

Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals 2000-2010

During our eleven year history, the **Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals (Washington Scholarships)** program has grown from 12 scholars in the City of Seattle to 776 scholars statewide in 2010-11.

Washington Scholarships has:

- Offered 4,175 scholarships to 2,080 different individuals working in licensed child care centers and family child care businesses;
- Increased wages by an average 18%; and
- Helped retain 94% of its scholars at participating facilities.

Key Historic Facts about Scholars

Washington Scholars come from a variety of backgrounds. Our program has had a strong commitment to preserving the diversity of the workforce while increasing the education levels of our participating scholars.

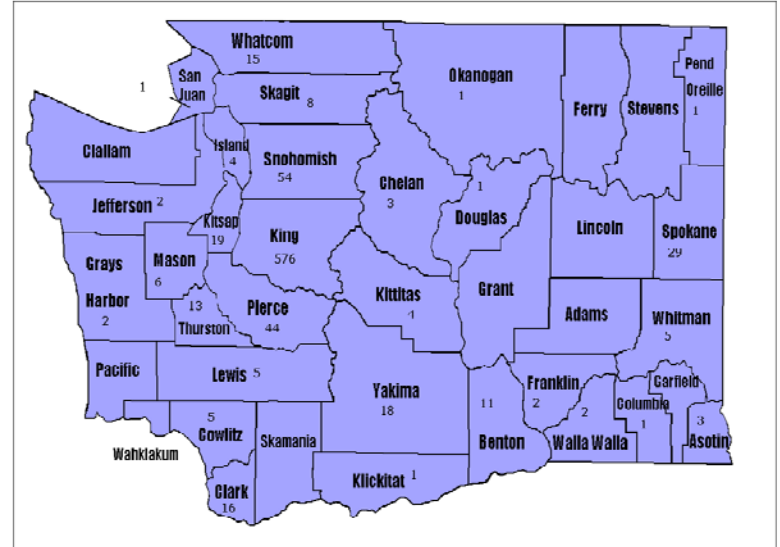
Our scholars have the following characteristics:

- 95% are women
- 75% work in licensed centers
- 25% represent family child care businesses
- 46% are persons of color
- Average scholar age is 38

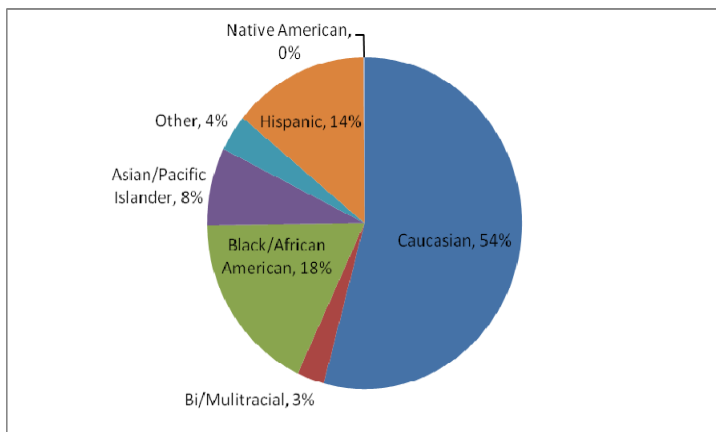


Number of Scholars Receiving Degrees or Credentials	2009-2010	2000-2010
Bachelors Degree	2	8
Associates Degree	11	131
Early Childhood Education (ECE) Certificate	1	21
Child Development Associate (CDA) Credentials	62	305

2009-2010 Geographic Distribution of Scholarships



Race & Ethnicity of Washington Scholars



Washington Scholarship Program Highlights	2009-2010	2000-2010
Credits Taken	6,329	36,114
Children Served	4,661	18,511
Facilities with Scholars	240	435