Our office will be open for walk-ins during the following times:

**Monday**
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Tuesday**
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Thursday**
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Friday**
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

We do work remotely a portion of the time. If you need to meet with a specific person, please call them to make an appointment.

The main phone line will be monitored Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
Thank you to everyone who completed their whole record update by the deadline! The following providers won our drawing for $50 of materials from Lakeshore:

- Ali Gillins from Ms Ali’s
- Lisa Gillman from Kid Stop/American Fork Hospital
- Jami Jones from Jami L Mitchell Daycare
- Melisa Pranter from Inquiry Academy
- Andrew Whearley from Hobble Creek Family Daycare

Whole record updates are **REQUIRED** to be completed each year. If you have not completed it since May 2021, it must be completed ASAP! If you have any questions about how to complete this update, please call 801-863-8589.

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**Child Care Quality System (CCQS) for Family Child Care Programs**

**When will I be able to apply for a certified quality rating for my child care program?**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all activities related to Utah’s Child Care Quality System (CCQS) stopped in March 2020. To begin recovery efforts as the pandemic continues, the Office of Child Care has developed a temporary CCQS framework for family child care providers.

Licensed Family programs will be able to apply for a certified quality rating and be scored using a temporary CCQS framework between **June and December 2021**.

**What is the temporary CCQS framework? How is the scoring different?**

The temporary CCQS framework was created to bridge the gap created by the pandemic.

As the child care community continues to adjust to and recover from the effects of the pandemic, the Office of Child Care has developed a temporary CCQS framework for family child care programs.

The Office of Child Care is working with partner agencies to rebuild the structure of CCQS, including ensuring that staff conducting observations are reliable.

The temporary framework does **NOT** include the requirement for an on-site observation.

It **DOES** include requirements to complete training courses directly related to the Environment Rating Scale tool that will be used when observations resume.

When scored, the program may be awarded:

- **Certified Foundation of Quality**
- **Certified Building Quality**

This rating will be effective for up to one year.

For more information about the temporary CCQS framework for family child care programs, please see [Temporary Changes to CCQS - FAQ for Family Child Care Programs](#).

Valarie Browning is also available to answer any questions you may have about CCQS. You can contact her at:

**Valarie Browning**

801-863-7453

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**Start Applying June 1st!**
**In Person Classes**

Care About Childcare at Utah Valley University will start offering in person classes in July. Only 1 in person class will be held at a time. Spots will be extremely limited. Please note that Covid-19 guidelines will be enforced.

These guidelines are listed below.

- Participants will be required to socially distance during in person classes (i.e., 3 feet apart).
- Masks are encouraged but NOT required. Masks will be available to those who would like to wear one.
- Instructors will not be required to wear a mask while teaching.

**How to Sign Up for Courses**

1. Log in to the CAC website (jobs.utah.gov/occ/cac).
2. Click Professional Development.
3. Click Course Calendar.
4. Click on the shopping cart next to the course you want to add. If there is not a shopping cart, then that course is full.
5. Click Checkout once you have added all of your courses.
6. Check the box next to the course to add it to your subtotal at the bottom of the page.
7. Click Self Pay or Program Pays.
8. Check the box next to “I agree to the Course Code of Conduct.”
9. Click Register.
10. Follow the onscreen instructions to finish paying for your course.

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**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 all your efforts to advance on the Utah Career Ladder.

From now on, Career Ladder Advancements will be announced in our newsletter on a quarterly basis.

However, we will have a one-time announcement for all advancements completed in 2021 as soon as that information is available.

Thank you for all that you do to care for Utah’s children!
Spanish Resource & Education Night

Topic: Early Intervention, Help Me Grow, and Centro Hispano

Date: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Virtual via ZOOM

To register and receive the ZOOM link, please email childcare@uvu.edu.

Our next Resource & Education Night in English will be Tuesday, July 13th, 2021.

Centro Hispano’s mission is to empower Latino and Utah families by providing equitable access to information, resources, and educational programs to advance and strengthen the community.

The Community Resource Department at Centro Hispano provides free, culturally appropriate delivery of information to the Hispanic Community. This includes referrals, notary services, translation services, legal consultations, and help filling out job applications and resumes.


Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic educates and serves members of the community about their tax rights and responsibilities. It also advocates for low-income taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

For more information, please contact: 801-655-0258

or visit their website at: centrohispanouc.org

Lending Library Spotlight

This month’s lending library spotlight is our insect kit from the nature/science section. This kit includes:

- 1 bug catcher
- 1 science game (bugs)
- 3 bug finger puppets
- 5 realistic pictures of bugs
- 10 large story pictures
- 10 butterfly life cycle cards
- 12 bugs and stuff in resin
- 18 books about bugs
- 44 toy bugs (8 large & 36 small)
- Plus so much more!

If you are interested in checking out this kit, stop by during our office hours. Please note that all items are due two weeks after checkout.
Care About Childcare Courses

Parents, did you know that you can take classes on child development and so much more through Care About Childcare? While these classes are geared toward child care providers, they are great for parents too!

For a limited time, these classes are being offered for only $5! To register, please go to the Course Calendar on the Care About Childcare website. You will need to have a Care About Childcare account to register. If you need to create an account, please call 801-863-8589.

HELP ME GROW

Help Me Grow Utah is an information and referral helpline available at no cost that provides parents, physicians and providers with the knowledge and resources they need to make a difference in the lives of children.

They support prenatal parents and families with children through age 8, offering services in both English and Spanish.

Help Me Grow supports parents by:

• Tracking your child’s development through a developmental screening, the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). There are two screenings available: general and social-emotional development.

• Answering your pregnancy and parenting questions, from everyday concerns to tough situations. It’s like having a live parenting manual!

• Offering research-based, credible information.

• Helping you find the right resources for you and your family.

• Following up with you to see if the resources worked for you. If not, they’ll be happy to find other options.

• Talking with other providers your family is working with to ensure better coordination of care.

For more information, please contact:
801-691-5322
or visit their website at:
helpmegrowutah.org

KIDS IN CARE
Children’s Service Society

The Kids in Care program is for unemployed parents engaging in formal job search activities.

It reimburses regulated child care providers for caring for children while parents engage in job search activities.

• Qualifying situations: Recent loss of a job or the need to reenter the workforce.

• Parents need to meet specified financial eligibility requirements based upon federal regulations.

• Providers can be directly reimbursed for up to 150 hours of child care per family.

• Parents have 6 months to use approved hours (may reapply if needed).

• Applications accepted for all Utah residents

• Care About Childcare can assist in finding a regulated child care provider free of charge if you don’t currently have one (jobs.utah.gov/occ/cac).

• Limited funds available.

For an application please contact:
801-326-4399
KIC@cssutah.org
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