



Child Care in Columbia County



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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

(formerly the Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network)

Columbia County

is served locally by

Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington

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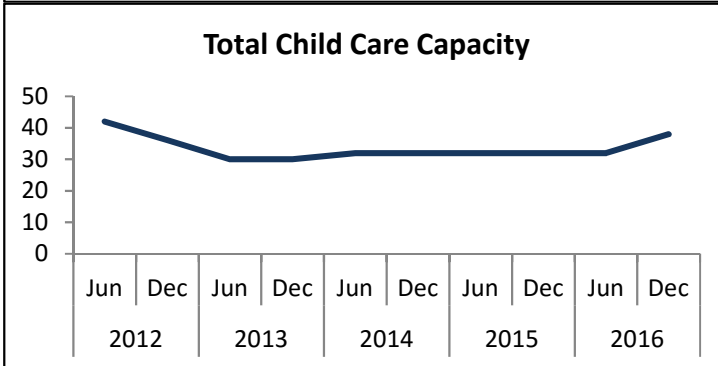
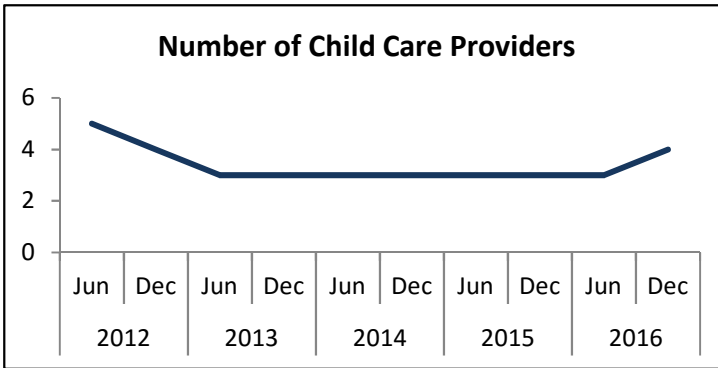
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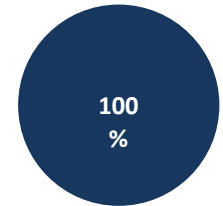
Trends in Child Care

In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers and capacity for children declined several years ago, but since 2013 the number of providers has become more stable.

In Columbia County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 5 with capacity for 42 children in 2012, to 4 providers with capacity for 38 children in December of 2016.*

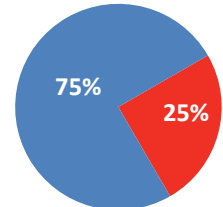


Child Care Provider Type



- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

State Subsidy



- Accept all ages
- Do not accept
- Accept school age only

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, 3,998 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 71% of licensed child care providers in WA are enrolled in Early Achievers, serving 74,000 children*. Early Achievers provides families with valuable child care program quality rating information so they can make informed child care choices.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

Total	1
Child Care Centers	0
Family Child Care	0
Head Start & State Preschool Sites	1
Enrollment as of	2/28/17

Demographics

Population¹

Total Population in 2016	4,050
Change since 2012	(50)
Children under 5 yrs	192
Children under 15 yrs	621
K-12 Enrollment ²	417

Economics

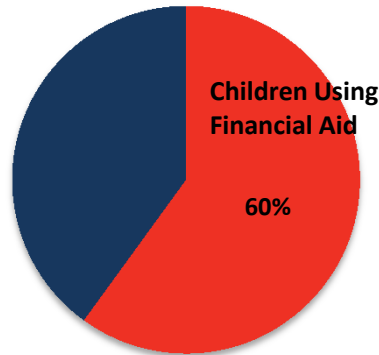
% of children under 18 living in poverty ³	25.2%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working ⁴	38.1 to 76.3%
Median Household Income ¹	\$42,886
Unemployment Rate ⁵	7.0%

Helping Families Find Child Care in 2016

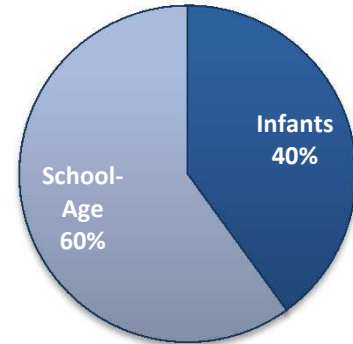
In 2016, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 15,753 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Columbia County alone, we helped 4 families with 5 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 5 times.

Children Using Subsidies



Referral Demand by Child Age



Compensation in 2014

Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income ⁶	
Child Care Center Teacher	\$24,900
Child Care Center Director	\$32,604
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)	\$30,022
K-12 Teacher (Statewide) ⁷	\$57,822

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

Centers	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	N/A	N/A	\$703	N/A
Toddler	N/A	N/A	\$586	N/A
Preschool	N/A	N/A	\$544	N/A
School Age	N/A	N/A	\$481	N/A

Family Child Care	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$542	\$574	\$664	15%
Toddler	\$542	\$574	\$578	15%
Preschool	\$542	\$574	\$530	15%
School Age	\$444	\$525	\$487	12%

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Data Sources:

Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at <http://wa.childcareaware.org>.

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

¹ Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2016

² Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017

³ U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015

⁵ Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2016 (not seasonally-adjusted)

⁶ Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Columbia County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.

⁷ Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016