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 Wahkiakum County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 2 with capacity for 54 children in 2017, to 1 provider with capacity for 56 children in December of 2021.*

**Child Care Provider Type**

- 100% Centers
- 0% Family Child Care
- 0% School Age Only

**State Subsidy**

- 100% Accept all ages
- 0% Do not accept
- 0% Accept school age only

**Number of Child Care Providers**

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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 100% of licensed child care providers in Wahkiakum 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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*Note: Data as of December 2021.*

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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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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 Wahkiakum County alone, we helped 0 families with 0 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 0 times.