Child Care in
Skamania 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)

**Skamania County**

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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 Skamania County, the number of child care providers has stayed the same from 5 with capacity for 91 children in 2013, to 5 providers with capacity for 91 children in December of 2017.*

**Early Achievers**

Early Achievers is Washington's [Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)](http://www.esd112.org/ece/), 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 80% of licensed child care providers in Skamania 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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<tr>
<td>Family Child Care</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</td>
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Enrollment as of 3/8/18
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 Skamania County alone, we helped 2 families with 2 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 4 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

100%

Children Using Financial Aid

Infants 50%

Toddlers 50%

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

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<tr>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
<th>75th Percentile Cost</th>
<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
<th>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</th>
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<tr>
<td>Infant</td>
<td>$706</td>
<td>$732</td>
<td>$722</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$678</td>
<td>$719</td>
<td>$628</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$570</td>
<td>$611</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$336</td>
<td>$453</td>
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Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$24,900</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$30,288</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$42,191</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$58,821</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.

*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. Skamania County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.

For more information, go to http://wa.childcareaware.org