

**VISIONS FOR EARLY LEARNING WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COALITION  
2012-2013 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT**

**READY AND SUCCESSFUL SYSTEMS/COMMUNITIES**

*Ready and successful systems and communities have the resources and information needed to support expansion and excellence of programs and services for children, families and schools including: governance, financing, accountability, planning and communication.*

Priority strategy:

- **Build statewide infrastructure for partnerships and mobilization** (build statewide infrastructure to strengthen partnerships, build capacity, broaden reach and focus local mobilization efforts).
- **Expand P-20 Longitudinal data system** (develop a seamless P-20 data system that includes early learning services and programs outside the K-12 system).
- **Revise and promote use of Early Learning and Development Benchmarks** (refine the Benchmarks based on constituent input, then promote use in early learning settings, and align with PreK-third grade).

• **Percent of licensed child care that accepts subsidized children - Updated**

Grays Harbor 98%    Lewis 93%    Mason 93%    Pacific 91%    Thurston 81%

Data Source: 2012 Child Care Data Report by Child Care Aware of Washington (Resource and Referral Network)

• **Cost of child care as a percent of median income - Updated**

2012 Median Cost of Child Care		Licensed Centers			Licensed Family Homes		
		Infant	Toddler	Pre-School	Infant	Toddler	Pre-School
Grays Harbor		693	598	520	585	585	507
Lewis		754	607	535	585	585	520
Mason		706	615	544	602	598	520
Pacific		646	594	520	585	542	511
Thurston		865	715	650	680	650	550
2012 Median Household Income							
	Median Income	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	Infant	Toddler	Pre-School
Grays Harbor	\$ 40,354	20.61%	15.46%	15.46%	17.40%	17.40%	15.08%
Lewis	\$ 41,208	21.96%	15.58%	15.58%	17.04%	17.04%	15.14%
Mason	\$ 48,804	17.36%	13.38%	13.38%	14.80%	14.70%	12.79%
Pacific	\$ 38,018	20.39%	16.41%	16.41%	18.46%	17.11%	16.13%
Thurston	\$ 62,009	16.74%	12.58%	12.58%	13.16%	12.58%	10.64%

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• **How easy or hard is it for parents to find child care in their community**

Child Care Action Council reports that it is not hard to find care, but parents may not find care for the specific age or time slot they need the most.