Child Care in
Lewis 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 Lewis County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 58 with capacity for 1123 children in 2012, to 43 providers with capacity for 1081 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 73% of licensed child care providers in Lewis 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 Provider Type
- 49% Centers
- 49% Family Child Care
- 2% School Age Only

State Subsidy
- 72% Accept all ages
- 9% Do not accept
- 19% Accept school age only

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 40
- Child Care Centers: 17
- Family Child Care: 13
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 10
- Enrollment as of 2/28/17

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)

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Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

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Demographics
Population
Total Population in 2016: 76,890
Change since 2012: 590
Children under 5 yrs: 4,405
Children under 15 yrs: 13,820
K-12 Enrollment: 11,955

Economics
% of children under 18 living in poverty: 22%
% of children under 6 with all parents working: 55.6 to 65.4%
Median Household Income: $42,406
Unemployment Rate: 7.7%

Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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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 Lewis County alone, we helped 121 families with 181 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 145 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.

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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. Lewis 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