

NEWSLETTER

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Care About Childcare at Utah Valley University is a Child Care Resource & Referral agency that serves Utah, Juab, Summit, and Wasatch counties.

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Monday
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Tuesday
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
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8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday
Closed

Final Deadline to apply for these scholarships is May 31, 2024:

- Early Education Payback Program
- College Course Scholarship
- Conference Registration Scholarship
- Professional Development Incentive (PDI) \$250 bonus per level
- Program National Accreditation Reimbursement Grant

Please make sure you apply with all the correct documentation attached by May 31, 2024.

Reach out to Utah Registry for Professional Development (URPD) with any questions at urpd@usu.edu.

Licensing Updates

New Rules effective November 19, 2023: (links attached)

- **Centers**
- **Licensed Family**
- **Residential Certificate**
- **Commercial Preschools**
- **Out of School Time Facilities**
- **Hourly Facilities**

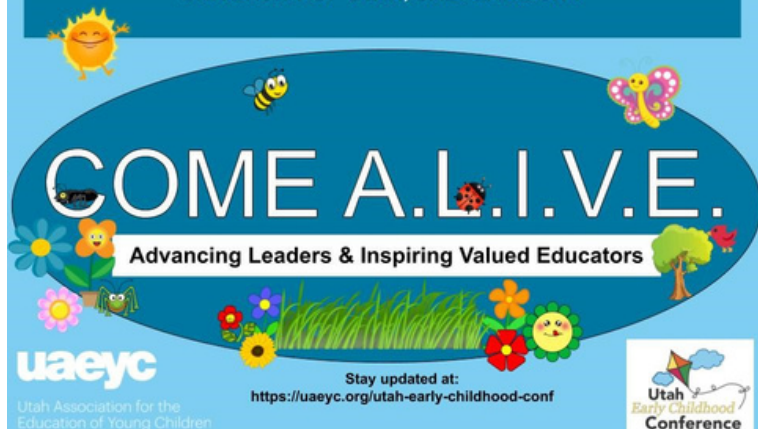
Feel free to contact Child Care Licensing if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to receive their quarterly newsletter.

The Children's Center Utah offers program-centered consultation for classrooms serving children ages 0 - 5 years. The concentration is on improving the universal quality of an early childhood program to better support the social and emotional well-being of all children. This FREE program provides 4 - 6 months of weekly, on-site support for educators. If you are interested in learning more about program-centered consultation, please contact Kami Mauldin at kmauldin@ccutah.org



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 8-9, 2024

49TH ANNUAL UTAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY



The Utah Office of Child Care is conducting a Child Care Provider Market Rate Survey (MRS) and needs your help!

- **What is the MRS?** States are required to conduct a MRS every 3 years to gather information about the child care market. The University of Utah Economic Evaluation Unit will be analyzing data that will be used to assess the needs & resources available to children in Utah, determine the cost of quality of care, and to comply with federal requirements for the Child Care & Development Block grant.
- **Why is the MRS important?** As a provider, it is in your best interest to provide data for your facility. Your participation is essential for the MRS to have valid/ reflective data that is representative of the statewide child care market. This data will provide advocates and government agencies with important information about the current costs of child care and identify child care needs in Utah.
- **How & When must it be completed?** This year the MRS has been simplified. Instead of completing a separate survey, you will complete the MRS by [updating information about your program in the Care About Childcare \(CAC\) website on the following three pages:](#)
 - [Attributes](#)
 - [Capacity](#)
 - [Rates](#)
- **That's it!** The survey data will be collected using responses and updates entered from January through March 31, 2024. Any information entered during 2023 will need to be RESAVED during this time period, even if the information has not changed.
- If you need to make multiple changes during the January-March 2024 period, only the **LATEST** data submitted will be included in the study. Participants who complete or update information in all 3 CAC pages by February 28, 2024 will receive a **voucher(s) for free training** from Care About Childcare.
- **Who should complete the survey?** If you are not the owner of the facility, please notify the owner of this message and consult with them prior to updating information on your programs CAC pages. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact [your local CAC agency](#).



Utah Career Ladder

Congratulations to all youth and early learning professionals who have been working hard to improve their knowledge, skills, and care! We truly appreciate your efforts to advance on the Utah Career Ladder.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Brittany Aime Gamble - Levels 1, 2
 Taleah Anderson - Level 3, 4
 Viviana Arenas Viola - Level 1
 Evelyn Ayala - Level 1
 Ariel Baker - Levels 4, 5
 Nelly Barrueto - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Courtney Bengry - Level 3
 Kenia Blanco - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Yiselle Breen - Levels 1, 2
 Jacqueline Carmigniani - Levels 2, 3
 Brennan Cecil - Level 4
 Caitlyn Cedarstrom - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Laurel Cupit - Levels 1, 4
 Sariah De Paz - Level 4
 Gineska Dossantos - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Brittany Duke - Levels 8, 10
 Ruthanne Gillming - Levels 4, 10
 Katelyn Hansen - Level 2
 Alex Hardman - Levels 5, 6, 7, 8
 Miriam Izarraraz - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Tammy Jones - Level 2
 Lizbeth Kendall - Levels 1, 2
 Yu-Jung Kuo - Level 10
 Norvina Lawrence - Level 4
 Hayley Mills - Levels 1, 2
 Hannah Morris - Level 5
 Nicole MuA+oz Albornoz - Level 2
 Lisbeth Nesta - Level 1
 Grace Ogles - Levels 1, 2, 3, 9
 Cindy Ortega - Level 3
 Rachale Ottley - Level 1
 Kazia Pace - Levels 2, 3
 Zach Preece - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Liz Rahmsdorf - Level 2
 Bethany Robison - Levels 1, 2
 Janeth Salazar - Levels 5, 6, 7, 8
 Geraldine Sanchez - Level 4

Utah Career Ladder (Continued)

Sheri Searle - Level 2
 Junyi Shen - Levels 1, 2, 3, 10
 Annie Steel - Levels 1, 2
 Maddelyn Steelman - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7
 Caprice Sumsion - Level 3
 Jasmine Takemoto - Level 3
 Joy Thomas - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Esther Vallenilla - Level 4
 Jessica Whipple - Level 5
 Kimberly Williamson - Level 3
 Ireland Wilson - Level 3
 Elizabeth Zundel - Level 3

FYI....The Course
 Calendar for April, May,
 June classes will be
 available on March 1,
 2024. Here is the [LINK](#) to
 register for classes.

Upcoming SLCC Center-Based "Leadership Principles" Class taught by Reed Combs from SLCC:

- Thursday, February 22, 2024
- 9 AM (8 weeks in duration)
- NO COST!
- 16 Career Ladder credits & 16 NAC Continuing Ed. credits
- Space is limited, so reserve your spot by emailing reed.combs@slcc.edu

We want to celebrate those who have quality ratings with CCQS:

Licensed Family Child Care:

Made of Laughter Daycare
Vineyard Daycare
Bronk's Zoo
ABC Daycare
Lighthouse Montessori Academy
Cathy Harker Daycare LLC
It Takes a Village Daycare
ABC Educational Home Care
Denise Tubbs
Eagle Mountain Kids Care
Kindersteps Childcare

Licensed Center:

A To Z Building Blocks in Eagle Mountain
A To Z Building Blocks in Orem
A To Z Building Blocks in Spanish Fork
A To Z Building Blocks on 1st in American Fork
A To Z Building Blocks on 300 East in American Fork
ABC Great Beginnings- Saratoga
Adventure Time Preschool and Child Care
Discovery Foundation for Learning
Kid Stop/American Fork Hospital
Little Geniuses Learning Center
R-Kids Child Care Center/UVRMC
Smiling Faces Bilingual Learning Center & Daycare
Sunny Center
Sunny Day Preschool & Daycare
Sunny Daycare Inc
UVU Wee Care Center
Way To Grow

If you are interested in participating with CCQS, please contact our CCQS specialist at 801-863-7453 or email: wellsva@uvu.edu



CDA credential at no cost!

Have you ever considered getting your Child Development Associate (CDA)? Just click on the link below and fill out this interest form on how to get yours. If you have any further questions call 801-863-4589

Click the [LINK](#) for the interest form.

Welcome Newly Licensed Providers:

Sunshine Square
Preschool- Heber
Lil Noggins
PC Tots Library



Simple Ways to Show Your Child You Love Them

The most fundamental gifts we can give our children are acceptance, stability, and most importantly, love. Of course, parents love their children, but love is not only a noun but a verb. Showing love to your children consistently is essential to their well-being. Research shows that the feeling of being loved and experiencing parental affection has positive effects on a child's development and mental health. When kids feel secure and loved, they are free to focus on other things- like learning and creativity. Here are a few ways (click link down below for further information):

Listen to Your Child

Have Fun Together

Hug Them More

Go For Small Gestures

Create a Special Routine Together

Include Your Kids in Family Decisions

Keep Structure in Your Home

Pay Attention to ALL Your Children Equally

Realize Family Dynamics Matter

Understand that Material Things Don't Equate to Love

Support Your Child Even When They Slip



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Open now! Please come visit us !

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