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Care About Childcare Tooele 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 interactions 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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Total Number of Regulated Programs

Current Family Child Care	14
Current Center	10

Current Total Slots Offered and Vacancies

Total Slots offered in Tooele County	884
Total Vacancies	39

Cost of Child Care in Tooele County

Age group	Centers		Family Child Care	
	Monthly range	Avg.	Monthly range	Avg.
Infant (0 to 23 months)	\$600-694	\$647	\$560-600	\$578
2 year old	\$503-601	\$552	\$500-540	\$526
3 year old	\$451-553	\$502	\$448-516	\$488
Preschool	\$451-543	\$497	\$430-510	\$480
Kindergarten	\$468-499	\$483	\$486-505	\$497
School Age	\$468-499	\$483	\$457-500	\$486

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.



Tooele Region includes:
Grantsville, Stansbury Park, Tooele, Wendover, and any other unincorporated areas.

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

Care About Childcare Emergency Alert System

Child Care Programs, After School Programs, Preschools, and Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) programs that have a profile in the CAC Referral Database will now receive an e-mail and text alert if there is an emergency in their specific area. The e-mails and texts will come directly from your local emergency responders.

Please call Care About Childcare at Children's Service Society to be enrolled in the Emergency Alert System

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