Child Care in
Lincoln County

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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)

Lincoln County

is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington

a program of
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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 Lincoln County, the number of child care providers has increased from 3 with capacity for 52 children in 2012, to 6 providers with capacity for 57 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 71% of licensed child care providers in Lincoln 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.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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<td>Child Care Centers</td>
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<td>Family Child Care</td>
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<td>Head Start &amp; State</td>
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Enrollment as of 2/28/17
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 Lincoln County alone, we helped 2 families with 2 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 4 times.

### Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income¹</th>
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<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
<th>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</th>
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| Family Child Care                          | Infant  | $650                 | $642               | 16%                               |
|                                            | Toddler | $661                 | $558               | 16%                               |
|                                            | Preschool| $596                | $515               | 15%                               |
|                                            | School Age | $553              | $458               | 14%                               |

### 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

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Lincoln County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

7. Office 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)