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 Clallam County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 46 with capacity for 1,001 children in 2018, to 38 providers with capacity for 1,078 children in December of 2022.*

### Early Achievers

Early Achievers is Washington's Quality Recognition 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, 4,225 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 85% of licensed child care providers in Clallam 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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*March 2023*

**Child Care Provider Type**

8% Centers  
41% Family Child Care  
51% School Age Only

**State Subsidy**

22% Accept all ages  
8% Do not accept  
70% Accept school age only

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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  
- 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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**Clallam County**

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Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula  
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**Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation**

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Enrollment as of 1/5/2023
Demographics

Population
- Total Population in 2020: 76,770
- Change since 2015: 4,120
- Children under 5 yrs: 3,324
- Children under 15 yrs: 12,422
- K-12 Enrollment: 10,293
- Pre-K-5th Enrollment: 3,923

Economics
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 18.5%
- % of children under 6 w/ all parents working: 56.8 to 62.6%
- Median Household Income: $54,712
- Unemployment Rate: 5.9%

Compensation in 2022

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$86,889</td>
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1001 Pacific Avenue Suite 400
Tacoma, WA 98402
253.383.1735

Helping Families Find Child Care in 2022

In 2022, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 13,579 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Clallam County alone, we helped 88 families with 109 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 126 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2022

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For more information, go to https://www.childcareawarewa.org