**Child Care in Grays Harbor County**

January 2017

**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 92% of licensed child care providers in Grays Harbor 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.

**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 Grays Harbor County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 69 with capacity for 1506 children in 2012, to 52 providers with capacity for 1246 children in December of 2016.*

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**Child Care Provider Type**

- Centers: 63%
- Family Child Care: 37%

**State Subsidy**

- Accept all ages: 90%
- Do not accept: 6%
- Accept school age only: 4%

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**Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation**

- Total: 63
- Child Care Centers: 19
- Family Child Care: 28
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 16

Enrollment as of 2/28/17

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**Child Care Aware of Washington**

Child Care Aware of Washington provides thorough and independent information and support:

- For families seeking quality child care
- For child care programs seeking to improve quality and
- For effective policymaking

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)

**Grays Harbor County**

is served locally by

**Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula**

a program of

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Demographics

Population

- Total Population in 2016: 72,820
- Change since 2012: (330)
- Children under 5 yrs: 3,968
- Children under 15 yrs: 12,513
- K-12 Enrollment: 10,268

Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 24.9%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 62.6 to 73.8%
- Median Household Income: $41,687
- Unemployment Rate: 8.3%

Compensation in 2014

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Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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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 Grays Harbor County alone, we helped 85 families with 129 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 110 times.

Children Using Subsidies

74%

Referral Demand by Child Age

School-Age 33%

Infants 20%

Toddlers 22%

Pre-schoolers 25%

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](http://wa.childcareaware.org).

*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only


2Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017

3U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015

4U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015

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

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

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Grays Harbor County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.

7Office 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)