Child Care in Lewis 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 Lewis County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 63 with capacity for 1132 children in 2011, to 43 providers with capacity for 1067 children in June of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type
- 49% Child Care Centers
- 49% Family Child Care
- 2% School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- 93% Accept
- 7% Do not accept

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 75% of licensed child care providers in Lewis 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.

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Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 40
- Child Care Centers: 16
- Family Child Care: 14
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 10

Enrollment as of 8/10/16

*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)

Lewis County is served locally by:
Child Care Aware of Southwest Washington
a program of Educational Service District 112
2500 NE 65th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98661
http://web3.esd112.org/ccfs
877.414.0071

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.

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# Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

## Demographics

### Population

**Total Population in 2015:** 76,660  
*Change since 2011:* 660  
**Children under 5 yrs:** 4,365  
**Children under 15 yrs:** 13,802  
**K-12 Enrollment:** 11,863

## Economics

**Unemployment Rate:** 5  
**Compensation in 2014:**

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**Median Household Income:** $42,406  
**Unemployment Rate:** 7.8%

## 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 Lewis County alone, we helped 115 families with 177 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 128 times.

### Children Using Subsidies

**Referral Demand by Child Age**

- **Infants:** 15%
- **School-Age:** 37%
- **Toddlers:** 26%
- **Pre-schoolers:** 22%
- **Children Using Financial Aid:** 77%

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- **Infants:** 15%
- **Toddlers:** 26%
- **Pre-schoolers:** 22%
- **School-Age:** 37%

**Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income**

- Child Care Center Teacher: $24,900  
- Child Care Center Director: $30,288  
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## Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

**Family Child Care**

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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. Lewis 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

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