

COVID-19 Child Life Staffing and Programming Changes

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Survey Participants



5580

Number of Certified Child Life Specialists that were sent the survey



1823

Number survey responses (complete & partial responses)



1411

Responses from CCLSs in the USA



76

Responses from CCLSs in Canada



23

Responses from CCLSs in other countries

Why survey individual CCLSs rather than programs?

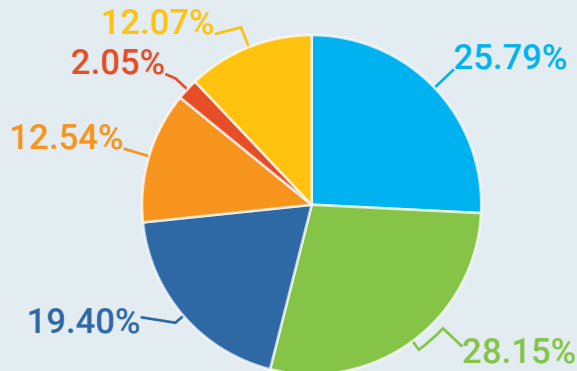
Staffing and programming changes are impacting child life specialists differently, even within the same program. In order to try to assess the full impact on the child life workforce, this survey was targeted at individual child life specialists with some additional questions reserved for child life program leaders.

How can I use this data?

ACLP is providing this data as a resource to members and a snapshot of what is happening in the child life field at this point in time. This data should *not* be interpreted as recommendations of what child life programs should be doing to navigate COVID-19.

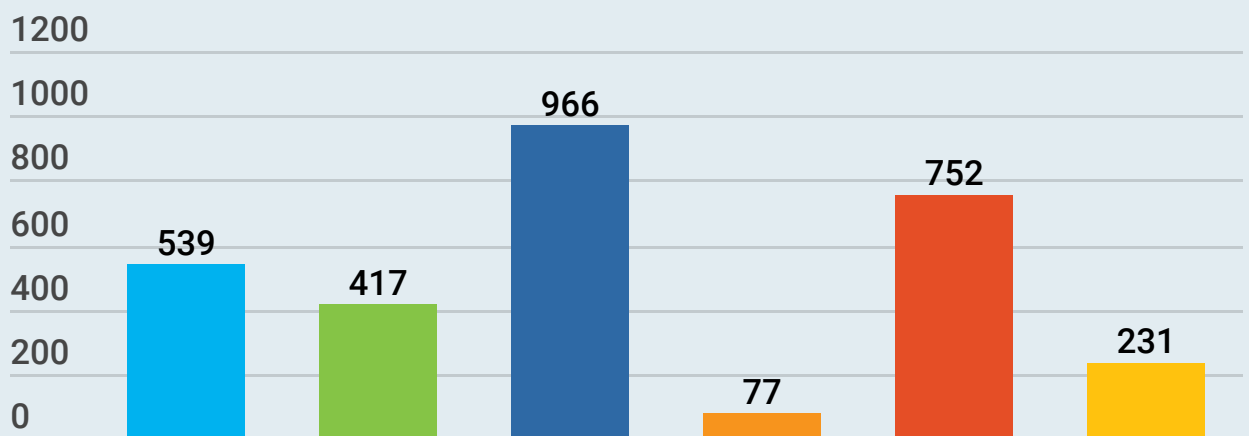
USA

Current Job Status (percentage of CCLS respondents)



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- Furloughed
- Other

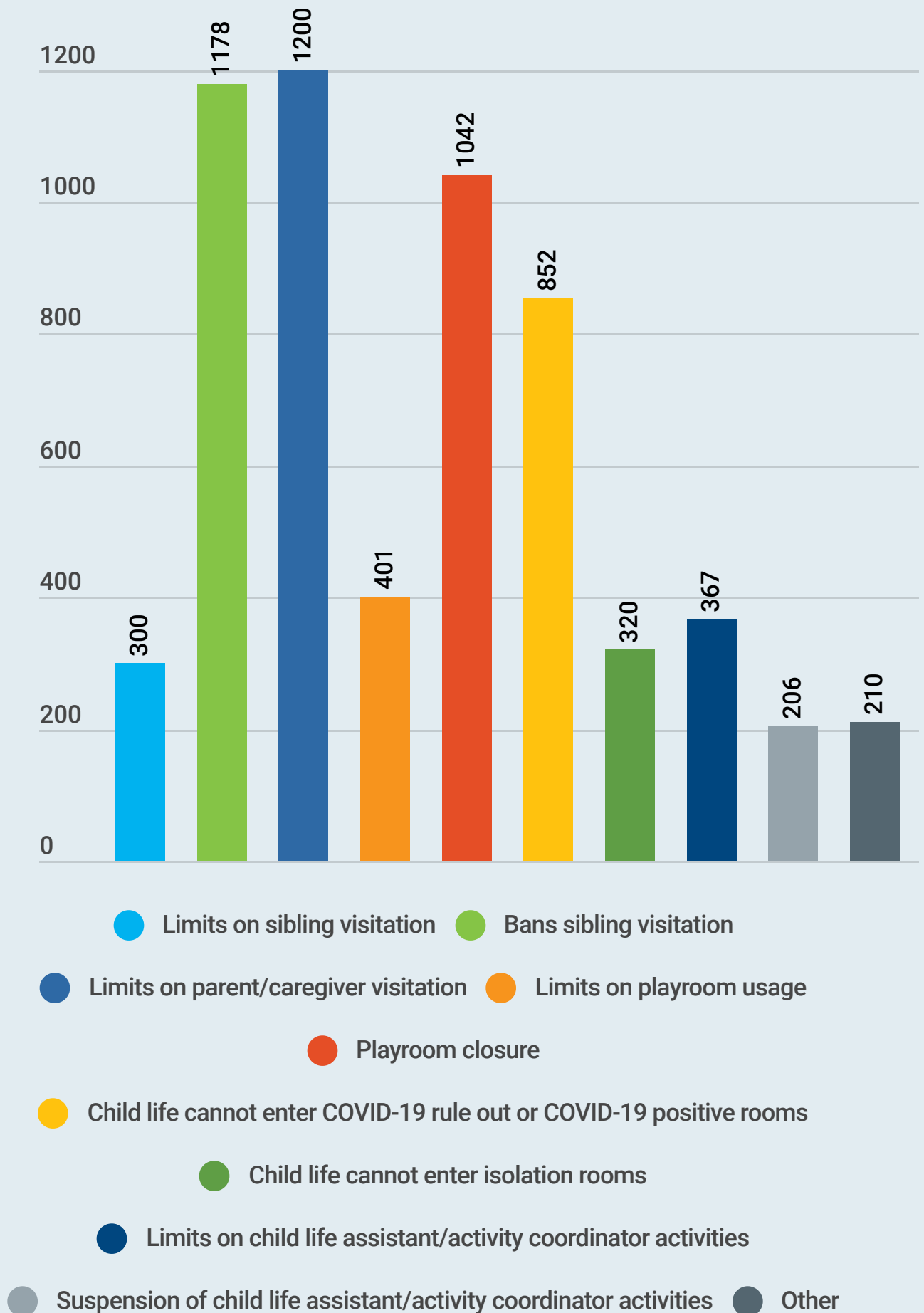
Job Disruptions (number of CCLS respondents)



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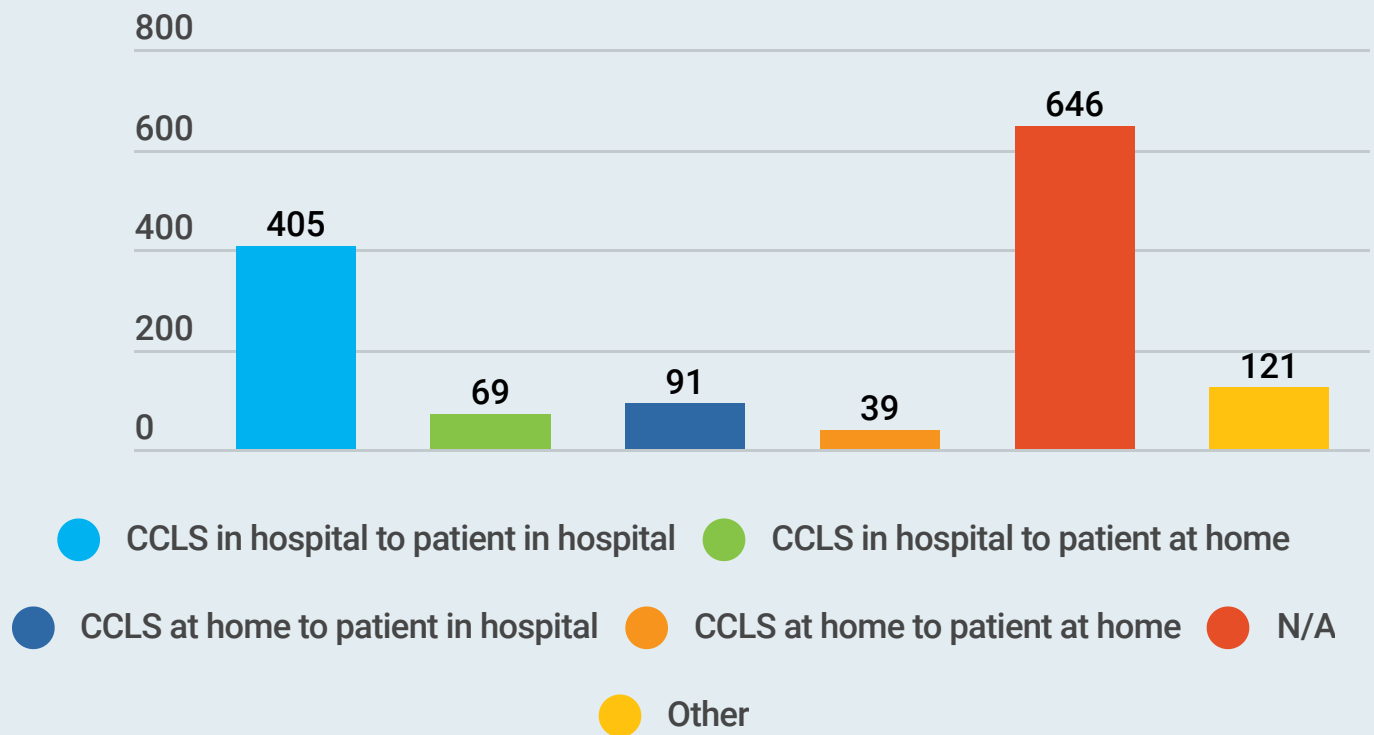
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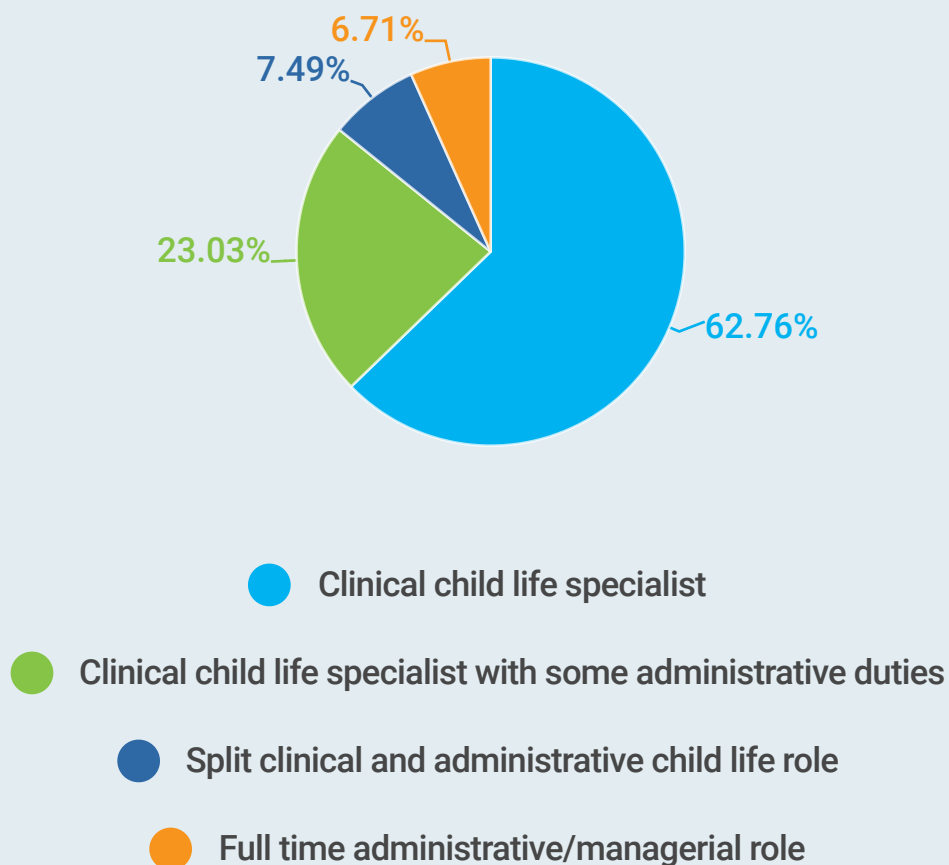


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Virtual Interventions (number of CCLS respondents)

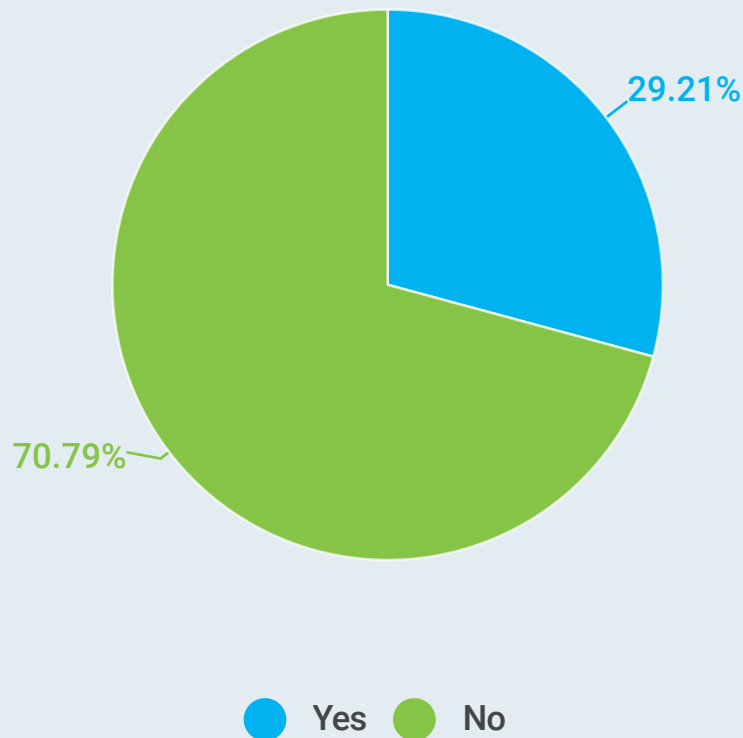


Job Role (percentage of CCLS respondents)

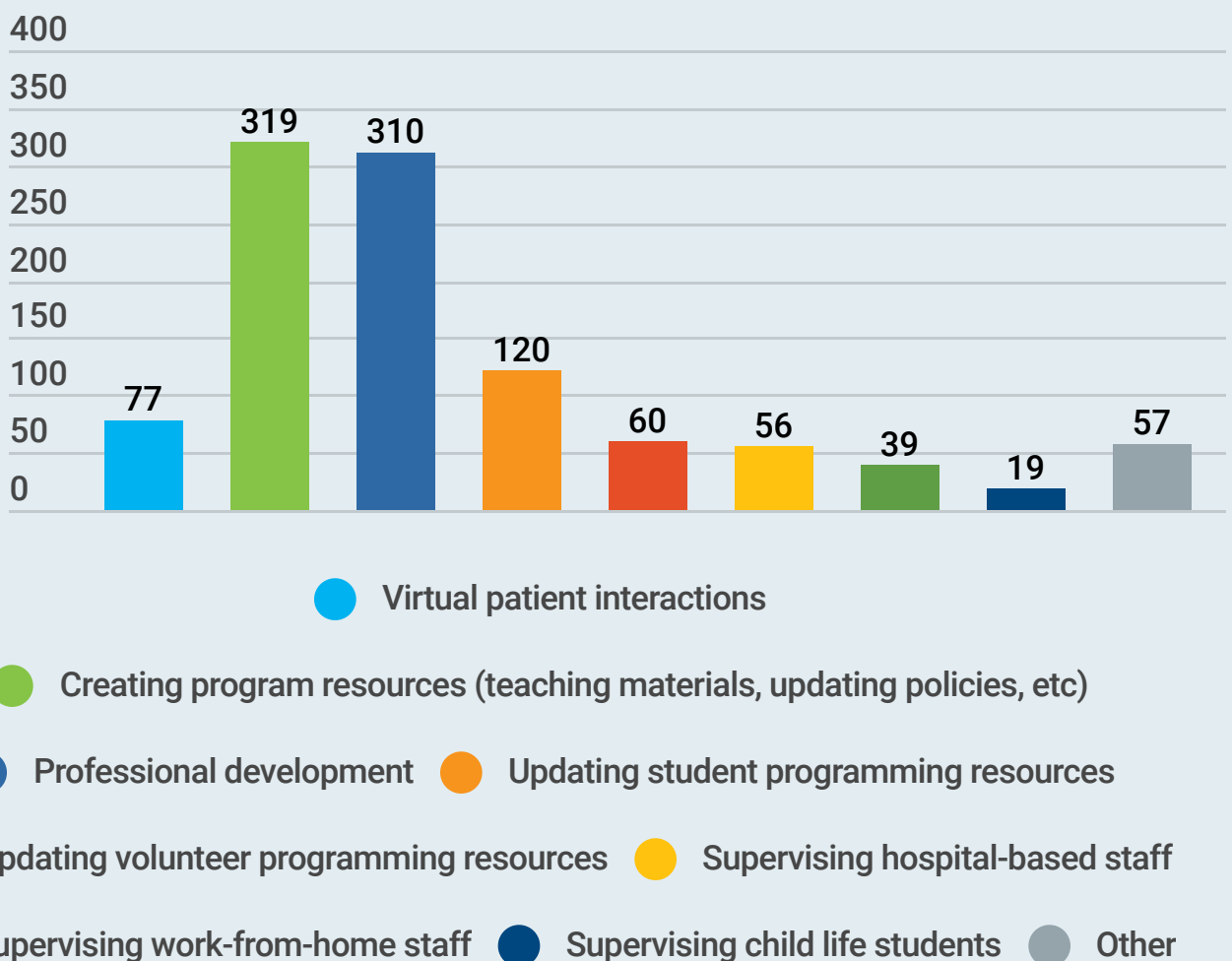


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CCLS able to work from home (percentage of CCLS respondents)

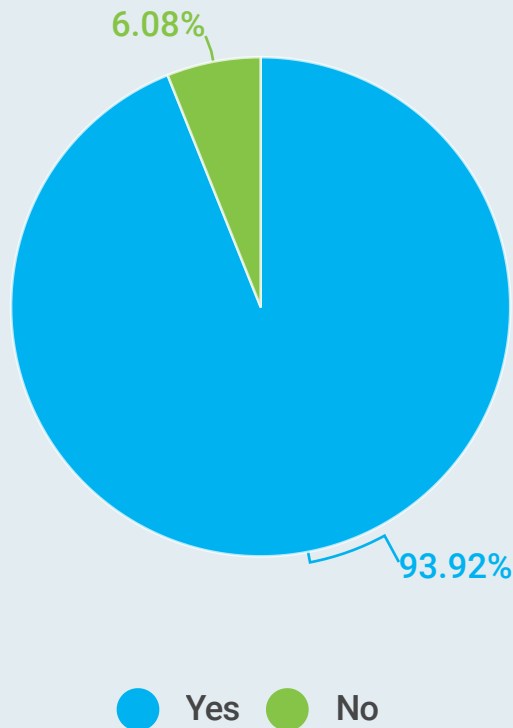


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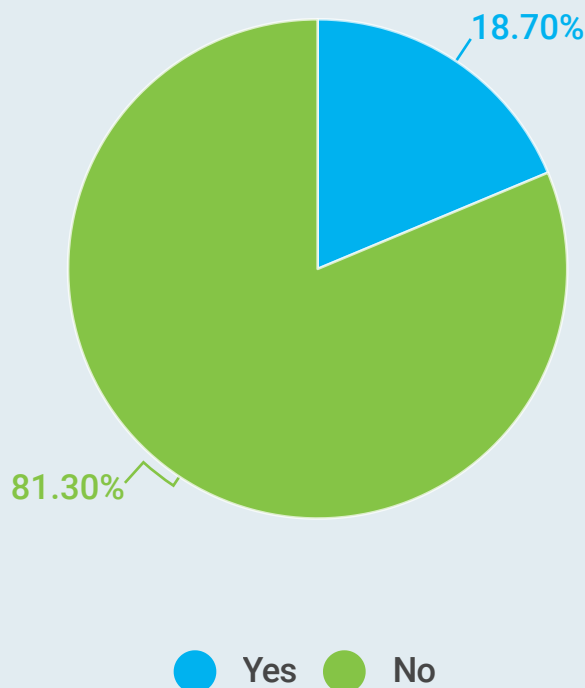


USA Program Leaders

Does your hospital consider child life essential? (percentage of program leader respondents)

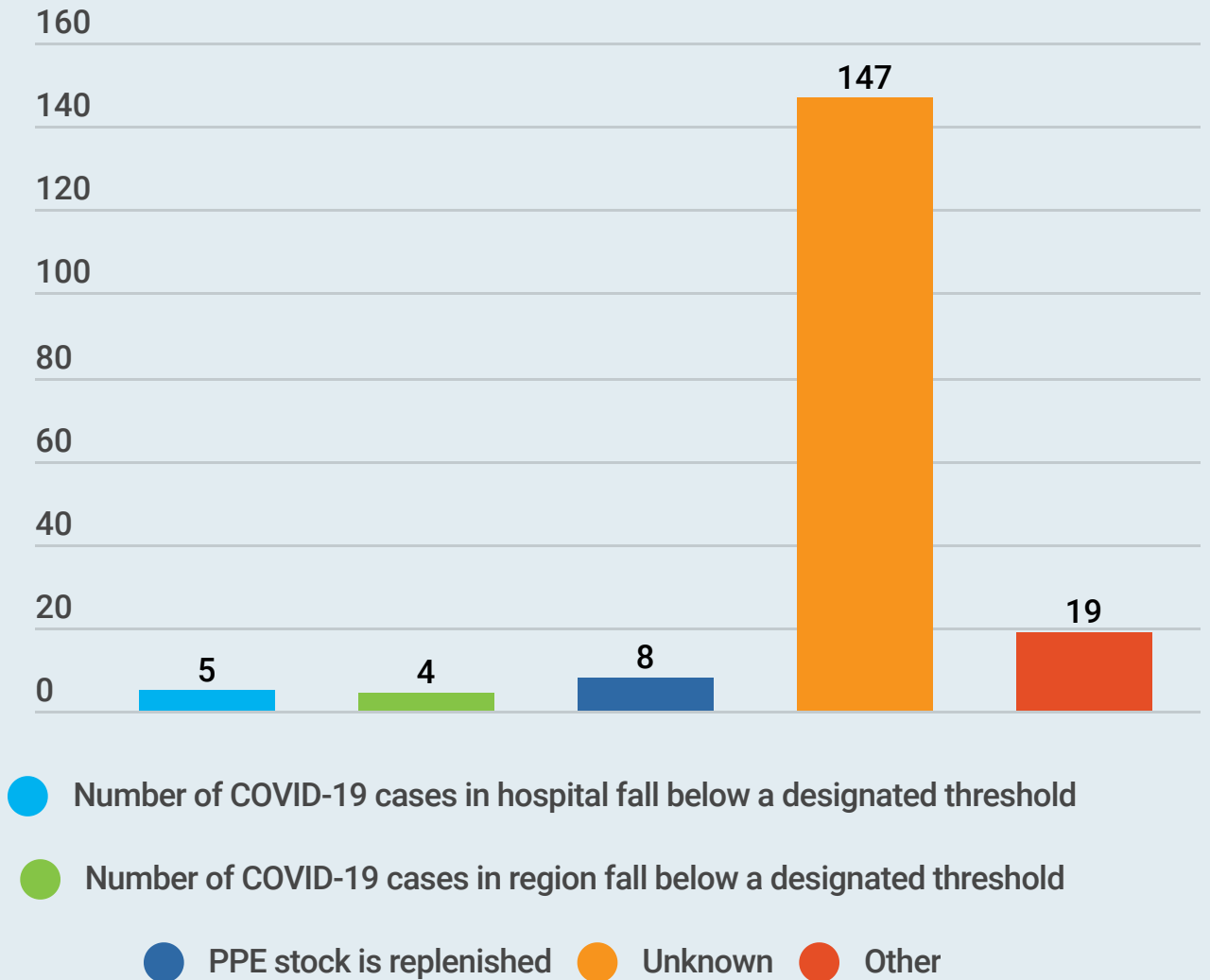


If team members are working from home or furloughed, is there an expected return date? (percentage of program leader respondents)



USA Program Leaders

Criteria for child life team to resume normal operations (number of program leader respondents)

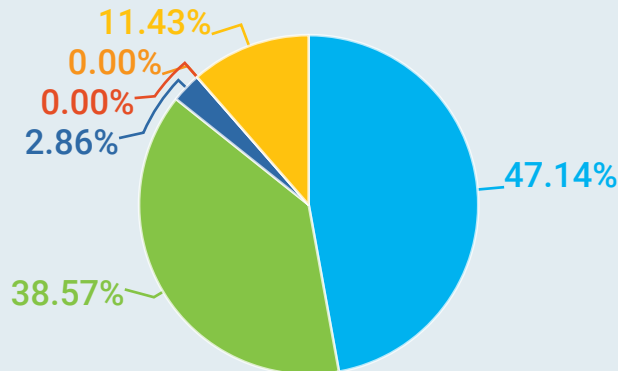


Most common "other" criteria:

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- when elective surgeries resume

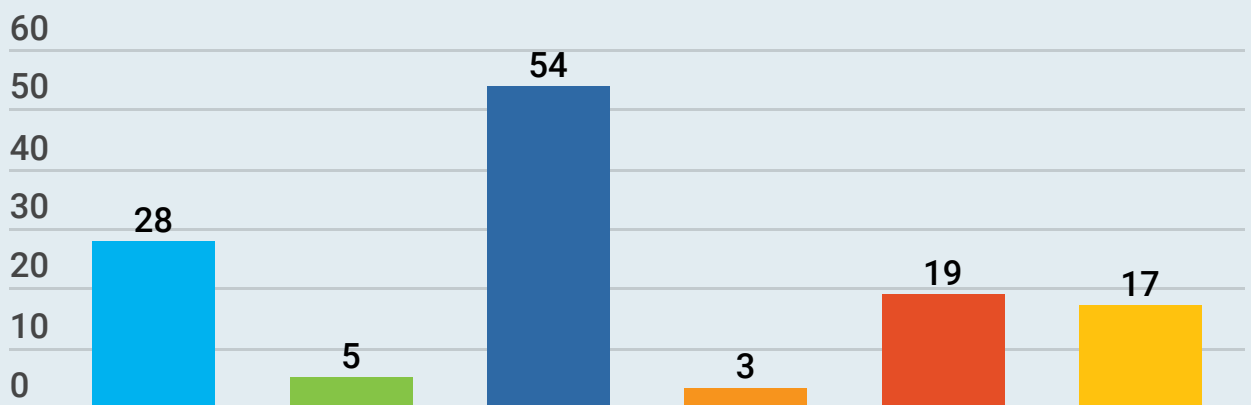
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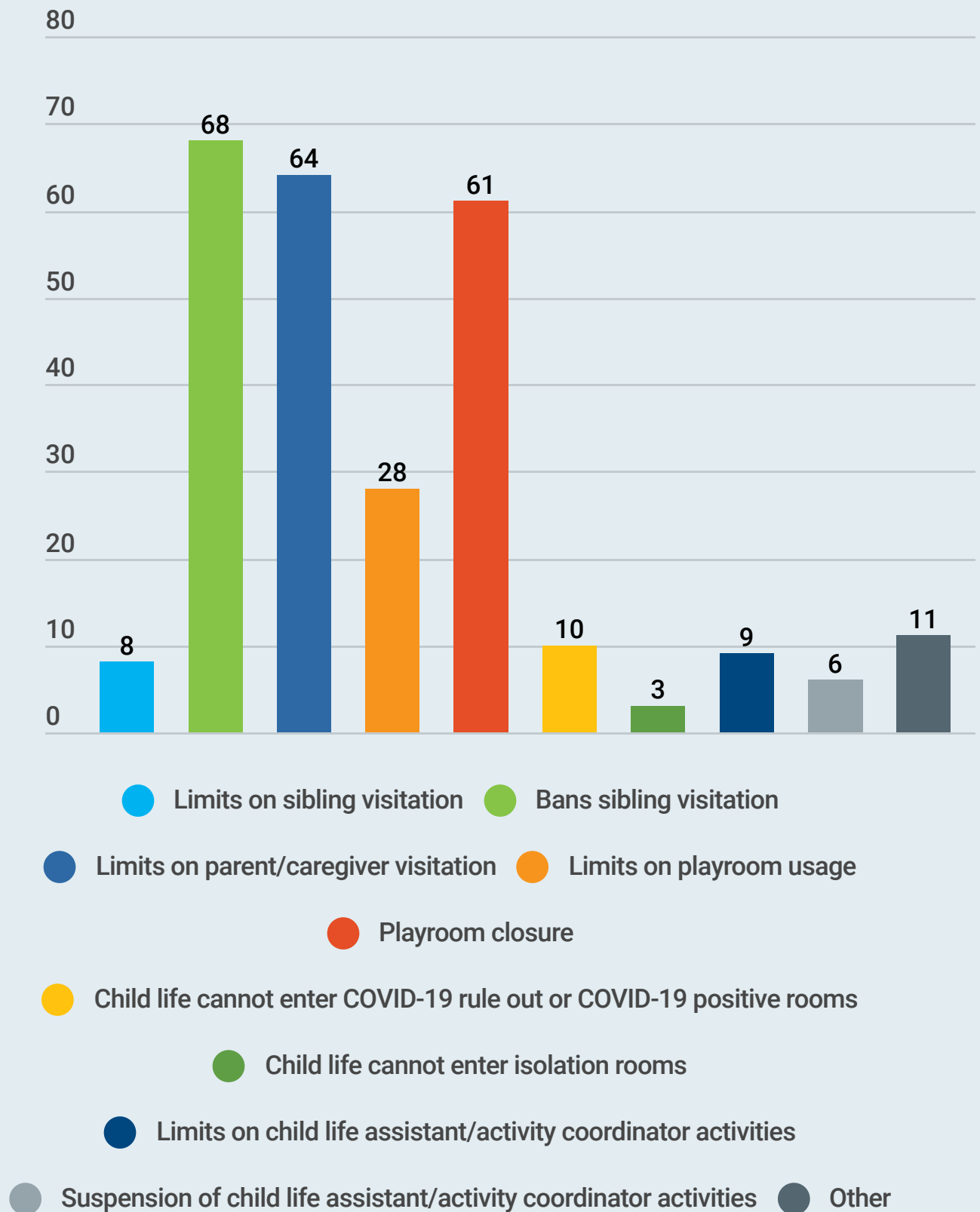
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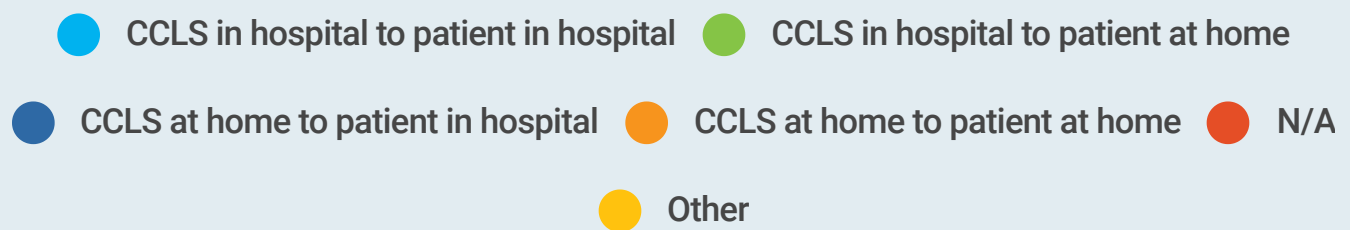
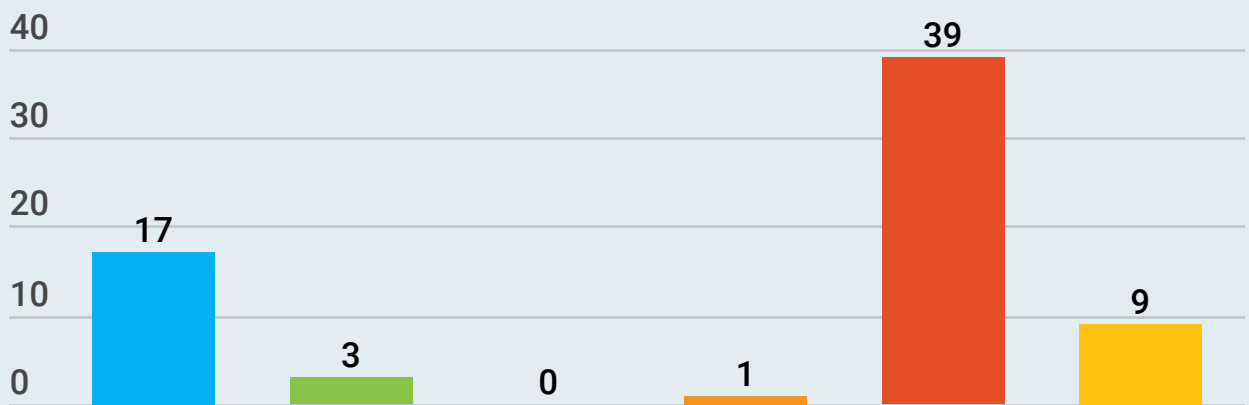
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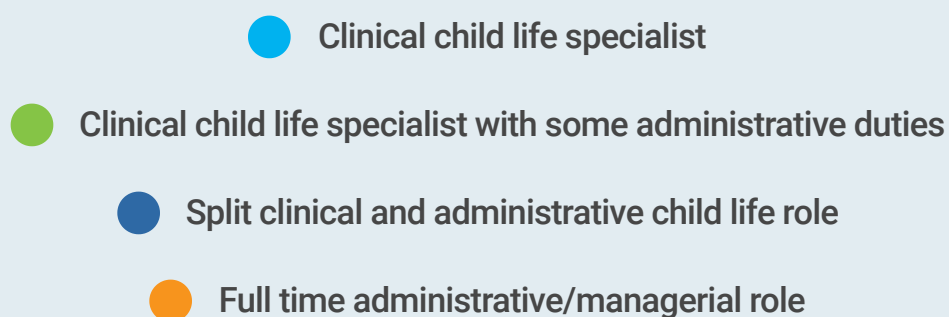
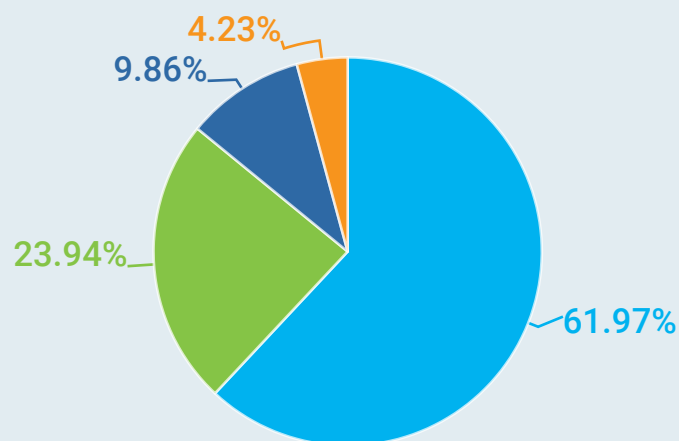


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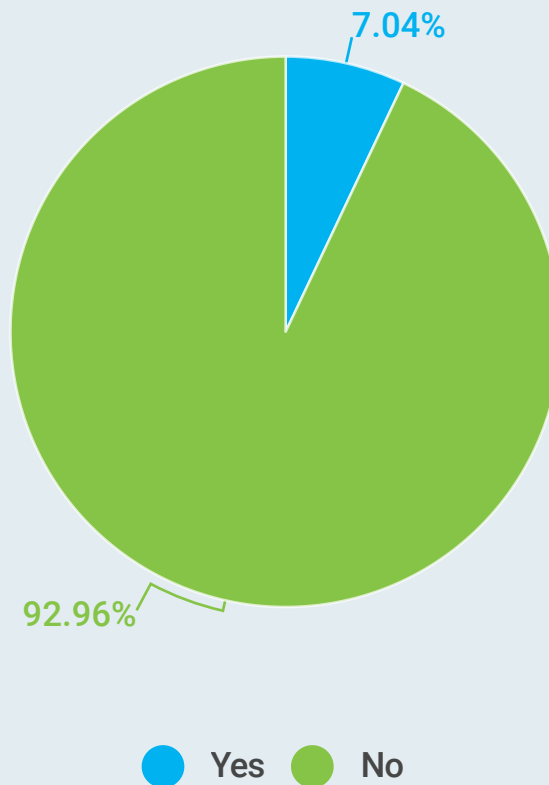


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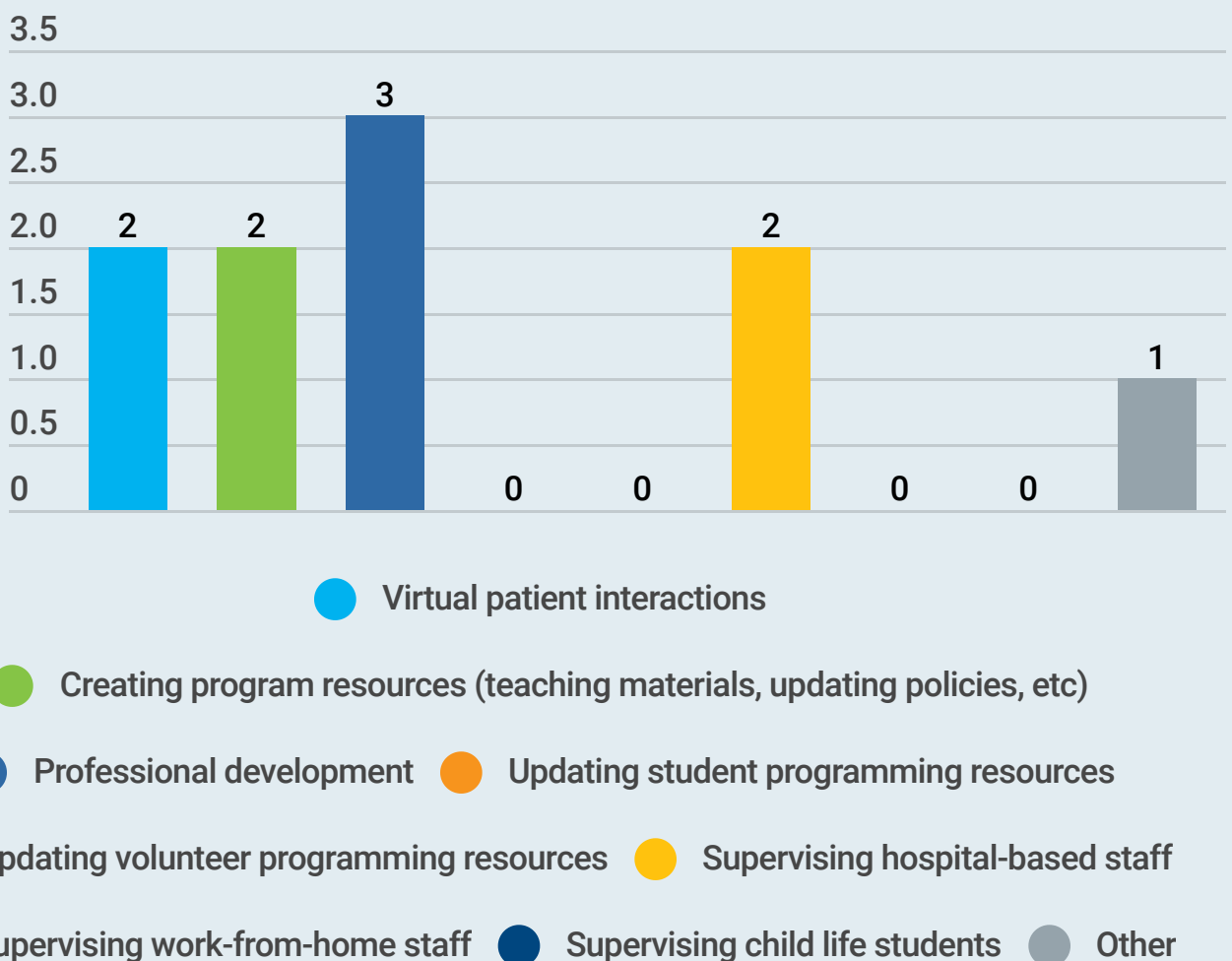


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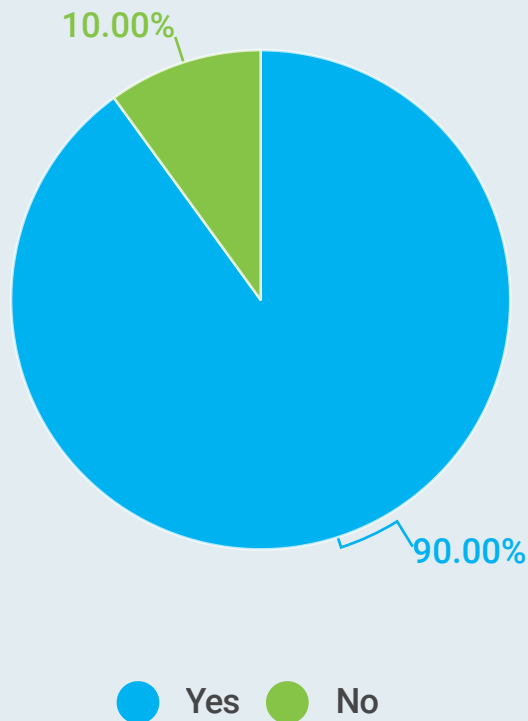


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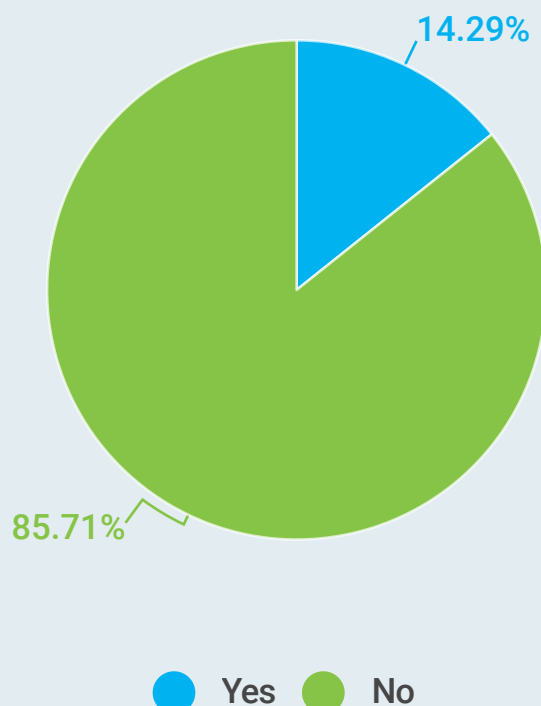


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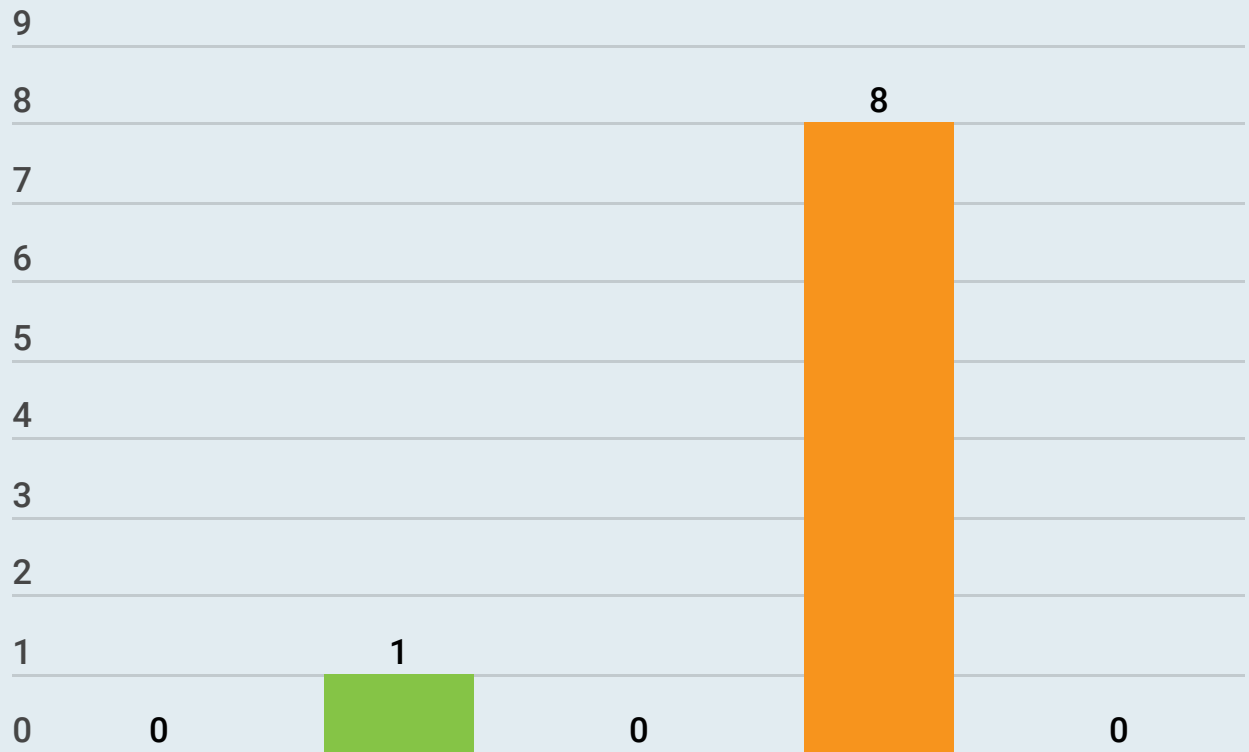


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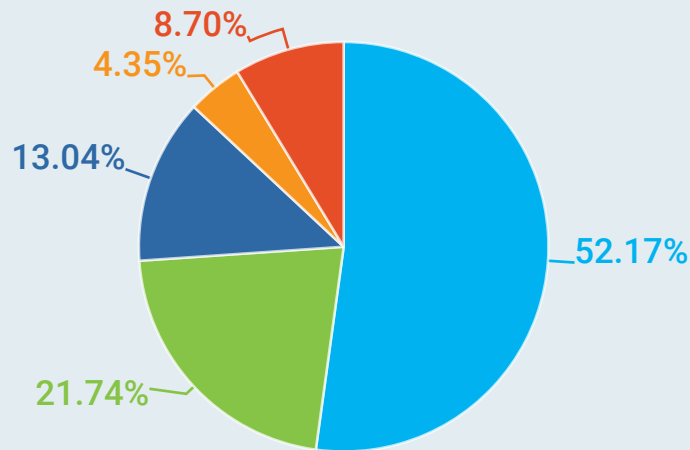
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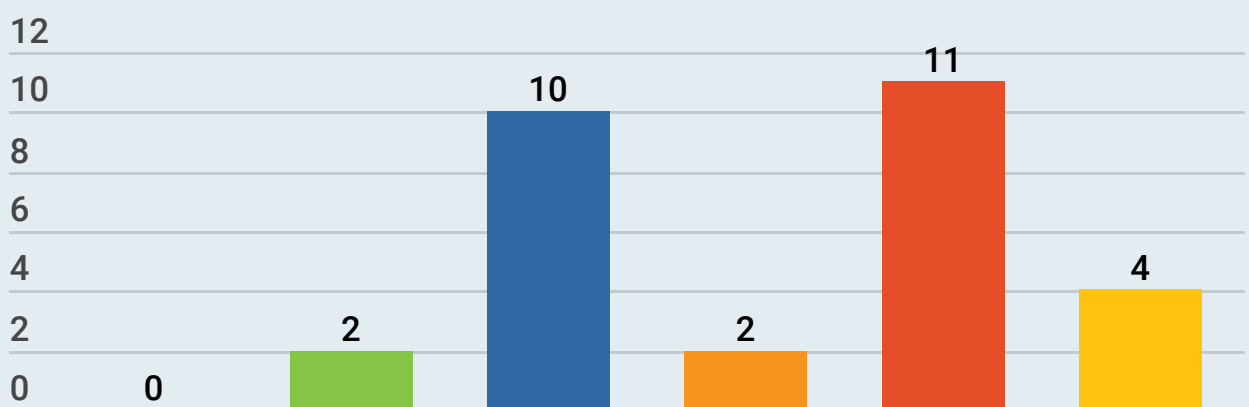
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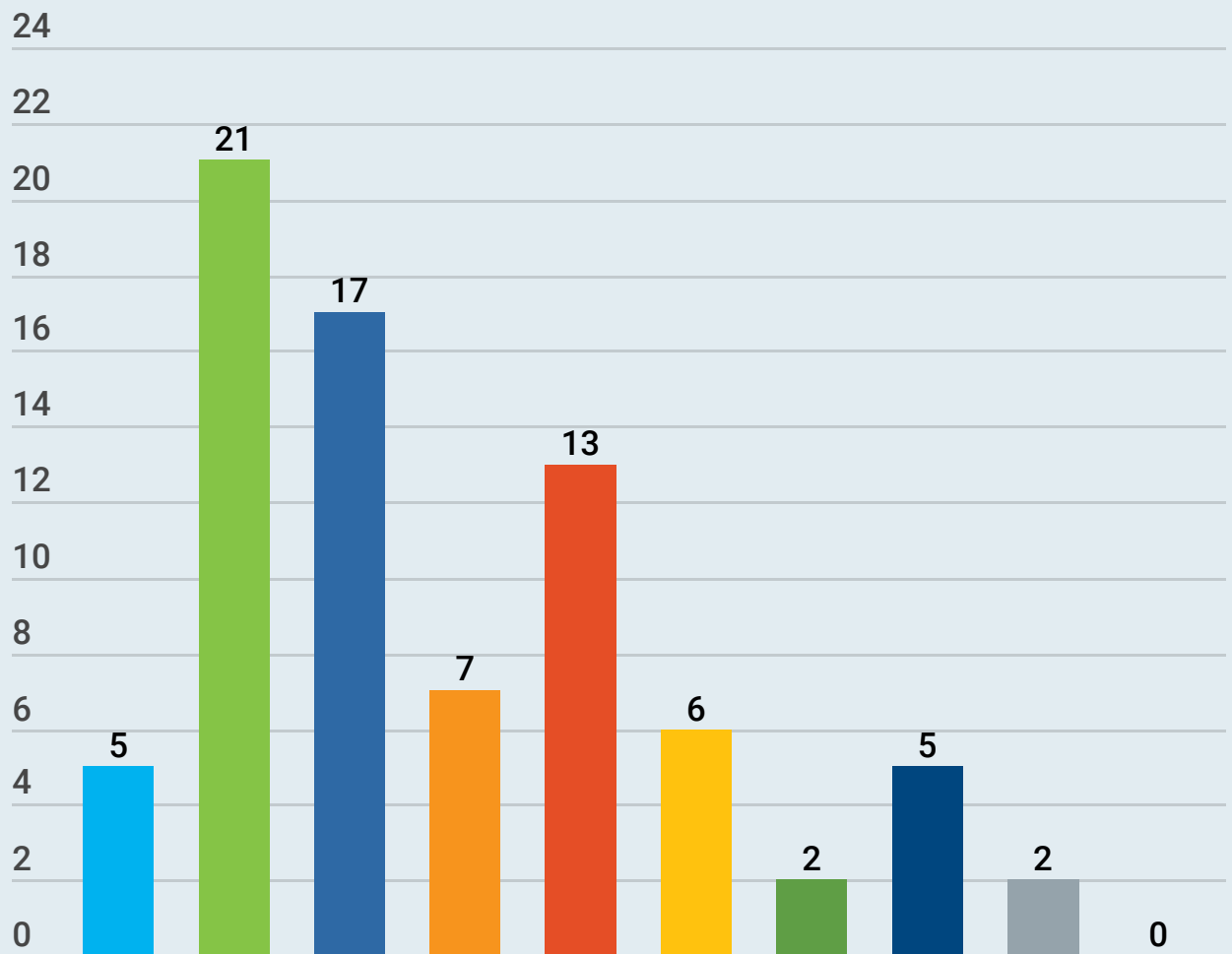
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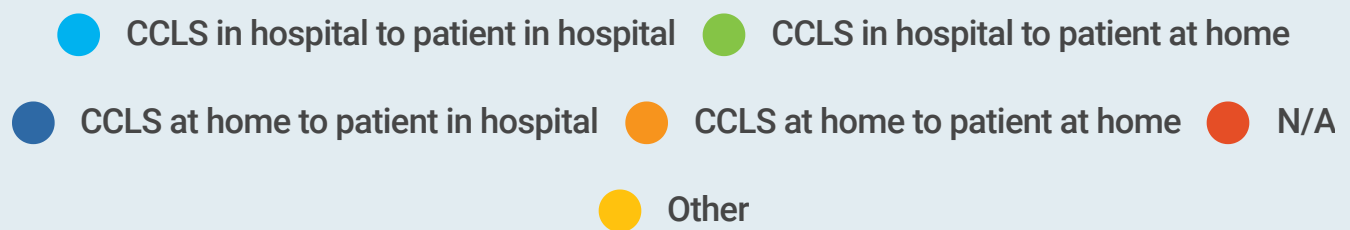
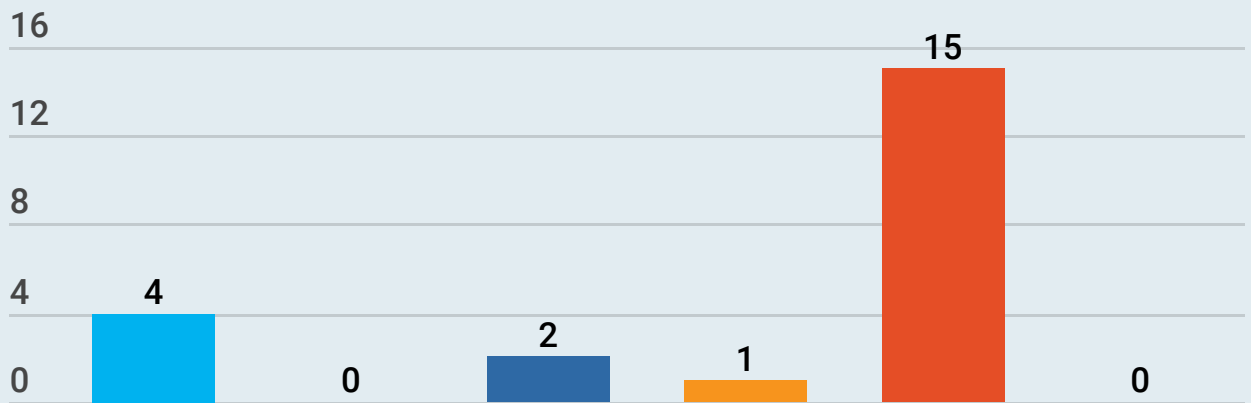
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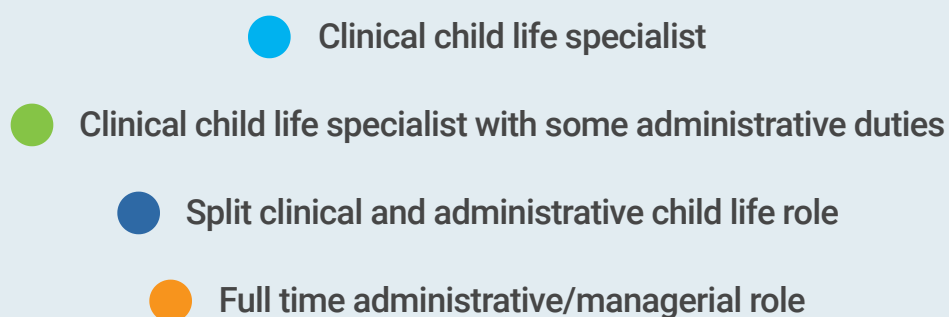
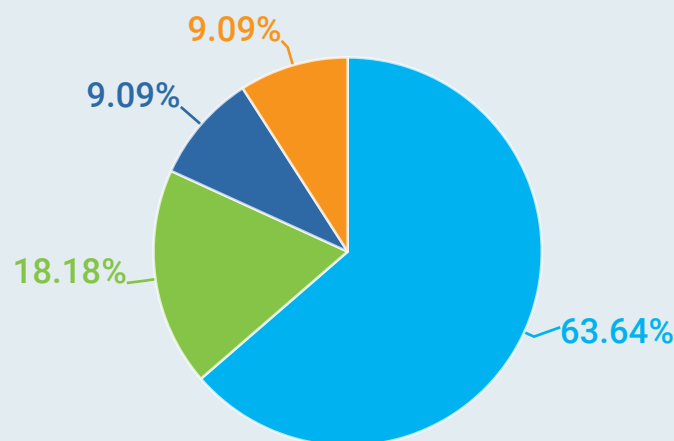
- Limits on sibling visitation
- Bans sibling visitation
- Limits on parent/caregiver visitation
- Limits on playroom usage
- Playroom closure
- Child life cannot enter COVID-19 rule out or COVID-19 positive rooms
- Child life cannot enter isolation rooms
- Limits on child life assistant/activity coordinator activities
- Suspension of child life assistant/activity coordinator activities
- Other

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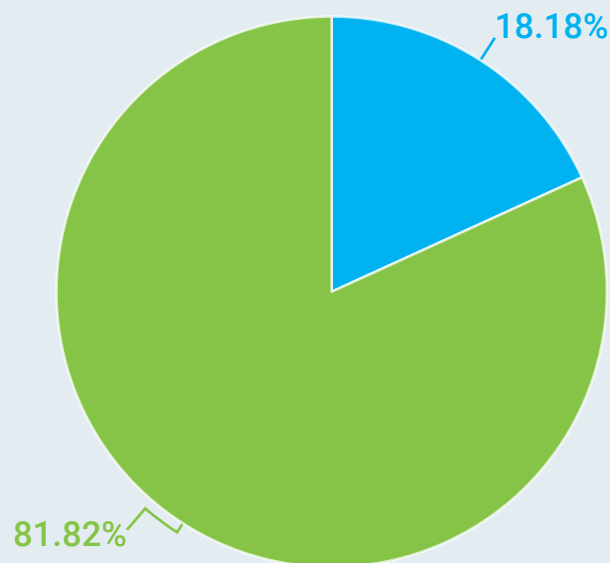


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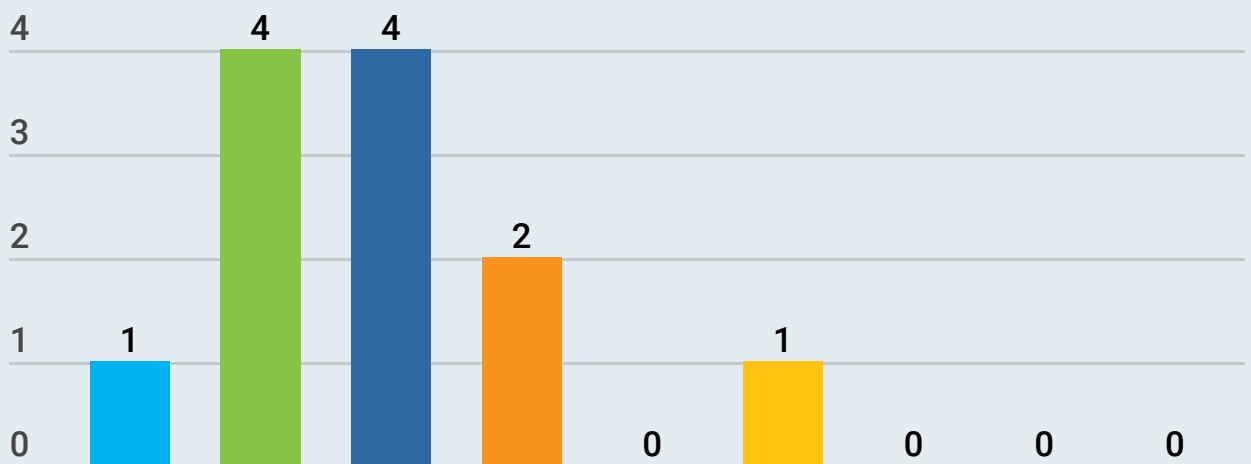
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CCLS able to work from home (percentage of CCLS respondents)



● Yes ● No

Work from Home Tasks (number of CCLS respondents)



● Virtual patient interactions

● Creating program resources (teaching materials, updating policies, etc)

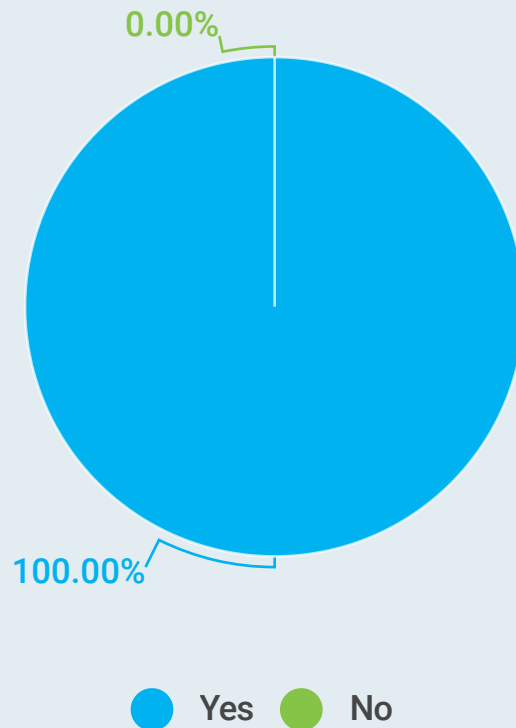
● Professional development ● Updating student programming resources

● Updating volunteer programming resources ● Supervising hospital-based staff

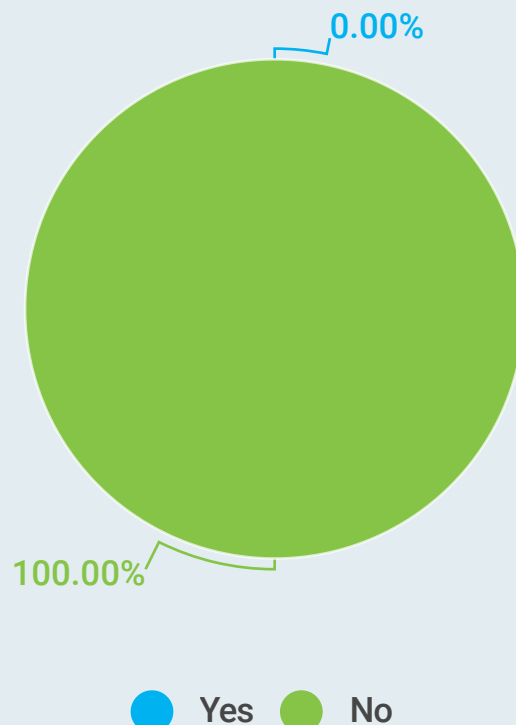
● Supervising work-from-home staff ● Supervising child life students ● Other

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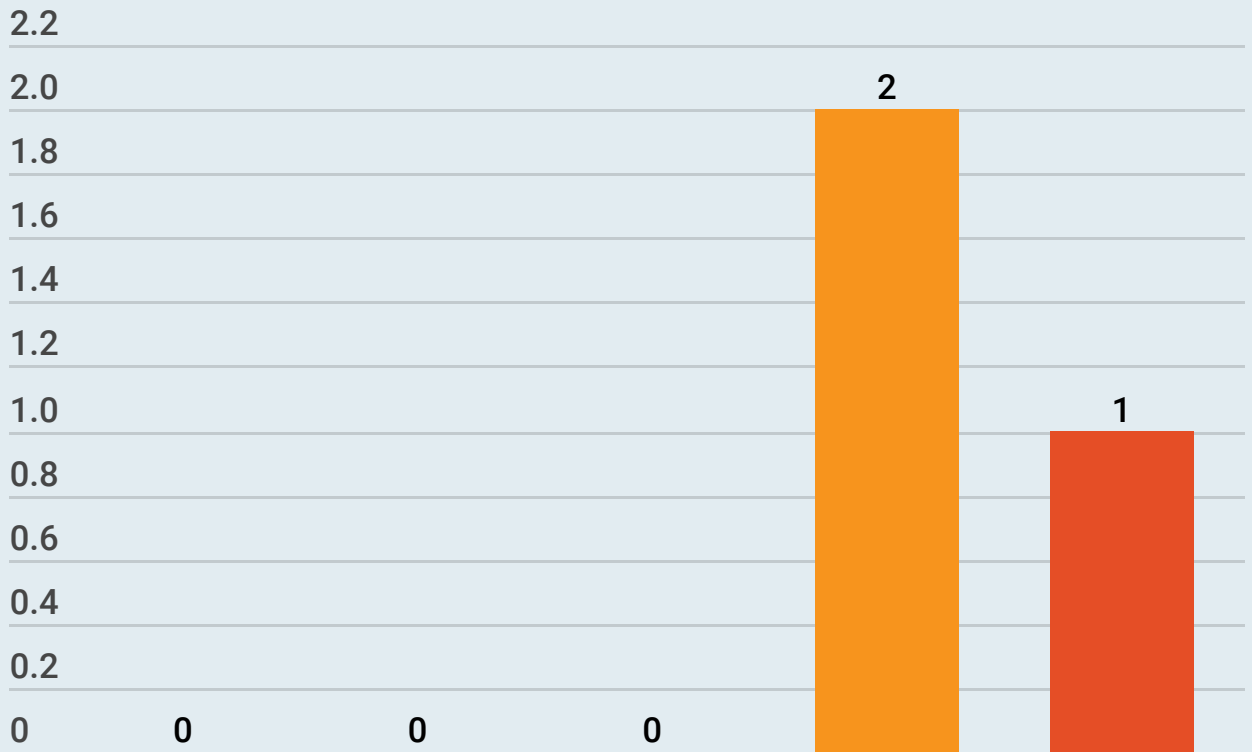


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ACLP will reissue this survey periodically to track trends in the child life field. Accuracy of this report is dependent on your participation - please retake it even if you have not experienced changes from the previous survey.

Questions? Email mroloff@childlife.org.

Note: In order to protect member privacy, ACLP will not release responses related to a specific hospital.