Child Care in
Kitsap 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 Kitsap County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 210 with capacity for 5666 children in 2008, to 155 providers with capacity for 4947 children in June of 2015.*

Child Care Provider Type
- Centers: 17%
- Family Child Care: 30%
- School Age Only: 53%

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- Accept: 70%
- Do not accept: 30%

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 37% of licensed child care providers in Kitsap 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.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 66
- Child Care Centers: 20
- Family Child Care: 25
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 21
- Start Date: 7/1/12
- Enrollment as of: 8/26/15

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)

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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 Kitsap County alone, we helped 458 families with 646 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 622 times.

Children Using Subsidies

- **Children Using Financial Aid**: 62%
- **Children Using Financial Aid**

Referral Demand by Child Age

- **Infants**: 21%
- **Toddlers**: 30%
- **Preschoolers**: 24%
- **School-Age**: 25%

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015

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Data Sources:
Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org).

*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only
2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015
3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013
4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013
6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Kitsap County is in DEL Region 5 which includes: Kitsap, Pierce.

7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013

For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)