Child Care in
Mason County

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)

Mason County is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula
A program of Child Care Action Council
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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 Mason County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 54 with capacity for 964 children in 2008, to 38 providers with capacity for 846 children in June of 2015.*

![Chart showing trends in child care providers and capacity](chart.png)

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 69% of licensed child care providers in Mason 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 | 27 |
| Child Care Centers | 8 |
| Family Child Care | 17 |
| Head Start & State Preschool Sites | 2 |
| Start Date | 1/1/13 |
| Enrollment as of | 8/26/15 |
Demographics

Population
Total Population in 2014: 62,000
Change since 2010: 1,301
Children under 5 yrs: 3,191
Children under 15 yrs: 10,080
K-12 Enrollment: 7,800

Economics

% of children under 18 living in poverty: 27.8%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working: 57.6 to 76.4%
Median Household Income: $51,129
Unemployment Rate: 7.3%

Compensation in 2012

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<th>Salary/Income</th>
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Contact Child Care Aware of Washington
1551 Broadway, Ste 300
Tacoma, WA 98402
866.416.4321

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 Mason County alone, we helped 82 families with 131 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 96 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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. Mason 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](http://wa.childcareaware.org)