Statewide during the past 12 years, Washington has gained over 15,000 slots and decreased by 2,300 providers. The increases in capacity are a result of more family child care closures and larger centers opening. Since 2022, Washington has seen an increase of 400 family child care programs and 70 centers. Current gains in providers are encouraging, however we have significantly less providers than 12 years ago. The trend of less providers and more capacity being available at large centers has contributed to child care deserts, as the number of child care locations has decreased. Moreover, communities across the state have experienced differential outcomes in child care availability as some areas experienced greater child care decreases and in some cases lowered capacity.

In Garfield County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 2 with capacity for 84 children in 2018, to 0 providers with capacity for 0 children in June of 2023.*

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

**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

**Garfield County**

is served locally by

**Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington**
a program of

Community-Minded Enterprises
2001 N Division St, Ste. 130
http://community-minded.org/
800.446.2229

**Early Achievers**

Early Achievers provides families with valuable child care program quality information so they can make informed child care choices.

**Total Child Care Capacity**

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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Enrollment as of 7/19/2023
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2023

So far in 2023, Child Care Aware of Washington programs have helped 7,613 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

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

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