



# **CENTRES REVEAL CRISIS IN EARLY LEARNING**

**IN SA**

**96%** have had staff leaving the centre in the past 12 months – and of those 79% have had 3 or more staff leave the centre.

**75%** have current staff vacancies and of those 40% have 3 or more current vacancies.

**38%** currently have caps on specific rooms due to staffing constraints.

**68%** say that have had to use agency staff to meet ratio for the past 12 months, with 9% needing to use it daily and a further 17% on a weekly basis.

**74%** have waitlists for children already enrolled to pick up extra days – and of those 21% say that wait list is 12 months or more.

**68%** have waitlists for siblings of existing enrolments to get a place - and of those 15% the wait list is 12 months or more.

**91%** have waitlists for new families - and of those 37% the wait list is 12 months or more.

**45%** agree that staff shortages in the past 12 months have impacted the wellbeing or safety of children.

**62%** agree that staff shortages in the past 12 months have impacted educational outcomes.

**81%** agree that staff shortages in the past 12 months have impacted the wellbeing or safety of educators.