Child Care in
Okanogan County

August 2016

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 Okanogan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 51 with capacity for 850 children in 2011, to 34 providers with capacity for 542 children in June of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type

- Centers: 18%
- Family Child Care: 82%
- School Age Only: 0%

Acceptance of State Subsidy

- Accept: 88%
- Do not accept: 12%

Number of Child Care Providers

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Total Child Care Capacity

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

Approximately 75% of licensed child care providers in Okanogan 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.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

- Total: 31
- Child Care Centers: 4
- Family Child Care: 23
- Head Start & State: 4
- Preschool Sites: 4

Enrollment as of: 8/10/16
Demographics
Population
Total Population in 2015 41,860
Change since 2011 660
Children under 5 yrs 2,665
Children under 15 yrs 8,089
K-12 Enrollment 10,303

Economics
% of children under 18 living in poverty 31.5%
% of children under 6 w/all parents working 58.6 to 70.6%
Median Household Income $35,146
Unemployment Rate 6.2%

Compensation in 2014
Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income
Child Care Center Teacher $23,712
Child Care Center Director $30,804
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings) $34,966
K-12 Teacher (Statewide) $53,746

Contact Child Care Aware of Washington
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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 Okanogan County alone, we helped 55 families with 76 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 64 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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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.

*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

3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2014

4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014

5 Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2016 (not seasonally-adjusted)

6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Okanogan County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

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