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. Since the pandemic there has been a net loss of nearly 150 providers and around 1,500 slots. This decline has disproportionately impacted communities based on location. In the net loss of providers, nearly 40% are center-based, representing 60% of the capacity lost.

In Stevens County, the number of child care providers has increased from 12 with capacity for 276 children in 2017, to 17 providers with capacity for 363 children in December of 2021.*

### Child Care in Stevens County

#### Stevens County

is served locally by

**Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington**

a program of

Community-Minded Enterprises

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http://community-minded.org/child-care-800.446.2229

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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

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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, 3,926 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 59% of licensed child care providers in Stevens 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.

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### Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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Enrollment as of 12/1/21
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2021

In 2021, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 12,580 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Stevens County alone, we helped 21 families with 26 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 27 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2021

Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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253.383.1735

Data Sources:
Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at https://www.childcareawarewa.org.

*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only

1 Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2020
2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2017-2018
3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2019
4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2019
6 Department of Early Learning Washington State 2018 Child Care Survey
    Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Stevens County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2017-2018