

## Finding High-Quality Child Care

Finding high-quality child care is one of the most important decisions a family will ever make. Brain research shows us that the early years of a child's life are ***the*** most important for brain development. Children's experiences in the first years of life literally build the architecture of a child's brain.



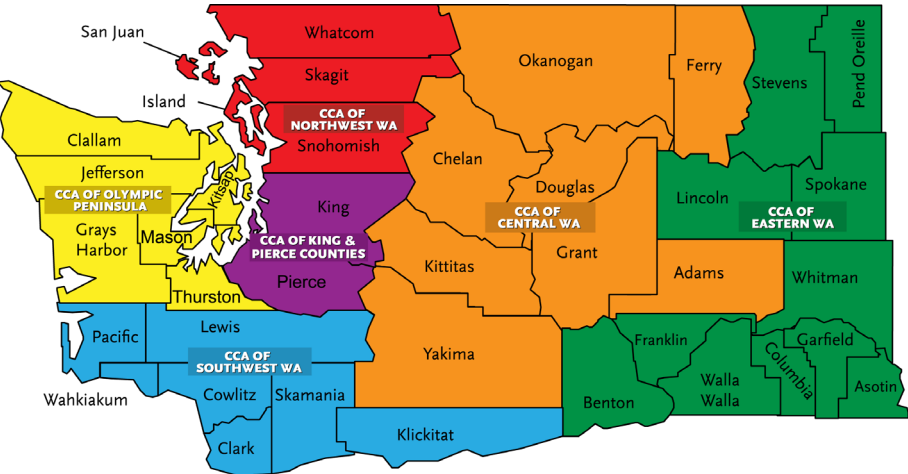
***We want to make sure the time our children spend in child care is time well spent.***

Child Care Aware of Washington is committed to helping families find high-quality child care and early learning programs, and to helping our state's child care providers deliver high-quality care.



## Contact Child Care Aware of Washington for more information about:

- Finding child care in your area
- How child care providers can join Early Achievers
- Child care data in Washington State
- How you can make a positive difference for children, families and our economy



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Child Care Aware of Washington has been connecting families to high-quality child care for over 30 years



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## Making a Difference for Children, One Child Care Provider at a Time

We work with our state's licensed child care providers as they participate in Early Achievers, Washington's quality rating and improvement system. Our early childhood coaches focus on program strengths and relationships so that providers can reach their own goals for quality improvement. To learn more about our work with child care providers, watch our short Early Achievers Impact videos at

<http://wa.childcareaware.org/providers/early-achievers>.



## Who We Are

Child Care Aware of Washington is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to ensuring that every child in Washington has access to high-quality child care and early learning programs.

### Our Mission

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

### Our Vision

Every family in Washington has access to high-quality early learning choices for their children, and every child care program has the resources and support needed to help prepare children for success in school and life.



## Who We Serve

Child Care Aware of Washington serves families and their young children as well as child care providers across the state. We also provide important data on child care in Washington.

Our scholarships program, Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships, provides scholarships to child care and early learning professionals so they may enrich their early childhood expertise via higher education.

Our Family Center connects families to licensed child care programs in their area. Each year thousands of families rely on us to help them find quality programs that meet their needs. Visit <http://wa.childcareaware.org/families> to begin your child care search, or call 800-446-1114.

