Child Care in
Lewis 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 Lewis County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 69 with capacity for 1192 children in 2008, to 48 providers with capacity for 1039 children in June of 2015.*

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)

Lewis County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Southwest Washington
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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 Lewis 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 Provider Type
- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- 94% Accept
- 6% Do not accept

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total 23
- Child Care Centers 12
- Family Child Care 5
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites 6
- Start Date 1/13/13
- 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 Lewis County alone, we helped 128 families with 199 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 170 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

| Salary/Income | Child Care Center Teacher | $23,580 |
| Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings) | $32,951 |
| K-12 Teacher | $53,685 |

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. Lewis 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