Early Achievers

Early Achievers is Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), which gives training, technical assistance, coaching, awards, scholarships, and other benefits to child care providers to improve the quality of their care.

Statewide, 2,758 child care providers have joined since July 2012.

Approximately 45% of licensed child care providers in King County are enrolled in Early Achievers. Early Achievers will provide families with valuable child care program quality information so they can make informed child care choices.

Child Care in
King County

Trends in Child Care

In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers has dropped over the past few years while the total capacity for children has been relatively stable since June 2014.

In King County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 1,977 with capacity for 51,875 children in 2008, to 1,917 providers with capacity for 60,446 children in June of 2015.*

Child Care Aware of
Washington

Our mission is to support families and caregivers, shape policy, and build communities that promote the learning and development of children and youth throughout Washington State through a strong statewide network of local child care resource and referral programs.

Since 1989, our regional member programs and statewide Family Center have enhanced the quality of child care and helped families by:

- Delivering training, technical assistance, & consultation to child care providers
- Supplying families with consumer education & referrals for child care

(formerly the Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network)

King County

is served locally by
Child Care Aware of
King County

a program of
Child Care Resources

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Seattle, WA 98144

http://www.childcare.org/
877.543.0059

Child Care Provider Type

- 9% Centers
- 27% Family Child Care
- 64% School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy

- 33% Accept
- 67% Do not accept

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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Start Date | 7/1/12
Enrollment as of | 8/26/15
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2015

In FY2015, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,027 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In King County alone, we helped 5,708 families with 7,727 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 8,750 times.