Child Care in Jefferson County

January 2017

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 Jefferson County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 11 with capacity for 216 children in 2012, to 8 providers with capacity for 190 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 57% of licensed child care providers in Jefferson 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.
Demographics

Population
- Total Population in 2016: 31,090
- Change since 2012: 915
- Children under 5 yrs: 978
- Children under 15 yrs: 3,318
- K-12 Enrollment: 2,608

Economics
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 23.3%
- % of children under 6 w/ all parents working: 65.9 to 84.5%
- Median Household Income: $50,161
- Unemployment Rate: 7.3%

Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
<th>Centers</th>
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<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</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

2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017
3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015
4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015
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

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