Child Care in
Klickitat 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 Klickitat County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 11 with capacity for 114 children in 2008, to 8 providers with capacity for 90 children in June of 2015.*

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**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 38% of licensed child care providers in Klickitat 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.

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**Child Care Provider Type**
- 25% Centers
- 75% Family Child Care
- 0% School Age Only

**Acceptance of State Subsidy**
- 50% Accept
- 50% Do not accept

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**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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**Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation**
- Total: 6
- Child Care Centers: 0
- Family Child Care: 3
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 3
- 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 Klickitat County alone, we helped 11 families with 20 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 18 times.

Children Using Subsidies

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Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 10%
- Toddlers: 21%
- Pre-schoolers: 37%
- School-Age: 32%

Median Cost as a % of Median Income
- Infants: 18%
- Toddlers: 18%
- Pre-schoolers: 15%
- School-Age: 12%

Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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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.

*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. Klickitat County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.

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

For more information, go to http://wa.childcareaware.org