**Child Care in Pacific 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 Pacific County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 13 with capacity for 248 children in 2008, to 11 providers with capacity for 265 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 36% of licensed child care providers in Pacific 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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**Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation**

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**Start Date** 1/13/13

**Enrollment as of** 8/26/15

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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)

**Pacific County**

is served locally by

**Child Care Aware of Southwest Washington**

a program of Educational Service District 112

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**Chart:**

- **Number of Child Care Providers**
  - 2008: 15
  - 2009: 15
  - 2010: 15
  - 2011: 15
  - 2012: 15
  - 2013: 15
  - 2014: 15
  - 2015: 15

- **Total Child Care Capacity**
  - 2008: 350
  - 2009: 350
  - 2010: 350
  - 2011: 350
  - 2012: 350
  - 2013: 350
  - 2014: 350
  - 2015: 350

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**Chart:**

- **Acceptance of State Subsidy**
  - Accept: 91%
  - Do not accept: 9%

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*Since 2008, the number of child care providers in Pacific County has dropped from 13 to 11, with the capacity for children decreasing from 248 to 265.*
Demographics

Population

- Total Population in 2014: 21,100
- Change since 2010: 180
- Children under 5 yrs: 957
- Children under 15 yrs: 2,957
- K-12 Enrollment: 2,972

Economics

- Unemployment Rate: 5%
- Median Household Income: $40,426
- Unemployment Rate: 8.2%

Compensation in 2012

- Child Care Center Teacher: $23,580
- Child Care Center Director: $27,288
- Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings): $32,951
- K-12 Teacher: $51,381

Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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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 Pacific County alone, we helped 23 families with 42 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 26 times.

Children Using Subsidies

- 81%

Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 12%
- Toddlers: 28%
- Pre-schoolers: 31%
- School-Age: 29%

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. Pacific 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)