Child Care in
San Juan 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 San Juan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 9 with capacity for 249 children in 2012, to 6 providers with capacity for 193 children in December of 2016.*

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)

San Juan County
Is served locally by Child Care Aware of Northwest Washington
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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 117% of licensed child care providers in San Juan 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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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 San Juan County alone, we helped 2 families with 2 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 2 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Median Cost

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Family Child Care

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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
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)