## **WOMEN & LEADERSHIP** Project

# WORKING PARENT CHILDCARE RESOURCES

#### **FIND CHILDCARE**

Search online at <u>Care about Childcare</u>, or contact <u>your local Care About Childcare</u> for a referral

## LEARN ABOUT CHILDCARE

<u>UWLP Childcare Toolkit</u> Office of Child Care <u>Provider Types</u>

## **ADVOCATE FOR CHILDCARE**

In your community:

Utah Working Parents Alliance (UWPA)

Utah Child Care Cooperative (UC3)

## PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

Find out if you are <u>eligible</u> for childcare assistance

In your workplace:

**1) Do Your Research:** Find and document what other companies (competitors) provide as child care benefits.

**2)** Discern the Need: Talk with other parents in your workplace and ask what types of initiatives could be most helpful to them:

- Onsite or near-site employer-provided childcare
- Assistance in covering the costs of childcare (subsidies, vouchers)
- Emergency backup childcare
- Dependent Care Savings Account or Flexible Spending Account (FSA) to save untaxed \$ for childcare expenses
- Flexible schedules to accommodate school schedules
- Remote work options
- See this <u>UWLP handout</u> for more childcare benefit options

**3)** Focus on the Bottom Line: When employees are supported and can focus on work, it drives success for the whole organization. Focus on what these benefits will do for the company. Explain how these policies will help you and others work more productively:

- Reduce absenteeism by as much as 30%
- Reduce turnover by as much as 60%
- Increase productivity
- Retain workers as <u>83% of millennial workers</u> will leave their current job for one with more family friendly benefits

If more companies offer childcare benefits, parents and future parents will better be able to see a future for themselves in more industries and careers, thus increasing career possibilities and incomes for women. For more detail, visit the <u>UWLP childcare toolkit.</u>

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