Child Care in Okanogan County

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 Okanogan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 42 with capacity for 718 children in 2013, to 34 providers with capacity for 595 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 74% of licensed child care providers in Okanogan 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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Enrollment as of 3/8/18

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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)

Okanogan County

is served locally by

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Child Care Provider Type

- 71% Centers
- 29% Family Child Care
- 0% School Age Only

State Subsidy

- 62% Accept all ages
- 26% Do not accept
- 12% Accept school age only

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Number of Child Care Providers

- 2013: 50
- 2014: 45
- 2015: 40
- 2016: 35
- 2017: 30

Total Child Care Capacity

- 2013: 800
- 2014: 750
- 2015: 700
- 2016: 650
- 2017: 600

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*Data from Child Care Aware of Washington
Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

Demographics

Population

- Total Population in 2017: 42,110
- Change since 2013: 610
- Children under 5 yrs: 2,657
- Children under 15 yrs: 8,177
- K-12 Enrollment: 10,363

Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 26.3%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 54.1 to 71.3%
- Median Household Income: $41,426
- Unemployment Rate: 6.2%

Compensation in 2014

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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 Okanogan County alone, we helped 30 families with 54 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 32 times.

Children Using Subsidies

- 83% of children using financial aid

Referral Demand by Child Age

- School-Age 33%
- Toddlers 33%
- Pre-schoolers 21%

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

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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
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey
- Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Okanogan County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2016-2017

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