Child Care in
Walla Walla 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 Walla Walla County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 69 with capacity for 1561 children in 2011, to 54 providers with capacity for 1253 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 81% of licensed child care providers in Walla Walla 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 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

(Walla Walla County is served locally by Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington, a program of Community-Minded Enterprises)

http://community-minded.org/child-care
800.446.2229

Child Care Provider Type

Acceptance of State Subsidy

Early Achievers (QRIS)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Participation</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Head Start &amp; State</th>
<th>Preschool Sites</th>
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<tr>
<td>Enrollment as of</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>5</td>
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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 Walla Walla County alone, we helped 182 families with 256 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 240 times.

### In FY2016, Child Care Aware of Washington Programs Helped:

- 16,723 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.
- 240 times helped in Walla Walla County.

### Children Using Subsidies

- **51%** of children under 5 years
- **26%** of toddlers
- **22%** of preschoolers
- **16%** of school-age children

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- **61%** infants
- **37%** toddlers
- **22%** preschoolers
- **20%** school-age children

### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

#### Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
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#### Monthly Cost of Child Care

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<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>Toddler</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
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<td>$779</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
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#### 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
- 6. Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey

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