

## Washington's Workforce Today and Tomorrow The State of Child Care in Okanogan County Washington



Approximately 28% of children under age 18 are living in poverty <sup>1</sup>



Approximately 65% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work <sup>1</sup>



## Are young children in Okanogan County ready for kindergarten when they enter?

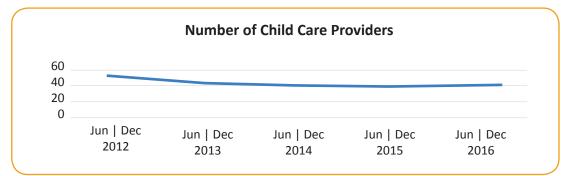


Only 51% of children in Okanogan County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup>



Only 44% of low-income children in Okanogan County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup> Almost 42,000 people call Okanogan County home. Over 2,600 are children younger than 5 years old. <sup>3</sup>

## Child care supply in Okanogan County



In Okanogan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 49 with capacity for 833 children in 2012, to 37 providers with capacity for 648 children in December 2016.\*

## Notes:

- \* Licensed child care and exempt school-age programs only in Okanogan County
- 1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Brewster, Methow Valley, Okanogan, Omak, Pateros school districts.
- 3. WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016