Child Care in
Kittitas 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 Kittitas County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 32 with capacity for 792 children in 2012, to 26 providers with capacity for 722 children in December of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type
- 35% Centers
- 61% Family Child Care
- 4% School Age Only

State Subsidy
- 50% Accept all ages
- 38% Do not accept
- 12% Accept school age only

Number of Child Care Providers
- 2012: 34
- 2013: 32
- 2014: 30
- 2015: 28
- 2016: 26

Total Child Care Capacity
- 2012: 690
- 2013: 670
- 2014: 650
- 2015: 630
- 2016: 610

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 54% of licensed child care providers in Kittitas 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
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)

Kittitas County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Central Washington

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Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 15
- Child Care Centers: 5
- Family Child Care: 9
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 1

Enrollment as of 2/28/17

*Data as of December 2016.
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 Kittitas County alone, we helped 44 families with 70 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 59 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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<td>32%</td>
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<td>Preschoolers</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
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Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<td>$692</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$633</td>
<td>$659</td>
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<td>$615</td>
<td>$642</td>
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<td>$325</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


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. Kittitas County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.

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)