In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers declined from 2008-2013, becoming more stable from 2014-2020 although still in decline at a lesser rate. Capacity for children declined from 2008-2013, however due to more family child care closures than center-based care, capacity has risen from 2014-2019. There is a dip in number of providers and capacity in 2020. This may be understated because as of June 2020, 27% of child care capacity was temporarily closed due to COVID and based on our surveys of child care providers, some of these sites will not re-open.

In Chelan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 125 with capacity for 1844 children in 2015, to 101 providers with capacity for 1842 children in June of 2020.*

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

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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, 3,831 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 85% of licensed child care providers in Chelan 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 Provider Type

- Centers: 80%
- Family Child Care: 17%
- School Age Only: 3%

State Subsidy

- Accept all ages: 21%
- Do not accept: 5%
- Accept school age only: 74%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

- Total: 87
- Child Care Centers: 10
- Family Child Care: 74
- Head Start & State: 3
- Preschool Sites: 3

Enrollment as of 9/14/20
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2019

In 2019, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 9,759 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Chelan County alone, we helped 131 families with 197 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 169 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2019

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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

1 Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2019

2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2017-2018

3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2018

4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2018


6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2018 Child Care Survey

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

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