

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL(ECAC) MEETING

**Flemington Raritan Regional School District
Preschool Leadership Team**

November 12th, 2024



MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction to the Preschool Leadership Team
- Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
 - Purpose
 - Stakeholders/Partners
- Community Needs Assessment Responses
- Dr. McGann's Message
- Yearbooks and the Penguin Era
- Life in Preschool: Fall Highlights
- Field Trips
- Lottery Date
- The Whole Child Fair...Save the date! April 8th, 2025

MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!



Dr. Kari McGann
**Superintendent of Flemington-
Raritan School District**



Dr. Danielle Hamblin
**Director of Pupil Personnel
Services and Special Education**



Amanda Cahill
**Supervisor of Early Childhood
Education**



Katherine Javier-Mannino
**Administrative Assistant for
Preschool**



**Nicole Bateman Preschool Intervention
and Referral Specialist (PIRS)**



Vicki Marcine
Preschool Instructional Coach (PIC)



Riley Finnegan
**Preschool Social Worker and Community
Parent Involvement Specialist**

WHAT IS ECAC?

Early Childhood Advisory Council or “ECAC” means an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district (N.J.A.C.6A:13A-1.2).

Members include Community and Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS), school personnel, parents, community stakeholders, and early childhood providers.

We meet quarterly! We are planning to meet in the Fall, Winter, Spring and towards the end of the school year.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WHAT IS IT?

The Community Needs Assessment (CNA) helps us to determine the needs that our families may have so that the Preschool Leadership Team can develop plans to offer further support to our preschool community and families.

The CNA aligns with the ECAC's mission: to serve our children and families of the Flemington-Raritan School District by facilitating and sustaining collaboration while ensuring success for all children.

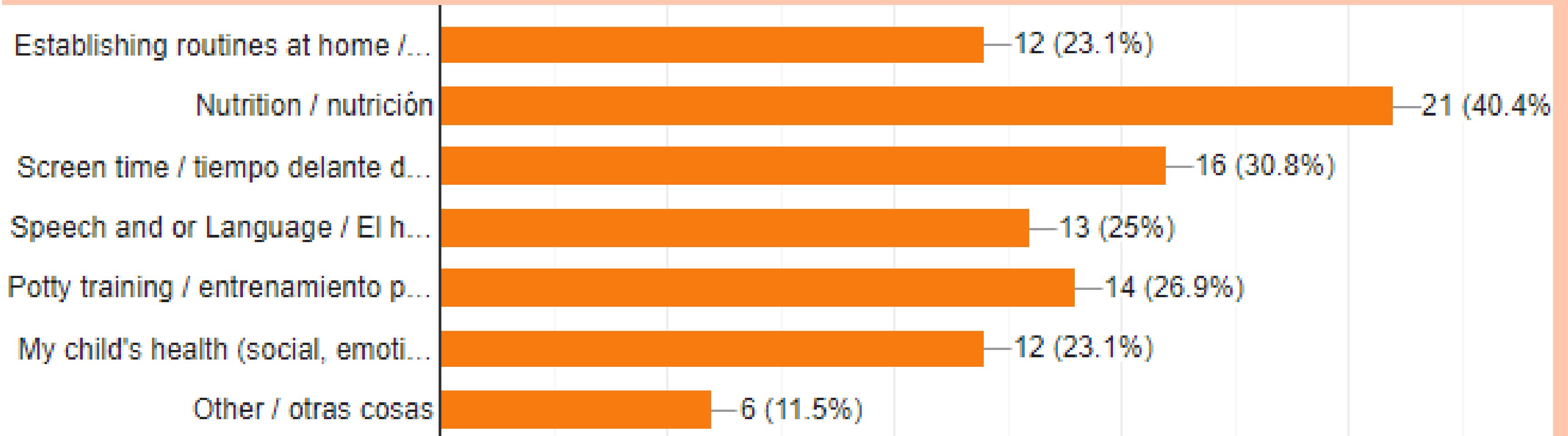
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE CNA SURVEY:

Health
Self Regulation
Mental Health
Bedtime
Establishing Routines
Speech and Language
Screen Time
Potty Training
Nutrition
Challenging Behaviors

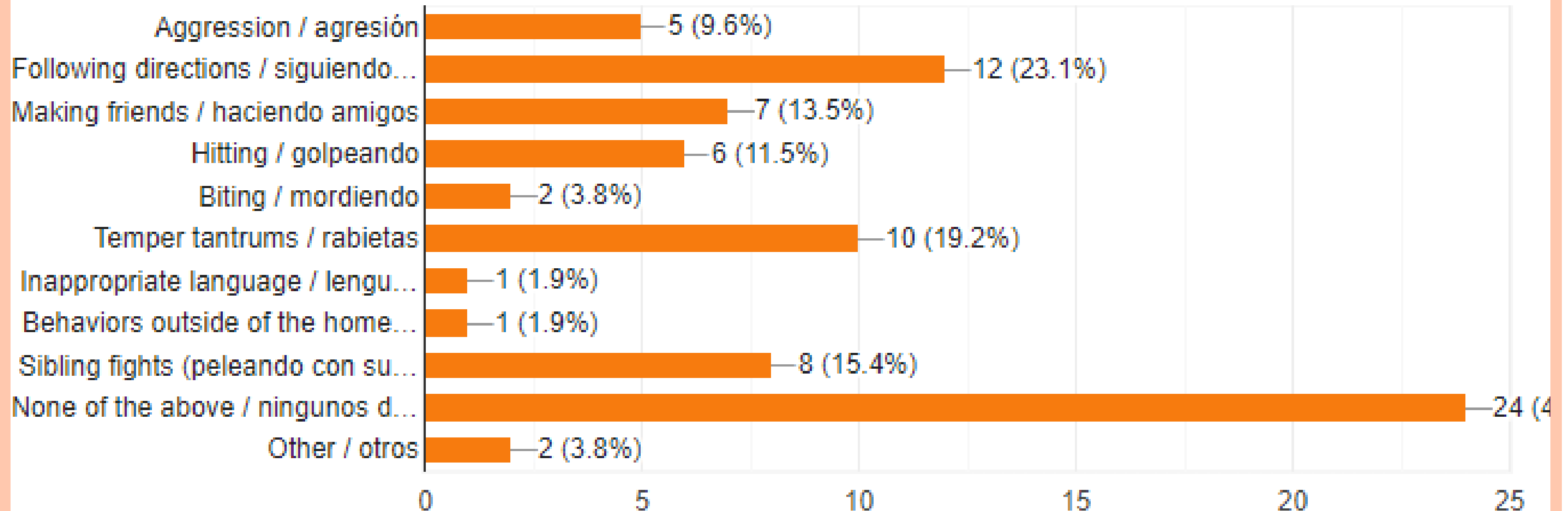
COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

52 RESPONSES THIS FAR

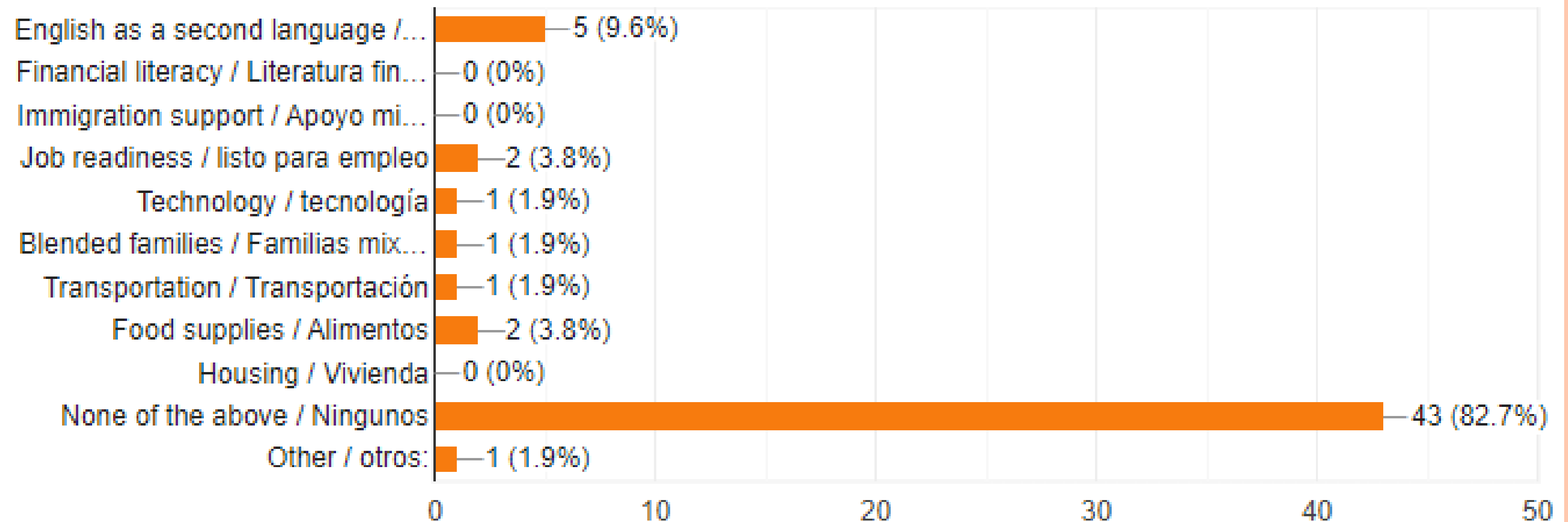
What are your biggest parenting challenges at this time?



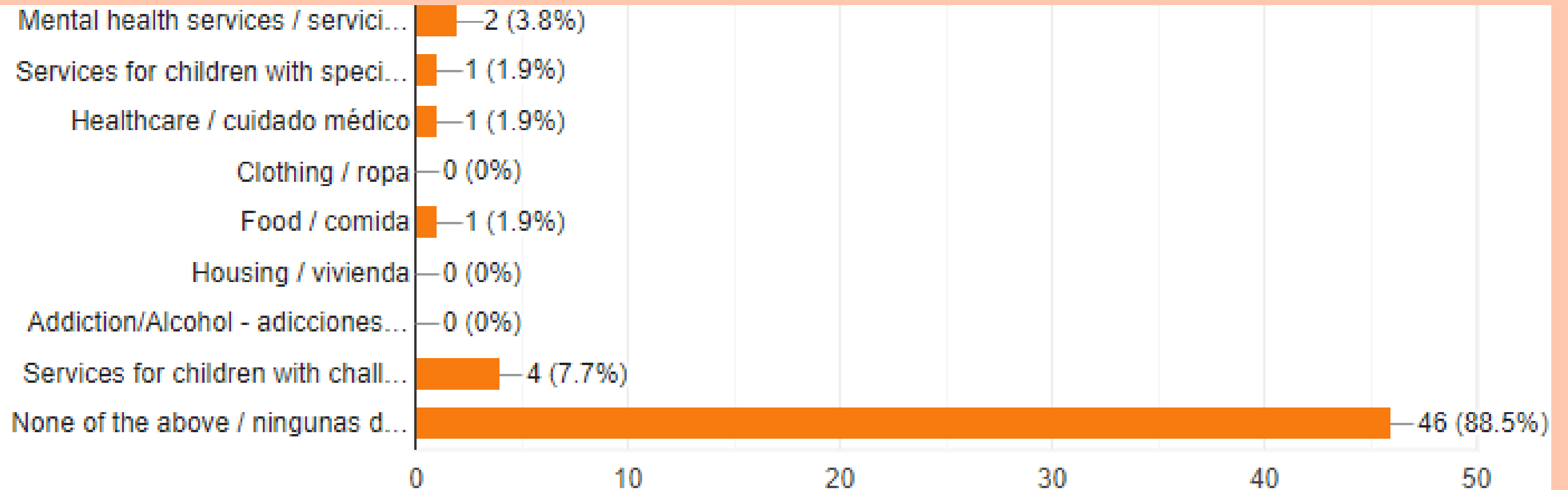
Which of the following challenging behaviors do you need support with?



What do parents need support with?



Parents need help accessing:



PARENT WORKSHOPS

**Our first workshop was on October 21st on the topic of Establishing Routines and Supporting Play at Home.
Next workshop- November 14th at 12:00 pm on Zoom. The topic is Nutrition and Picky Eaters.**

Workshop focus topics for the 24-25 school year:

Screen Time

Potty Training

Challenging Behaviors

The Preschool Day and the Importance of Attendance

Supporting Language Development

My Child's Health (social, emotional, physical)

Kindergarten Readiness

**Parent workshops are developed in collaboration with staff that has knowledge on specific topics
(examples: Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist, Preschool Instructional Coach, Preschool Nurse,
outside community resources, etc.)**

**Are there any additional topics or ideas that you think would be beneficial topics for our community?
How do you think we could increase parent participation?**

PARENT WORKSHOP #1



Are you ready for bed?

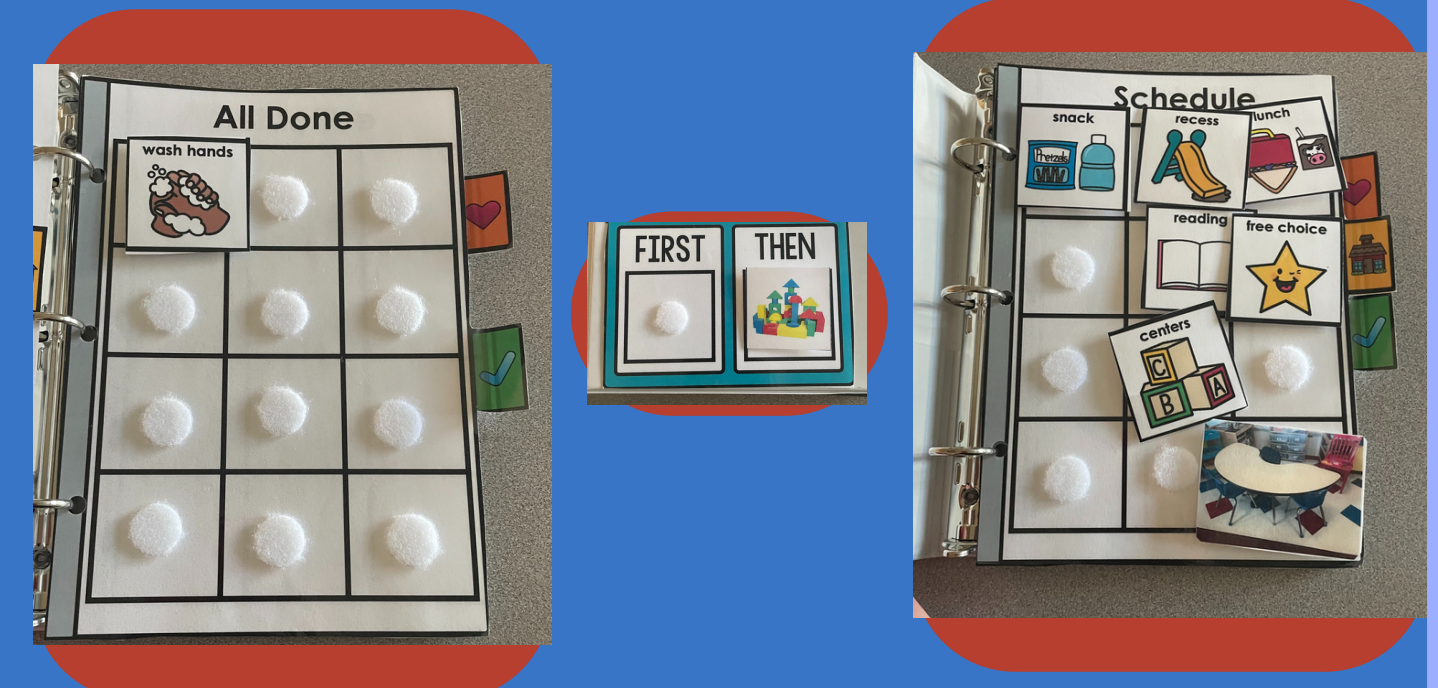
☐ I cleaned up my toys.
 ☐ I took my clothes off.
I took a bath.
 ☐ I put on my pajamas.
 ☐ I brushed my teeth.
 ☐ I used the bathroom.
 ☐ I read a book.
 ☐ I am ready for bed.

Morning Routine

☐ Make Bed
 ☐ Go Potty
 ☐ Eat Breakfast
 ☐ Brush Teeth
 ☐ Get Dressed

My Bedtime Routine

☐ Take a bath
 ☐ Put on pj's
 ☐ Brush teeth
 ☐ Read a book
 ☐ Go to bed



► **Try it out!** As you use the First/Then board with your child, place a preferred activity or item on the "then" side of the board. This will increase the likelihood that the child will complete the activities on the "first" side of the board. See the examples below:



DR. MCGANN

- **Preschool Ad Hoc Committee** - This committee will bring together community members to examine our potential growth in the district, analyze data, and synthesize information to develop strategic steps to continue to expand free high-quality preschool for families in our community.
First meeting: Thursday, December 5, 6:15 p.m.
- **Field Trips in the Penguin Era ~ Equity for all preschoolers.** Sites may host on-campus field trips (i.e. traveling pumpkin patch from local vendors)
- **Preserving Memories - Yearbooks**

FIELD TRIP IDEAS

Focusing on traveling field trips that can visit each of our preschool locations.

Ideas:

Traveling petting zoo

Traveling farm

Police dogs

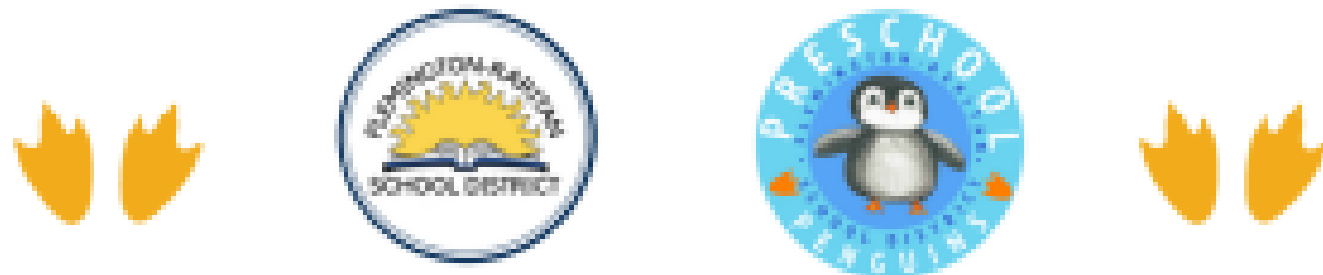
Fire truck visit

Veterinarian

Are there any additional ideas you may have?

PRESCHOOL LOTTERY

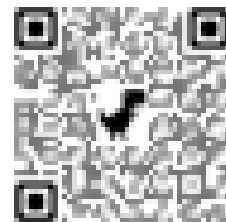
FLEMINGTON-RARITAN PRESCHOOL LOTTERY



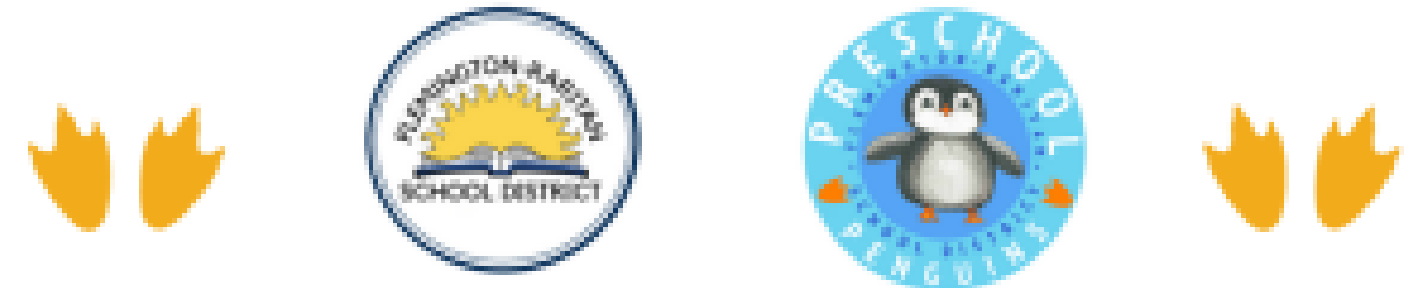
SAVE THE DATE

The Preschool Lottery opens on
January 3, 2025
and will close on February 21, 2025

Follow the QR Code
to our Preschool
Website for updates



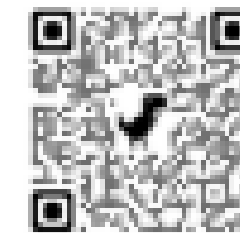
FLEMINGTON-RARITAN LOTERIA DEL PROGRAMA PREESCOLAR



SE ACERCA LA FECHA!

La Lotería Preescolar se abrirá el día
3 de enero del 2025
y se cerrará el día 21 de febrero del 2025

Sigue el QR Code para
el sitio web del
programa preescolar y
para mantenerse al
tanto



PRESCHOOL LOTTERY

The Preschool Lottery will be open: January 3, 2025 - February 21, 2025

Submissions will be collected through the FRSD website under
“Preschool” via a Google Form.

Parent notification letters for student placement and the waitlist will be
sent via mail and email in March.

Are there any suggestions to improve our submission or notification
process for the lottery?

The Whole Child Fair:

April 8th, 2025!

Come join us to:

- Browse informational tables for the wellness of the whole child
- Participate in child based activities

If your are interested in hosting a table, please scan the QR code to complete the interest form:

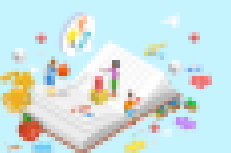


THE WHOLE CHILD FAIR

Join us for a night of resources for the **WHOLE** child

**Open to Preschool through 8th grade **





Education



Medical Health



Physical Health

Where: Reading Fleming Intermediate School (RFIS)

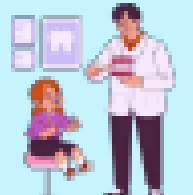
When: April 8th, 2025
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Come join us to:

- *Browse informational tables for the wellness of the whole child*
- *Participate in child based activities*

For more information please contact : Riley Finnegan:
Riley.Finnegan@frsd.us

Refreshments will be available for purchase



Oral Health



Mental Health



Nutrition



Community Safety

LIFE IN PRESCHOOL FALL HIGHLIGHTS!

Photos from our preschool classrooms:



EXIT FORM

We hope you enjoyed today's meeting! Please complete the exit form below before signing off.

