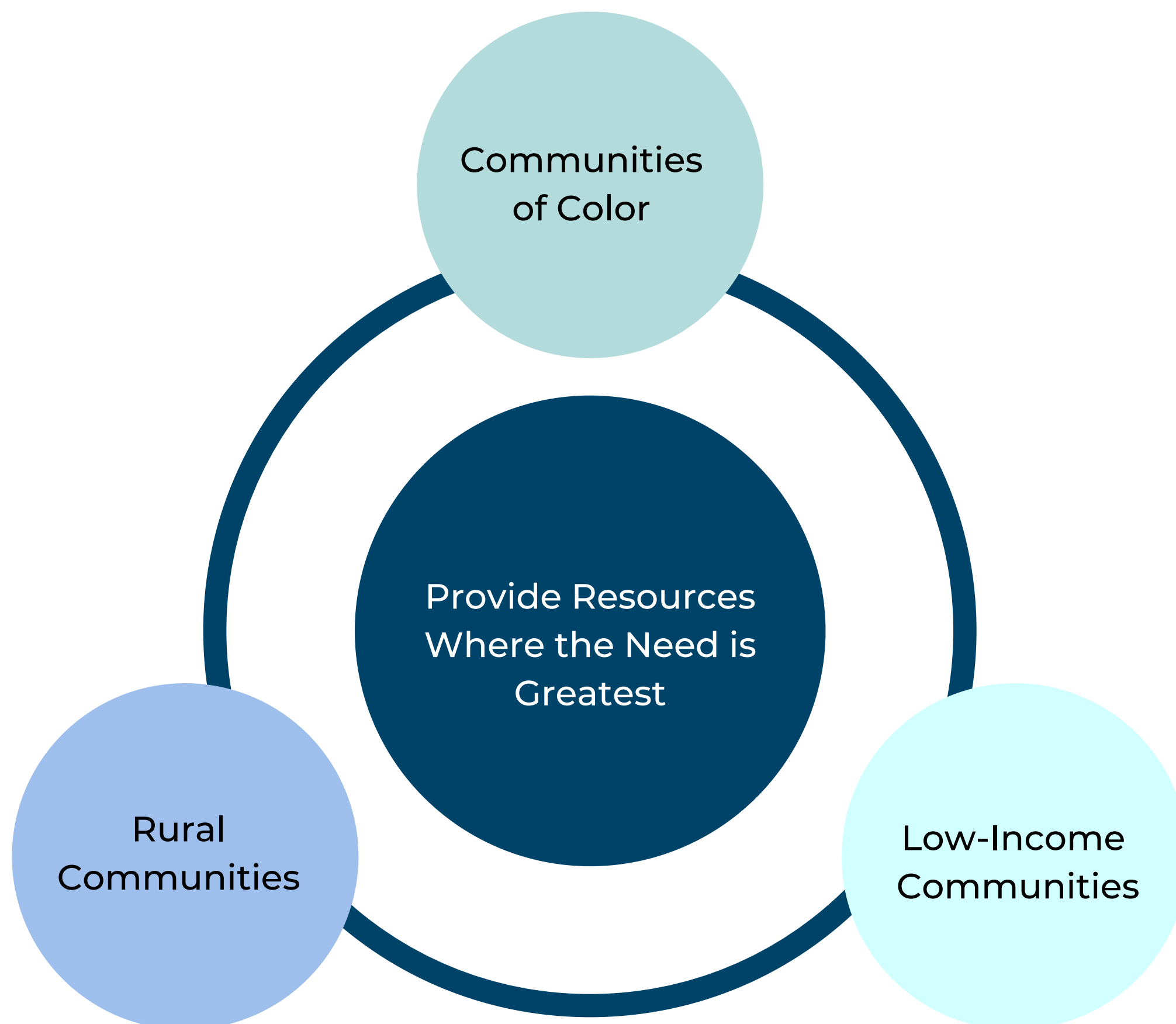
Improve affordable/safe housing



Strengthen economic security for families

Centering Equity

Access to and availability of high-quality child care has historically—and even more so now—been a challenge for communities of color, low income and rural communities. Equitable allocation of funding is needed to provide resources where the need is highest based on data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, income and community.



¹ U.S. Chamber of Commerce, August 2020

² National Association for the Education of Young Children, July 13, 2020

³ Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, September 29, 2020