Child Care in
Kitsap County

January 2018

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 increased from 146 with capacity for 4992 children in 2013, to 147 providers with capacity for 4757 children in December of 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, 3,921 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 57% 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.

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)

Kitsap County

is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula

a program of
Child Care Action Council

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Child Care Provider Type

- Centers 53%
- Family Child Care 29%
- School Age Only 18%

State Subsidy

- Accept all ages 43%
- Do not accept 23%
- Accept school age only 34%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

- Total 93
- Child Care Centers 31
- Family Child Care 37
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites 25

Enrollment as of 3/8/18

Number of Child Care Providers

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Demographics

Population
- Total Population in 2017: 264,300
- Change since 2013: 10,300
- Children under 5 yrs: 16,060
- Children under 15 yrs: 46,866
- K-12 Enrollment: 36,083

Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 11.6%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 50.5 to 56.7%
- Median Household Income: $65,156
- Unemployment Rate: 4.4%

Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$25,320</td>
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<td>$32,556</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$38,384</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$58,821</td>
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Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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Tacoma, WA 98402
253.533.6805

Helping Families Find Child Care in 2017

In 2017, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 14,456 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Kitsap County alone, we helped 348 families with 486 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 464 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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<th>Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017</th>
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<th>Family Child Care</th>
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<td>$758</td>
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<td>$732</td>
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<td>$433</td>
<td>$542</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. Kitsap County is in DEL Region 5 which includes: Kitsap, Pierce.

For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)