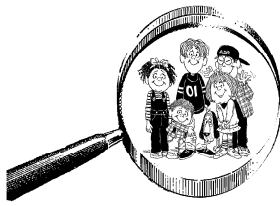


# ZIP CODE PROFILE FOR 98444

Provider Information April 2008	
<b>Licensed Child Care Type and Supply</b>	
Licensed Child Care Centers	11
Licensed Family Homes	13
<b># Providing care to different groups</b>	
Infant care	21
1 year olds	21
2 year olds	21
3-4 year olds	23
5 year olds	24
6-8 year olds	23
9 years and over	20
Accepts Subsidy	25
Multi Child Discount	13
Sliding Scale	4
<b>Licensed Capacity &amp; Vacancies</b>	
Licensed Capacity	766
Total vacancies in database	32
<p><i>**Note: Providers do not always want to reach their licensed capacity. We update our records yearly, but depend on providers to update vacancies as they occur.</i></p>	
<b>Schedules Offered</b>	
Full Time	24
Part Time	24
Rotating Shifts	5
Temp/Emergency	11
Drop-In	8
24-Hour	0
Open past 6:30 pm	1
Weekends	0
<b>Education and Experience</b>	
Some ECE classes	11
ECE Certificate	6
AA in ECE or Related	7
BA in ECE or Related	5
MA in ECE or Related	1
CDA (Child Development Assoc.)	2
Other College	6
Certified Teacher	1
Under 1 yr experience	4
1-3 years	9
4-6 years	3
7-10 years	2
Over 10 years	7

Parent Information 4/1/07 – 4/1/08																												
<b>Type of Care Requested</b>																												
Number of calls	206																											
Total children	290																											
Accept DSHS	164																											
Infant	119																											
Toddler	23																											
Pre-school	63																											
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Children 0-4	2,655																											
Children 5-17	5,764																											
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*\*\*Above statistics come from the Tacoma-Pierce County Child Care Resource and Referral database.*



## ZIP CODE PROFILE

**Child care is expensive.** In many families, child care is the first or second largest expense after mortgage/rent and food. Yet, providing child care is anything but lucrative--child care workers, even owners of home-based child care businesses--often make poverty-level wages. Lower income families experience particular problems in finding affordable child care and often feel forced to put their children in less-than-ideal settings due to financial limitations. While child care subsidies are available for some families, they do not solve the find it hard to even cover minimal co-pays.

**What we do know, and what we need to face as a community, is that what happens to children from birth to five will shape the rest of their lives.** Early brain development research (in children pregnancy to three) shows that with proper stimulation and nurturing, an infant's brain develops many connections that provide the basis for all future learning. Without that stimulation and nurturing, those capabilities can be compromised and affect learning ability, emotional and social skills, and intellectual development.

### People

# of people	744,000
Children under 5	51,485
Children under 5 living in poverty	15%
Children under 13	138,551
Children under 13 living in poverty	13%
Children in Care Zone:	89,938

### 6/1/07 through 6/1/08 Child Care Referrals

Families receiving referrals	3,740
Low income families	33%
Single parent families	23%

### Economics

Living Wage	\$37,700
Median annual household Income	\$50,939
Unemployment Rate	7.0%

### Child Care Providers in Pierce County

Salary of a kindergarten teacher	\$40,330
Salary of a Center Director	\$26,364
Salary of a Center Teacher	\$19,302
Gross Income of Family Child Care Provider	\$27,106

Washington's kindergarten teachers earn 53% more than center directors, more than double what child care teachers ear, and 49% more than a family child care providers' gross earnings. The lack of competitive wages makes it difficult to recruit and retain educated child care workers and can have a negative impact on the quality of care.

**71% of Child Care Providers indicate that referrals help sustain their child care business, and 89% are satisfied with the services they've received from R&R.**

### Child Care Resource & Referral

We support communities by:

- Helping parents find child care options;
- Improving the quality of childcare, early learning and after school programs;
- Advocating for children, parents, and child care providers;
- Increasing the availability of childcare;
- Bridging childcare and K-12 education; and
- Supporting families to raise healthy children.

**Data Sources for the Report:** American Federation of Teachers, Department of Social and Health Services, Head Start State Collaboration Office, office of Financial Management, Federal Registry, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network.

### Families in Pierce County (June 2008)

**Affordability:**\*Median indicates half charge more and half charge less

Center	Median	In-Home	Median
Infant	\$9,683	Infant	\$7,842
Toddler	\$8,283	Toddler	\$7,558
Preschool	\$7,477	Preschool	\$6,617

Child care continues to represent a substantial cost for families. The cost of full time care for an infant represents 13% to 16% of the median income (\$50,939), Care for an infant and preschool child would represent 24%-29% of the median income.

**Finding Child Care:** How do families find child care?

- 38% through Resource & Referral
- 28% through friends or family
- 17% were still looking for care
- 2% chose to stay home
- 15% through other means like phone book

**97% of families surveyed would share Tacoma-Pierce County's Child Care Resource & Referral local contact information with a friend or family member.**