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Care About Childcare Salt Lake County Report



Care About Childcare: Quality in Child Care Settings

The mission of Care About Childcare at Children’s Service Society is to promote quality environments for all children through education and support.

Did you know that there are only about 2,000 days between the day a child is born and their first day of school? In this short time, 90% of all brain development takes place. High quality child care settings allow children to experience stimulating interactions in safe and healthy environments. Quality interactions facilitate up to 700 neural connections every second during those early years.

Visualize for a moment two child care settings:

The first setting is poorly lit and unclean. Many of the toys are broken and mixed together, making it difficult for children to find something to play with. The children spend most of their time watching television. The high number of children makes the caregiver overwhelmed and most of her interactions with them consists of her yelling at them to “be good!”.

The second setting is well lit and clean. Materials, activities and concepts are accessible, interesting and presented appropriately to the children. The caregiver interacts with children as they move around the environment, playing with and exploring toys. Children with varying levels of ability are included and encouraged to play side-by-side with their peers. Teachers and children enjoy caring and nurturing relationships. Communication occurs throughout the day and children are encouraged to use reasoning and problem-solving skills.

If you were a child, which setting would you like to be in? Which setting would you prefer your child to be in?

Research shows that poor quality environments have a detrimental effect on children. Children in low quality early childhood settings are:



- Twice as likely to be in special education
- More likely to be unprepared and behind when they enter school with deficits that are difficult to make up
- 30% more likely not to go to college
- 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime, become a teen parent, drop out of school, spend the rest of their life in poverty

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Cost of Child Care in Salt Lake County

North Region	Centers		Family Child Care	
	Monthly range	Avg.	Monthly range	Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 23 months)	\$687-1,134	\$934	\$600-812	\$672
2 year old	\$580-995	\$802	\$550-737	\$631
3 year old	\$260-951	\$689	\$547-671	\$614
Preschool	\$260-921	\$675	\$516-669	\$594
Kindergarten	\$500-1,135	\$711	\$475-600	\$536
School Age	\$180-891	\$612	\$400-650	\$513

East Region	Centers		Family Child Care	
	Monthly range	Avg.	Monthly range	Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 23 months)	\$445-1,070	\$779	\$600-725	\$665
2 year old	\$514-804	\$651	\$517-690	\$612
3 year old	\$432-746	\$588	\$517-673	\$590
Preschool	\$427-736	\$570	\$505-656	\$575
Kindergarten	\$427-712	\$545	\$486-580	\$517
School Age	\$462-612	\$513	\$395-553	\$477

West Region	Centers		Family Child Care	
	Monthly range	Avg.	Monthly range	Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 23 months)	\$507-763	\$672	\$588-608	\$593
2 year old	\$453-645	\$576	\$571-555	\$540
3 year old	\$453-595	\$539	\$497-527	\$517
Preschool	\$419-576	\$510	\$490-519	\$503
Kindergarten	\$387-548	\$487	\$467-512	\$492
School Age	\$399-508	\$452	\$435-480	\$454

South East Region	Centers		Family Child Care	
	Monthly range	Avg.	Monthly range	Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 23 months)	\$420-973	\$789	\$595-714	\$645
2 year old	\$420-769	\$650	\$550-635	\$587
3 year old	\$420-701	\$602	\$544-621	\$572
Preschool	\$420-679	\$591	\$500-616	\$556
Kindergarten	\$528-672	\$596	\$500-597	\$536
School Age	\$417-594	\$508	\$400-597	\$508

South West Region	Centers		Family Child Care	
	Monthly range	Avg.	Monthly range	Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 23 months)	\$772-868	\$825	\$530-646	\$594
2 year old	\$609-728	\$678	\$485-596	\$550
3 year old	\$578-675	\$622	\$485-569	\$533
Preschool	\$551-632	\$592	\$485-568	\$525
Kindergarten	\$510-664	\$579	\$440-572	\$505
School Age	\$482-621	\$525	\$453-541	\$485

North Region includes:
Glendale, Downtown Salt Lake, South Salt Lake, University, and any other unincorporated areas.

East Region includes:
Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, Murray, Rose Park, Sugarhouse, and any other unincorporated areas.

West Region includes:
Kearns, Magna, Taylorsville, West Valley City and any other unincorporated areas.

South East Region includes:
Draper, Midvale, Sandy and any other unincorporated areas.

South West Region includes:
Herriman, Riverton, South Jordan, West Jordan, and any other unincorporated areas.



The data presented is not a recommendation of what costs for child care should be, but rather a reflection of what regulated providers are currently charging for regular **full time** child care. The term "Family Child Care" includes Licensed Family Child Care, and Residential Certificate providers.



Total Number of Regulated Programs

Regions	Family	Center
North Region	27	36
East Region	53	49
West Region	139	27
South East Region	35	28
South West Region	73	28
TOTAL	327	168

Current Slots Offered and Vacancies

Regions	Slots	Vacancies
North Region	3,188	167
East Region	4,442	558
West Region	3,913	753
South East Region	3,090	378
South West Region	3,752	543
TOTAL	18,385	2,399

Utah's Demand for Child Care

Children under the age of 6	Utah
Children in two-parent families, both parents in the work force	108,676
Children in single-parent families, parent in the work force	43,803
TOTAL	152,479

Utah's demand data presented by Child Care Aware of America
For more information visit childcareaware.org

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

Care About Childcare's 13th Annual Child Care Provider Appreciation Day will be held on Thursday, June 14th, 2018 at This is the Place Heritage Park!

This is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. A group of volunteers in New Jersey started the National Provider Appreciation Day in 1996, which is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. They saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and national support for this even has grown each year.

All providers in Salt Lake and Tooele counties will receive a certificate of recognition and an invitation to our yearly celebration. We will have a day full of activities, prizes and fun events.



**Save the Date:
Thursday,
June 14th, 2018**

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