Child Care in
Grays Harbor County

Trends in Child Care

In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers declined from 2011-2013, but the number of providers and total capacity for children has stabilized in the last few years.

In Grays Harbor County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 67 with capacity for 1270 children in 2011, to 54 providers with capacity for 1240 children in June of 2016.*

![Number of Child Care Providers Graph]

![Total Child Care Capacity Graph]

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, 4,011 child care providers have joined since July 2012.

Approximately 90% of licensed child care providers in Grays Harbor County are enrolled in Early Achievers. Early Achievers provides families with valuable child care program quality information so they can make informed child care choices.

![Child Care Provider Type Pie Chart]

![Acceptance of State Subsidy Pie Chart]

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)

Grays Harbor County is served locally by

Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula

a program of

Child Care Action Council

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Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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<td>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</td>
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Enrollment as of 8/10/16
**Demographics**

**Population**
- Total Population in 2015: 73,110
- Change since 2011: 210
- Children under 5 yrs: 3,960
- Children under 15 yrs: 12,510
- K-12 Enrollment: 10,163

**Economics**
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 28.6%
- % of children under 6 w/ all parents working: 63.8 to 74.4%
- Median Household Income: $41,687
- Unemployment Rate: 8.3%

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**Helping Families Find Child Care in 2016**

In FY2016, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,723 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Grays Harbor County alone, we helped 107 families with 161 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 128 times.

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**Compensation in 2014**

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$53,746</td>
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**Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016**

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**Children Using Subsidies**

- Infants: 68%
- Toddlers: 21%
- Preschoolers: 22%
- School Age: 31%

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**Referral Demand by Child Age**

- Infants: 26%
- Toddlers: 31%
- Pre-schoolers: 22%
- School Age: 31%

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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, 2015-2016
   - Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Grays Harbor 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, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016

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For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)