Child Care in
Thurson 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 Thurson County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 284 with capacity for 6788 children in 2008, to 223 providers with capacity for 6718 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 47% of licensed child care providers in Thurson 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
- 14% Centers
- 25% Family Child Care
- 61% School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- 23% Accept
- 77% Do not accept

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
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Start Date: 1/1/13
Enrollment as of: 8/26/15

Thurson County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of
Olympic Peninsula

a program of
Child Care Action Council

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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)
Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

Demographics

Population

Total Population in 2014 264,000
Change since 2010 11,736
Children under 5 yrs 15,431
Children under 15 yrs 48,227
K-12 Enrollment 41,135

Economics

% of children under 18 living in poverty 16.3%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working 59.3 to 67.3%
Median Household Income $63,714
Unemployment Rate 5.9%

Compensation in 2012

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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

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. Thurston 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

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 Thurston County alone, we helped 997 families with 1438 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1470 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015

Family Child Care

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