

## Washington's Workforce Today and Tomorrow The State of Child Care in Lewis County Washington



Approximately 20% of children under age 18 are living in poverty <sup>1</sup>



Approximately 61% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work <sup>1</sup>

## Are young children in Lewis County ready for kindergarten when they enter?



Only 41% of children in Lewis County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains.<sup>2</sup>

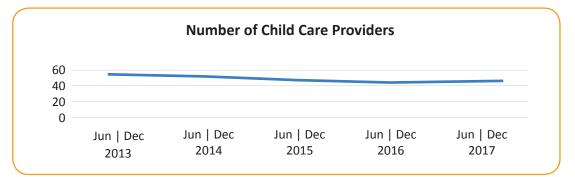


Only 29% of low-income children in Lewis County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains.<sup>2</sup>



More than 77,000 people call Lewis County home. Nearly 5,000 are children younger than 5 years old.<sup>3</sup>

## **Child care supply in Lewis County**



In Lewis County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 54 with capacity for 1,113 children in 2013, to 46 providers with capacity for 1,264 children in December 2017.\*

Notes

- Licensed child care and exempt school-age programs only in Lewis County 1
- U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Centralia, Chehalis, Onalaska, Napavine and Toledo school districts.
- WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016 3.