CHILDCARE: WHAT UTAHNS NEED TO KNOW

CHILDCARE IN UTAH
Childcare is a tough consideration for thousands of Utah families.

- In 2017, there were 152,479 children needing care.
- In 2017, 60 Million dollars went to families supporting children in childcare.

Wages with children under age 18 who work.
- Utah has the largest percentage of caregivers are grandmothers.
- Infant care is 53% more expensive than college tuition.

HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?

- Childcare in Utah is unaffordable for many Utah families.
- Childcare is available at many Utah colleges, but demand far exceeds supply.

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- 30% of Utah parents have cut back work hours because of unmet childcare needs.

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