Child Care in
Washington State

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 Washington State, the number of child care providers has dropped from 7,486 with capacity for 173,977 children in 2008, to 5,793 providers with capacity for 166,834 children in June of 2015.*

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 46% of licensed child care providers in WA are enrolled in Early Achievers, serving over 58,000 children*. Early Achievers will provide families with valuable child care program quality rating information so they can make informed child care choices.

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)

Washington State

is served locally by seven regions

Child Care Aware of:
- Central WA
- Eastern WA
- King County
- Northwest WA
- Olympic Peninsula
- Southwest WA
- Tacoma/Pierce County

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</th>
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<td>Start Date</td>
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<td>7/1/12-7/1/13</td>
<td>8/26/2015</td>
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<td>Enrollment as of</td>
<td>58,000</td>
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* Data as of 8/26/2015
Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

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 Washington State, we helped 16,027 families with 23,114 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 23,203 times.

Children Using Subsidies

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<th>Child Age</th>
<th>Using Financial Aid</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
<th>75th Percentile Cost</th>
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<td>Infants</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>$997</td>
<td>$1,268</td>
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<tr>
<td>Toddlers</td>
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<td>$823</td>
<td>$1,078</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
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<td>$758</td>
<td>$949</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
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<td>$481</td>
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Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 20%
- Toddlers: 21%
- Preschoolers: 30%
- School-Age: 29%

Compensation in 2012

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<th>Salary/Income</th>
<th>Child Care Center Teacher</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$31,836</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider(Gross Earnings)</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher</td>
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Median Household Income: $58,686
Unemployment Rate: 5.2%

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

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
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6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey
7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013