

Professional Development PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025



Care About Childcare®

**“Even the
strongest
blizzards start
with a single
snowflake.”**

SARA RAASCH, “SNOW LIKE ASHES”



Reminder

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



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CAC Website

Follow this [link](#) 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 [here](#)

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



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Scholarships and Financial Support

- **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**

[Scholarships Policy](#)

[Professional Development Incentive Policy](#)

All scholarships are available for those working at least 15 hours/week in a DWS Eligible program [licensed by the Utah Department of Health—Child Care Licensing](#)

- **CHECK OUT CAC-CSS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!**



Facebook



Instagram

July, August, and September 2024 Career Ladder Recipients		
Level 1	Level 3	Level 6
Shaleen Bennett Brynnan Kohler Kara Morgan Amy Fenstermaker Elizabeth Elwood Whitney Craig Olivia Smith Emma Beynon Lindsay Fisher Fidelia Bayiloukoulou Corina Fuentes Martha Garcia Kalolaine Pulotu Johanna Dominguez Angie Camargo Aleanny Gonzalez Victoria Sackett Miranda Organ Jolie Bawden Sjaanie Olds Nakea Medina	Olga Escolar Johanna Dominguez Angie Camargo Shante Lowe-Farnsworth Alyssa Peters Sjaanie Olds Taylor Holding	Rebecca Brasso Paula Mercado Alicia Castro Lucero Yecenia Hernandez Alexandra Salvador Daniela Olivella Martha Reyes Erika Roman Jamie Mccoy
	Level 4	Level 7
	Leilani Mataele Lorenia SÃ¡nchez Garay Geraldina Batista Sandra Lopez Makayla Burnham Melissa Delgado Zhandra Luzardo Trishelle Leiter Martha Garcia Jaida Higley Erika Roman Ashlyn Pearce Jayde Trujillo	Celia Laura Miranda Cardenas Ruth Bareiro Sandra Nohava Paula Mercado Rebecca Brasso Daniela Olivella Erika Roman Jamie Mccoy
Level 2		Level 8
Lindsey Blackburn Amy Fenstermaker Olivia Smith Shante Lowe-Farnsworth Martha Garcia Mireya Robledo Emma Beynon Johanna Dominguez Lindsay Fisher Angie Camargo Lily Jacobs Alyssa Peters Jolie Bawden Sjaanie Olds April Myers	Alexander Moyes Kaitlyn Larson Martha Reyes	Paula Mercado Rebecca Brasso Daniela Olivella Erika Roman Jamie Mccoy
	Level 5	Level 10
Level 3	Elizabeth Kingston Paula Mercado Yariseth Cortes Ortiz Zhandra Luzardo Erika Roman Caleigh Mayton Daniela Olivella Martha Reyes Alexander Moyes Jamie Mccoy Holly Ertmann	Encarni Gallardo Hannah Bluhm Alexis Randall Andrea Prieto Liz Jaimes Sjaanie Olds
Kaleigh Glauser Marilyn Mejia Lindsey Blackburn Amy Fenstermaker Jaida Higley Olivia Smith Martha Garcia Jenna Bui		Level 11
		Encarni Gallardo
		Congratulations to every one that worked so hard on improving their professionalism in such an important career!
		

Career Ladder Endorsements		
Center Director	Guidance and Emotional Wellness	Infant and Toddler
Elsa Trujillo	Hannah Bluhm Molly McDonald	Hannah Bluhm
School Readiness	Special Needs	Theory and Best Practices
Wendy Jones	Hannah Bluhm Molly McDonald Elsa Trujillo	Racheal Bailey



CAC Courses

You are required to register for Career Ladder courses online [here](#)

If you need assistance accessing your provider profile and registering for courses through the Care About Childcare website, please contact [Carolyn C.](#) or [Rocio](#) at 801.326.4403



CAC Course Information

Care About Childcare will be offering both In-Person and Virtual courses for the Winter quarter (Q3). 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 Cancellation 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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CAC - CSS Winter 2025 Course Schedule

To register for classes, please log into your Care About Childcare Profile and go to the Course Calendar

Course Title and Description	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Credit	Career Ladder
A Powerful Profession: Professionalism for ECE VI CDA	January 4 & 11 Saturday 9:00-11:30 AM, 12:00- 2:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2 -3
School Age Course 2	January 6, 7, 8, & 9 Monday- Friday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Melinda Jacobson	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Healthy Care I CDA	January 7, 8, 14, & 15 Tuesday & Wednesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Level 1
Special Needs Course 2 (2022) II CDA	January 7, 9, 14 & 16 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Molly Poirier	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Spanish: Special Needs Course 3 I CDA	January 7, 14, 21, & 28 Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5- 8
Preschool and School-Age Ages and Stages (2022) VII CDA	January 13, 14, 15, &16 Monday- Thursday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 1, 2-3
SPANISH. Emotional Literacy III CDA	January 18 Saturday 9: 00AM - 12:30 PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Sylvia Abalos	\$5	3.5 CDA 3.5 Lic	Levels 5-8
Looking to Learn (2023) VII CDA	February 1 & 8 Saturday 9:00-11:30 AM, 12:00- 2:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
SPANISH. Strong and Smart: Physical & Intellectual Dev. - Revised 2021 II CDA	February 1 & 8 Saturday 9: 00-11:30 AM, 12:00- 2:30 PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Sylvia Abalos	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Creating a Preschool Curriculum II CDA	February 3 & 4 Monday & Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Areli Jimenez-Castro	\$5	5 CDA 5Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8

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Creating Good Childcare V CDA	February 4, 6, 11, & 13 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Theory and Best Practices, Course 2: Erickson and Bronfenbrenner II & VIII CDA	February 4, 6, 11, & 13 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Molly Poirier	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Spanish: Guidance & Emotional Wellness, Course 2: Foundations of Emotional Wellness III CDA	February 4, 11, 18, & 25 Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Emergency Preparedness in Child Care Settings I CDA	February 10, 11 Monday & Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Melinda Jacobson	\$5	5 CDA 5 Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8
Spanish: Emergency Preparedness in Child Care Settings I CDA	March 1 Saturday 9:00-11:30 AM, 12:00- 2:30 PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Sylvia Abalos	\$5	5 CDA 5 Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8
Learning to Get Along: Social and Emotional Development III CDA	March 3, 4, 5, & 6 Monday- Thursday 7:00- 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Level 2-3
Working Together: Productive Relationships with Families IV CDA	March 3, 4, 10, 11 Monday, Tuesday 7:00- 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Areli Jimenez-Castro	\$5	10 Lic 10 CDA	Levels 2- 3
A Great Place for Kids: Creating Positive Learning Environments I CDA	March 4, 5, 11, & 12 Tuesday & Wednesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Spanish: Infant Toddler, Course 2 III CDA	March 4, 13, 18, & 25 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Child Development: Ages & Stages: Infant Toddler VII CDA	March 11, 13, 18, 20 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Molly Poirier	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 1-3

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CARE ABOUT CHILDCARE (CAC) PROGRAM OR USER COURSE CART MAY CONTAIN VOUCHERS FOR FREE CLASSES?

HOW TO EARN VOUCHERS:

Programs receive vouchers when they complete the Market Rate Study, Whole Record Update, initial licensing, first application, and annual CCQS recertification.

CLASS CAN EARN YOU VOUCHERS:

Users receive vouchers for completing courses like ERS Best Practices, From Application to Award, and Goal Setting for Lasting Change, as well as when awarded endorsements.

VOUCHERS = FREE CLASSES

HOW TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE VOUCHERS:

Programs and Users should log into their CAC account.

Programs will go to "My Programs" and then to Course Cart. Providers will go into "Professional Development and then into their course cart.

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS:

Programs and Users should log into their CAC account then click on "course cart". Choose how many vouchers you will be using. Then click submit to finish checkout.

The screenshot shows a checkout interface with a 'Payment' section. It displays a 'Subtotal: \$0.00' and a 'Total: \$0.00'. In the center, there is a 'Vouchers redeemed:' field with a dropdown menu showing '0' and 'of 25 available'. Below this, it says '*1 voucher = 1 free course'. At the bottom, there are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

CHECKOUT:

Programs can pay for staff with vouchers. Staff select "program pay" at checkout, and the program approves or denies. To use vouchers, the program selects the amount and checks out.



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://1lifecprfa.com/
American Red Cross	https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class

Food Handlers Permit

Online Food Handlers Class	https://www.statefoodsafety.com/ https://slco.org/health/food-protection/food-workers/ https://tooelehealth.org/food-handler-permits/
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Kitchen Inspection

Salt Lake County Health Department	https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/health/food-protection/permits/childcare/
Tooele County Health Department	https://tooelehealth.org/?s=kitchen+inspection

New Provider Training

New Provider Training	https://dlbc.utah.gov/home/office-of-licensing/child-care/training/
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Food and Nutrition Programs

Child Care Food Program	https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp
Helping Hands	https://www.helpinghandsutah.org/

FingerPrinting

Care About Childcare Children's Service	Appointments Only: 801-355-4847
Child Care Licensing Information	https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/background-checks/how-to-submit-background-check-forms-and-fingerprints/

An advertisement for the TOP Star program. The top half features a photograph of three young girls in a classroom setting, focused on building with colorful plastic blocks. One girl in the foreground is wearing a pink shirt and is building a tall stack of blocks. Another girl in an orange shirt is in the center, and a third girl in a purple shirt is in the background. The background shows shelves with various toys. In the top right corner of the image, there is a logo for Salt Lake County Health Department. The bottom half of the advertisement has an orange background with white text.

SALT LAKE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Build Your Program

Just like building blocks, small steps lead to big results. TOP Star helps you build a strong foundation for a healthy future. Join today!

Learn More: SaltLakeHealth.org/living
385.468.5341 | TOPStar@SaltLakeCounty.gov

Interactive Licensing training
schedule. Click link below:

[Spanish Rule Training Calendar](#)
[Centers Rule Training Calendar](#)
[Homes Rule Training Calendar](#)



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

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 Sackett at 801-326-4374

You can also find more information at this website:

<https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/provider/quality.html>



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Would you like to get reimbursed for serving your children healthy meals?

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](https://www.schools.utah.gov/cnp/cacfp)



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.

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.

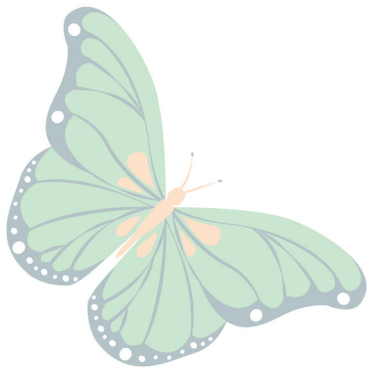
What does the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship cover?

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





Welcome Spring 2025



With a college course at SLCC!

Are you looking to add points to your

CCQS Framework Domain 4:

Management and Administration -

required college credits?

FHS 2300 - Administration of Early

Childhood Programs

MAY BE THE ANSWER

[Click here or scan the QR code
below for more information](#)





Key Highlights of why Family Engagement is important:

- **Social, emotional, and behavioral development:** Family engagement can help children develop healthy social and emotional skills, as well as behavioral skills.
- **Academic achievement:** Family engagement can help children improve their academic achievement.
- **Language development:** Family engagement can help children develop their language skills.
- **School readiness:** Family engagement can help prepare children for school and transition them to kindergarten.
- **Positive attitude toward school:** Children who experience family engagement are more likely to have a positive attitude toward school and stay in school longer.



COMPONENTS OF HIGH QUALITY

Licensing	Program must meet all licensing standards set by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Child Care Licensing Program.
Staff Training	Staff should participate in training to create quality environments for children.
Professional Development	Programs should provide ongoing professional development and coaching for staff.
Positive Interactions	Programs should have positive interactions and trusting relationships between caregivers and children.
Family Engagement	Programs that incorporate family engagement practices build stronger relationships between families and their communities and help each child's social-emotional and mental well-being.
Classroom Observations	Programs that receive observations learn how to create a positive, balanced environment for children and use regular feedback to improve their practices
Teacher-child ratios	Programs should have appropriate teacher-child ratios to ensure stffy quality and individual attentions
Emergency Procedures	Programs should have emergency procedures posted and understood by all.

Congratulations!

Let's celebrate programs that have a Certified CCQS Rating!
Center Programs

A to Z Building Blocks - Draper	Kids Of Camelot
Abc Great Beginnings - West Jordan	Kidz Academy 2
Abc Great Beginnings - Jordan Landing	Learning Tree East
Abc Great Beginnings - Murray	Learning Tree Southwest
Abc Great Beginnings - South Jordan	Learning Tree West
Abc Great Beginnings - Taylorsville	Little Critters Learning Center
Abc Great Beginnings - West Valley City	Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc
ABC Great Beginnings - Redwood	Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc Lg3
ABC Great Beginnings - Riverton	Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc Lg4
ABC Great Beginnings - Sandy	Little Minds Academy
Ameris Academy	Little Rascals Childcare-Preschool
Bear Essentials Academy	Luna Academy Preschool and Childcare
Bear Essentials Academy- Next Gen. Kids	Neighborhood House Association
Bennion Learning Center	Panda Child Care
Building Blocks	Panda Child Care No 2
Central City Recreation Center	Rock-A-Bye Infant And Child Care
Compass Preschool And Child Care: 2nd - Location	Smart Kids
Compass Preschool And Child Care Sandy	Smart Kids - Kearns
Creative Learning Academy Of Utah (Murray)	Smart Kids - Redwood
Creative Learning Academy Of Utah (SSI)	Smart Kids 3
Creative Learning Academy Of Utah (WV)	Smart Kids II
Eccles Ecd Lab School (Slcc Child Dev Ctr)	Smart Start Learning Center
Intermountain Child Development Center	South Salt Lake Child Care
Kids Life Child Care Center	The Sammy Center
	Ymca Community Fam. Center -Taylorsville

Congratulations!

Licensed Family Programs

Sylvia Abalos- Lesly's Friends Child

Kefah Alsarriah - Teddy Bear Day Care

Patricia Boss - Boss Family Daycare

Maria Del Carmen Chavez: Marycarmen's Daycare

Kelly Collins

Tanya Gallego- Petit Explorer

Randi Gardiner- Cornerstone Childcare
& Arky Arky Preschool

Peggy Harris

Sarah Hoyt - Little Campers Child Care

Nataleen Johnson Family Childcare

Holly Kingston -Holly's Family Childcare

Sara Kingston - Sara's Daycare

Debbie Lenhart-D and K Daycare

Zhandra Luzardo- Sweet Heart Home -
Daycare

Milena Matos - Milena's Child Care NO. 1

Dominga Matos- Jardin De Amor

Kari Mckalister

Estela Mejia-Marin- The Fun of Learning
Day Care

Susan Nelson- Susan's Lullaby Nursery

Anna Robbins - The Mom Pod

Christina Robles Brighter Steps No 1

Ana Ruiz- Learning Land Childcare

Maria Tapia- Rosy's Day Care No 1

Stephanie Wyler - Ms. Stephanie's Zaida

Vasquez - Tiny Humans Child

**If you are interested in
participating in CCQS,**

Contact our CCQS

Specialists:

Tori Sackett

801-326-4374

tori@cssutah.org

WHOLE RECORD UPDATE FALL DRAWING WINNERS!

HOW THEY WON

In October, we contacted Licensed Family and Center programs to inform them about an incentive for updating their Care About Childcare profiles. Programs that completed the update by the deadline were entered into a drawing for a chance to win. We're pleased to announce that 37 Centers and 33 Family programs successfully updated their profiles. The winners are listed below—congratulations to all!

You can update too by verifying information under each of the "Tiles" listed below

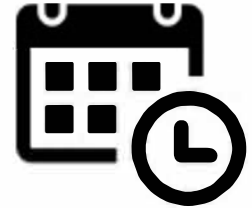
Vacancy / Capacity



Rates



Care Schedule



Attributes



Make sure it is all correct and save the page.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

SAMANTHA PRICE

KAREN ROUNDS

MAGGIE KNIGHT

KIM GIBSON



CENTER CHILD CARE

THE WONDERSCHOOL HOUSE

SMALL WORLD CHILD CARE: WJ

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

BRIGHT HORIZONS - U OF U

WHAT DOES EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED GET?

Families can see accurate information when they are searching for care.

We send you a children's book for your program.

Professional Development vouchers to take free CAC Classes

Entered into the drawing for up to \$150 Lakeshore product

Thank you to all who updated your program profiles!
Please note that you can update your Care About Childcare account at any time, though we recommend doing so at least once a year to keep your information current.

Brain Building Zone

Help Your Child's Brain Grow Strong!



The brain develops the most rapidly in the first 5 years of life. Your child loves to learn from you. Each time you interact with your child, their brain grows stronger. Try these brain-building tips while you wait.

Waiting Wonders

When you're waiting with your child, talk about the everyday wonders around you: the colors of a magazine photo, the softness of their sweater, the music that is playing in the background. Keep the conversation going. When they make a sound, respond.

0-18
MONTHS



Brainy Background™

When you talk with your child and share your interest in everyday things, you reinforce their natural curiosity and encourage them to focus and observe. These skills are part of being a learner for life.

2-5
YEARS



Appointment Predictions

Waiting for an appointment with the doctor or dentist? Ask your child what might happen. Will the doctor listen to their heart? Will the dentist look at their teeth? Encourage them to share these predictions, then compare them later with what actually happened—especially focusing on what they did to manage successfully.

Brainy Background™

Your child is using their working memory to think about what might happen. Talking about what might be stressful and then comparing these predictions with the actual experience help them take on challenges, especially when you share what they did to manage successfully.

For free brain-building tips, visit [Vroom.org](https://www.vroom.org), download the **Vroom app** or text VROOM to 48258 to sign up for **Vroom by Text™**. Visit [WeAreBrainBuilders.org](https://www.WeAreBrainBuilders.org) for more brain-building resources to make the most of everyday moments with your child.



LEARN ABOUT THE
VROOM APP

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE 'ALL MEANS ALL' CERTIFICATION?

SCAN THE QR
CODE OR CLICK
THE LINK BELOW
FOR MORE
INFORMATION!



ALL MEANS ALL - USU WEBSITE





FRIENDS FOR
SIGHT
Saving Sight. Changing Lives.

PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING

SAVING SIGHT. CHANGING LIVES.

Screenings for daycares & preschools with at least 15 kids to screen at once.

Resource information provided to families of kids who don't pass screening.

Screenings are FREE!

WANT TO GET SCHEDULED?

Visit www.friendsforsight.org
Select Services >
Group Screenings

✉ 2020@friendsforsight.org
☎ 801-524-2020

Some vision disorders start as early as preschool, and early intervention can be critical to saving a child's vision.

Friends for Sight staff and volunteers can quickly and easily provide valuable vision screenings for children as young as **3 years old**.





Ice art



Winter Theme Provocations

A Provocation, also called an Invitation to Create, is a thoughtfully set up prompt that provokes children to create, ask questions, test ideas, and think independently, all while exploring with materials.

