Professional Development PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024





Reminder

Because we are executing a hybrid work model, please <u>be sure you make an appointment</u> before coming to the office to ensure the right staff member is available to attend you.



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CAC Website

Follow this <u>link</u> for helpful tutorials of how to navigate the new site or contact CSS/CAC for help. We have tutorials for various parts of the site available. You can find all our tutorial videos in English and Spanish <u>here</u>

Fingerprinting For Childcare Providers



Care about Childcare offers Live Scan fingerprinting services for those recently hired at a licensed Child Care Program.

All fingerprinting is done by appointment only, available Monday through Friday 9am to 12:30pm

To schedule an appointment call 801-355-4847 or email fingerprinting@cssutah.org



Society of Utah Care About 🔅



Scholarships and Financial Support

• EARLY EDUCATION PAYBACK PROGRAM

Provides reimbursement for the cost of early childhood education college credits. Students can earn up to \$3,500 per semester while working at least 15 hours in the early childhood education field.

• CAREER LADDER APPROVED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Earn up to \$750 per <u>Career Ladder-approved course</u> for up to 12 credit hours/semester as a reimbursement payment

• CONFERENCE REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP

Earn up to \$500 per year as a reimbursement payment for attending a conference in the early childhood field that meet the requirements of a <u>Professional Activity</u> on the Career Ladder.

• ONGOING OCC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Office of Child Care (OCC) and the Utah Registry or Professional Development (URPD) provide financial support for individuals working towards professional development goals in the youth and early childhood fields. Our ongoing scholarships provide a variety of opportunities to receive funding to help pay for early childhood certificates and credentials.

• LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

• PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

The Professional Development Incentive (PDI) encourages progression along Utah's Career Ladder by offering financial incentives to eligible youth and early learning professionals as they achieve professional development milestones.

• LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

• SCHOLARSHIP AND INCENTIVE POLICIES

<u>Scholarships Policy</u>

Professional Development Incentive Policy

All scholarships are available for those working at least 15 hours/week in a DWS Eligible program <u>licensed by the Utah Department of Health—Child Care Licensing</u>

• CHECK OUT CAC-CSS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!



Facebook





Instagram



		July, August, St	eptember, 2023		
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Rossy Arauz Limon	Melissa Delgado	Sandra De La Rosa-Martin	Gabriela Ledezma	Ernestina Palacios	Adila Hemmat
Maria Garcia	Maria Rendon	Edith Camelo	Emily Plant	Alexandra Davila	Level 8
Chanda Miraj	Maria Silva Venzor	Melissa Walker	Anna Loosle	COUNCIL	Elsa Trujillo
Winter Murdock	Erika Roman	Savannah Szoke	Shehnaz Afridi	PROFESSIONAL CDA	Ariana Johnson
Anelia Garcia	Olga Escolar	Grisbeth Dam	Natalie Meadows		Jaylie Evans
Amber Madsen	Huma Miraj	Tezzy Lopez	Maritza Ospina	Level 5	Corina Harrison
Kelly Saez	Maria Putnam	Anna Knight	Virginia Hernandez	Anelia Garcia	Savannah Szoke
Jaylie Evans	Jeff Sorensen	Maria Silva Venzor	Cheryl Nelson	Jaylie Evans	Level 9
Jessica Scott	Brandi Mendoza	Erika Roman	Sandra De La Rosa-Martin	Kassandra Cab	Shiree Reynolds
Isabella Jones	Clifton Webb	Huma Miraj	Edith Camelo	Janae Smith	Jessica Scott
Lindsey Blackburn	Level 2	Maria Putnam	Melissa Walker	Savannah Szoke	Jaylie Evans
Sydney Shober	Winter Murdock	Level 3	Savannah Szoke	Ernestina Palacios	Julieanne Wankier
Mayra Alvarado	Summer Walker	Bobbie Jacobson	Grisbeth Dam	Fanny Ramirez	Jessica Mecham
Gabriela Ledezma	Rossy Arauz Limon	Winter Murdock	Kate Mera	Luz Echeverri	Anna Loosle
Jessica Harward	Maritza Ospina	Claudia Lopez	Nicole Rollins	Level 6	Chelsea Leavitt
Emily Plant	Claudia Lopez	Janae Smith	Tezzy Lopez	Stephanie Hedman	Level 10
Julieanne Wankier	Kelly Fonseca	Kelly Fonseca	Rina Torres	Alma Valdez	Shiree Reynolds
Angelina Gonzalez	Anelia Garcia	Kendahl Edwards	Maria Silva Venzor	Jaylie Evans	Jessica Scott
Alexis Gonzales	Kelly Saez	Blair Alvey	Kelly Saez	Adila Hemmat	Julieanne Wankier
Jessica Bruso	Lisa Crookston	Hannah Lanman	Alexander Moyes	Tina Sansing	Mallory Adamson
Grisbeth Dam	Maria Nieves	Lisa Crookston	Level 4	Savannah Szoke	Andrea Becaria Torres
Melissa Walker	Jessica Scott	Jessica Scott	Paola Diaz	Kassandra Cab	Maelee Tarbox
Paula Mercado	Jaylie Evans	Jaylie Evans	Jaylie Evans	Janae Smith	Savannah Szoke
Anna Loosle	Denet Barnitz	Maria Nieves	Sandra Nohava	Level 6	Kathleen Davies-Price
Alexander Moyes	Sydney Shober	Denet Barnitz	Richelle Sudbury	Jaylie Evans	Level 11
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Endorsements						
Rhonda Rigby	Guidance and Emotional Wellness	Corinne Mccall	Special Needs (Endorsement)			
Heather Bardin	Guidance & Emotional Wellness (Endorsement)	Elsa Trujillo	Special Needs (Endorsement)			
Rhonda Rigby	Special Needs (Endorsement)	Heather Bardin	Center Director's (Endorsement)			
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Summer Middleton	Special Needs (Endorsement)	Heather Bardin	Developing Your Child Care Business (Endorsement)			
Yury Murcia	Special Needs (Endorsement)	Rhonda Rigby	Theories and Best Practices (Endorsement)			
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CAC Courses

You are required to register for Career Ladder courses online <u>here</u>

If you need assistance accessing your provider profile and registering for courses through the Care About Childcare website, please contact <u>Carolyn C</u>. or <u>Rocio</u> at 801.326.4403



CAC Course Information

Care About Childcare will be offering both In-Person and Virtual courses for the Fall quarter (Q2). When registering for courses, please pay close attention to locations and dates.

For Live-Virtual Courses: You will be sent an email 24 hours in advance of your CAC course starting. This email will contain the course link, handouts, code of conduct, and other applicable course information. If you do not receive an email, please contact the training department by 4pm to receive that information.

Please make sure your email address is correct on your Care About Childcare profile. This is the email that all class information will be sent.

CAC-CSS Class Cancelation Policy

- Care About Childcare (CAC) ~ Children's Service Society will only cancel a class due to extreme weather, disaster, low enrollment, or if an instructor has an emergency and no instructors are available to substitute.
- It is the responsibility of the class participant to call or text 801-707-0265 to inquire whether classes have been cancelled due to weather or disaster.
- Every attempt will be made by a CAC staff member to notify class participants by text, call, or e-mail that a class has been canceled due to low enrollment.
- The decision to cancel classes because of weather or disaster will be made before 4:00 pm on weekdays and 7:30 am on Saturdays.
- The decision to cancel classes because of low enrollment will be made at 24 hours prior to the first day of the course.
- Cancelled sessions will be re-scheduled ASAP, and the participants will be notified by text, call, or email when the class is rescheduled.











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In Person: Creating Good Child Care: Effective Program Management V CDA	Jan 30, Feb. 1, 6, 8 Tuesday & Wednesday 7:00 - 9:30 PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
In Person: Spanish:Looking to Learn (2023) VII CDA	February 3, & 10 Saturday 9:00-11:30 AM, 12:00- 2:30PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Sylvia Abalos	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Family Child Care, Course 2: The Home Child Care Environment	February 5, 6, 12, & 13 Monday & Tuesday 7:00– 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Melinda Jacobson	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Virtual: Theory and Best Practices, Course 2: Erickson and Bronfenbrenner	February 5, 7, 12, & 14 Monday & Wednesday 7:00– 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Stephanie Potts	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
What Do You Do With the Mad That You Feel? III CDA	February 6 & 8 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 - 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Jamie Pappadakis	\$5	5CDA 5Lic	Levels 5-8
SPANISH:Child Development: Ages & Stages: Infant Toddler VII CDA	February 6, 13, 20, & 27 Tuesday 7:00 –9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 1-3
Explore More: Art, Music, STEM and Enriching Activities	February 7, 14, 21, & 28 Wednesday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ashley Wood	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2 -3
School Age, Course 1: School Age Development	February 20, 22, 27, & 29 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 - 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Molly Poirier	\$5	10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Foundational Theories of Child Development (2023) VIII CDA	February 21, 22, 28, & 29 Wednesday & Thursday 7:00– 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Healthy Care	February 24, March 2 Saturday 9:00 AM- 11:30 PM 12:00- 2:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Level 1



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irtual: The Director's Toolbox, Course 3: Great Place to Work & Inspiring Peak	February 26, 27, 28, & 29 Monday -Thursday 7:00 –9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Areli Jimenez	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
n Person: Spanish: Working Together: roductive Relationships with Families / CDA	March 2 and 16 Saturday 9:00 AM- 11:30 PM 12:00- 2:30 PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Sylvia Abalos	\$5	10 Lic 10 CDA	Levels 2- 3
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Great Place for Kids: Creating Positive earning Environments CDA	March 4, 6, 11, & 13 Monday & Wednesday 7:00– 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ashley Wood	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Powerful Profession: Professionalism or ECE /I CDA	March 5, 7, 12, & 14 Tuesday &Thursday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Stephanie Potts	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2 -3
SPANISH: Preschool and School-Age: Ages and Stages (2022)	March 5, 12, 19, &26 Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 Lic. 10 CDA	Level 1
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/irtual: Emotional Literacy (2022)	March 25, & 27 Monday & Wednesday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Stephanie Potts	\$5	3.5 Lic	Levels 2-3 & 5-8





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To register for classes, p	ERS Best Practice lease log into your Care Abo			e Course Caler	ndar
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ERS Best Practices: Overview January 17, 202 Wednesday 6:30- 8:30 PM		Live Virtual Zoom Online Sara Jane Shenk	\$5	2 CDA 2 Lic	Levels 2-3 & 5-8
Spanish:ERS Best Practices: Overview	March 4, 2023 Monday 6:30- 8:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ana Cuenca	\$5	2 CDA 2 Lic	Levels 2-3 & 5-8





The ECCS Grant aims to foster community partnerships with employers and local childcare providers in the state of Utah by:

- Providing funds to startup or expand child care near business partnerships to increase available slots for an employer's working families.
- If you are a child care provider, missing an employer partnership we will offer support in finding employer matches.
- If an on-side employer start-up you will need a contract agreement to stay open for a minimum of 3 years.

You will receive support from the Children's Service Society of Utah, Employee Liaison team, in the form of onsite support and regularly scheduled meetings with the provider and employer to ensure success and longevity.

For more information you can reach us at <u>eccsgrant@cssutah.org</u> Funding deadline is September 2024.



Provider Training and Resource Contacts					
CPR And First Aid Training					
Steve Thorkalson (English and Spanish)	801-201-0699				
Save-a-Heart	https://www.saveaheartofutah.com/schedule.html				
One Life	https://llifecprfa.com/				
American Red Cross	https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class				
Food Handlers Permit					
Online Food Handers Class	https://www.statefoodsafety.com/ https://slco.org/health/food-protection/food-workers/ https://tooelehealth.org/food-handler-permits/				
Kitchen Inspection					
Salt Lake County Health Department	<u>https://slco.org/health/food-protection/child-care-</u> facilities/				
Tooele County Health Department	<u>https://tooelehealth.org/childcare-daycare-kitchen- inspections/</u>				
New Provider Training					
New Provider Training	https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/child-care- providers/free-training-for-providers-and-caregivers/				
Food and Nutrition Programs					
Child Care Food Program	https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp				
<u>Helping Hands</u>	https://www.helpinghandsutah.org/				
Fir	ngerPrinting				
Care About Childcare Children's Service	Appointments Only: 801-355-4847				
Child Care Licensing Information	<u>https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/background-</u> checks/how-to-submit-background-check-forms-and- fingerprints/				

Licensing Rules Training is scheduled for Fall in English and Spanish Please click the links below for more information: <u>Spanish Rule Training Calendar</u> <u>Centers Rule Training Calendar</u> <u>Homes Rule Training Calendar</u>

Child Care and Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal civil rights law that Congress passed in 1990. Among other things, the ADA prohibits discrimination by child care centers and family child care providers against individuals with disabilities. The ADA requires that child care providers not discriminate against persons with disabilities on the basis that they provide children and parents with disabilities with an equal opportunity to participate in the child care programs and services. The ADA requires that child care providers provide an equal opportunity for each child to participate in the child care program and services. For further information and details visit ada.gov. On that website you can find a list of common questions regarding child care and ADA.

Child Care Quality System

What is the Child Care Quality System?

The Child Care Quality System or CCQS is a quality rating system created to give low income families quality child care programs to attend across Utah.

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Quality System (CCQS) may earn a certified quality rating. Programs with a certified quality rating have practices related to positive outcomes for children verified under the direction of the Department of Workforce Services Office of Child Care (OCC). This process includes verification of the caregivers' and directors' education and professional development, the program's family engagement efforts and many other evidence-based best practices.



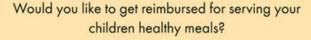
Applications for Centers & Licensed Family Are Open

"To Apply, Log into your Care About Childcare Profile and click on the 'My Programs" tile. On the Program Overview page, click the "CCQS" tile, then click on "Rating Application". Then complete the application by clicking on "Apply for a Rating".

If you would like more information, contact your CCQS Specialist: Victoria Pfeffer at 801-326-4374 or Debora Arguello at 801-326-4384 You can also find more information at this website <u>https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/provider/quality.html</u>



Children's Service Society of Utah Care About Childcare



The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

The CACFP is a federally assisted meal program that provides funds to licensed child and adult care centers, Head Start/Early Start centers, schools and after school meal centers, family or group child care homes as well as emergency/homeless shelters for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons If interested, please reach out to our office:

> (801) 538-7680 OR Communityprograms@Schools.utah.gov. Please feel to learn more By going to our website: https://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/cacfp



SHINE BRIGHT WITH TOP STAR



TOP Star is a **FREE** obesity prevention program for early childcare facilities. In just four easy steps your facility can become endorsed! Steps include completing a pre assessment, working on goals, participating in an online training, and completing a post assessment. Benefits for your facility include:

- Free continuing education training
 - Approved uses: Career Ladder Credit, Licensing, CCQS points, and staff CDA
- Free policy development assistance
- Free lesson plans, newsletters, posters, and many other resources

Join today! TOPStar@slco.org

Higher Education Opportunities

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® UTAH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDCARE PROFESSIONALS WHO DESIRE AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

What is T.E.A.C.H.?

The T.E.A.C.H. Program:

- Links education, compensation, and commitment to improving the quality of early childcare.
- Provides scholarships for early childhood professionals to earn an AS or BS degree in Early Childhood Education.

• Is a partnership for the sharing of expenses between the recipient, their sponsoring program and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® UTAH.

Who is Eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?

Any Childcare professional may be eligible if the applicant:

- Is a Utah resident.
- Has a high school diploma or a GED from an accredited school.
- · Works a minimum of 20 hours per week.
- Has the support and sponsorship of the program where they are employed.
- Has the desire to earn a degree in Early Childhood Education.

What does the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship cover?

The scholarship provides:

Most of the cost of tuition and books, a per semester stipend for travel, paid released time support, compensation for contract completion, and counseling and administrative support.

For more info or an application, visit T.E.A.C.H. online at https://uaeyc.org/t-e-a-c-h or email teach@uaeyc.org







The goal of the Kids in Care Job Search Fund is to ensure that recently unemployed parents have access to regulated childcare at no cost while they engage in formal job search activities. Do you have a parent in your program that could use some help?

Kids In Care is available to pay up to 150 hours of childcare per family. FREE child care for qualifying families! For eligibility requirements and an application please contact Abby Jarman at Care About Childcare (A program of Children's Service Society) Phone: 801-326-4399 KIC@cssutah.org Kids in Care

Children's Service Society of Utah is excited to announce we are now offering mental health treatment for adoptive and kinship families. We specialize in providing strengths-based, adoption- and kinship-competent, trauma informed therapy services to children and caregivers. We can help families identify and enhance their inherent strengths, process adoption, foster, and kinship grief and loss, and help families develop effective ways of managing challenging behaviors. We accept Medicaid and self-pay clients and offer sliding scale fees to help ensure cost is not a barrier to treatment. For more information or to make referrals please contact Tara at 801.707.3601 or tara@cssutah.org

Winter is a time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for talking beside the fire, it's a time to come home









Winter Theme Provocations

