Child Care in
Kitsap 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 61% of licensed child care providers in Kitsap 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 Kitsap County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 173 with capacity for 5583 children in 2012, to 138 providers with capacity for 4800 children in December of 2016.*

**Child Care Provider Type**

- 17% Centers
- 32% Family Child Care
- 51% School Age Only

**Child Care Provider Participation**

Total 94
Child Care Centers 31
Family Child Care 38
Head Start & State 25
Preschool Sites 25
Enrollment as of 2/28/17

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*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)

**Kitsap County**

is served locally by

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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

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Demographics

Population^1
Total Population in 2016 262,590
Change since 2012 8,090
Children under 5 yrs 15,694
Children under 15 yrs 46,217
K-12 Enrollment^2 35,876

Economics

% of children under 18 living in poverty^3 11.8%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working^4 48.7 to 56.1%
Median Household Income^1 $59,605
Unemployment Rate^5 5.5%

Compensation in 2014

Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income^6
Child Care Center Teacher $25,320
Child Care Center Director $32,556
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings) $38,384
K-12 Teacher (Statewide)^7 $57,822

For more information, go to http://wa.childcareaware.org

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 Kitsap County alone, we helped 456 families with 651 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 613 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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.

^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
^7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Kitsap County is in DEL Region 5 which includes: Kitsap, Pierce.