Child Care in
Grant County

Trends in Child Care
In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers and capacity for children declined several years ago, but since 2013 the number of providers has become more stable.

In Grant County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 179 with capacity for 2843 children in 2012, to 152 providers with capacity for 2568 children in December 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, 3,998 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 84% of licensed child care providers in Grant 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.
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2016

In 2016, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 15,753 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Grant County alone, we helped 138 families with 234 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 167 times.

### Children Using Subsidies

- 76% of children using financial aid
- 24% not using financial aid

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- 20% Infants
- 33% Toddlers
- 27% Preschoolers
- 33% School-Age

### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

#### Centers

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#### Family Child Care

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### Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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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, 2016-2017
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey
- Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Grant 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)