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**Pro Action Releases Child Care Survey Results**

**Bath, NY** – Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc., through its Child Care Aware and Kids On Track Steuben programs, recently conducted a survey on child care needs associated with school re-opening plans. The survey was distributed through local employers and generated 352 responses. The full summary of results is attached.

Key insights from the survey include the following:

- Among children who were the subject of responses, 78% are returning to the school year using a hybrid learning model with 2 days in a school building, and 3 days in remote learning. An additional 17% are returning to a hybrid model with 4 days in-person and one day in remote learning.
- Among parents responding, 53% have a plan for child care / virtual learning support for their children for September, and 47% requested additional information.
- Parents requesting additional information could select as many topics of interest as desired. The most frequently selected topic was, “Child care on days when children are not at the district but have to participate virtually.” The next most frequently selected topic was “Flexibility in my work schedule so that I can supervise my children’s virtual learning.” The chart in the attached summary shows the additional topics selected.

Pro Action CEO Laura Rossman commented, “This survey confirms what we knew intuitively: that families are facing a great deal of uncertainty and lacking solutions for child care this school year. Pro Action is here to help.”

Survey respondents had the option to request information or to be contacted by Child Care Aware® regarding their child care needs. Our child care referral specialists are beginning outreach to these participants.

In addition, our Child Care Aware and Kids On Track Steuben teams are working diligently to address this urgent need in our community. As always, CCAoSS is available to inform families about available child care. In addition, these Pro Action teams are working with child care and youth program providers to expand capacity to help meet the demand. Strategies to support this effort include identifying donated spaces for virtual learning, recruiting volunteers to assist with supervision, and calling upon the community to collect items that will be needed to support student learning at virtual learning sites.

Rossman continued, “This is a situation that calls for our whole community to rally around this need. We need everyone’s help. Together, we can get through this. To get involved, visit <http://proactioninc.org/community-and-partnership/#school-reopening> .”

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