Child Care in
Spokane County

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)

Spokane County is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington
a program of Community-Minded Enterprises
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Spokane, WA 99223
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800.446.2229

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 Spokane County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 396 with capacity for 13,046 children in 2011, to 269 providers with capacity for 10,834 children in June of 2016.*

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 68% of licensed child care providers in Spokane 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

Acceptance of State Subsidy

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

Total 197
Child Care Centers 110
Family Child Care 55
Head Start & State Preschool Sites 32

Enrollment as of 8/10/16
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 Spokane County alone, we helped 1009 families with 1465 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1290 times.

Children Using Subsidies

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<th>Child Age</th>
<th>Using Financial Aid</th>
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<td>Toddlers</td>
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<td>23%</td>
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Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 21%
- Toddlers: 29%
- Pre-schoolers: 23%
- School Age: 27%

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<tr>
<th>Child Care Level</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
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<td>$938</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
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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
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2015-2016
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2014
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey
- Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Spokane County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.
- 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)