

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



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



Approximately 54% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work <sup>1</sup>



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



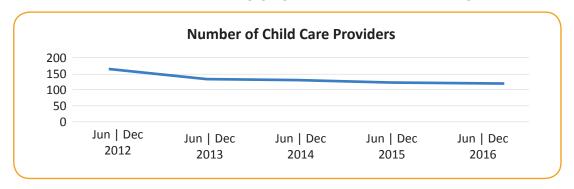
Only 36% of children in Chelan County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup>



Only 25% of low-income children in Chelan County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup>

Almost 76,000 people call Chelan County home.
Nearly 5,000 are children younger than 5 years old. 3

## **Child care supply in Chelan County**



In Chelan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 162 with capacity for 2,111 children in 2012, to 118 providers with capacity for 1,821 children in December 2016.\*

## Notes:

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

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Cascade, Cashmere, Entiat, Lake Chelan and Wenatchee school districts.
- WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016