

Professional Development
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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 Course Information

Care About Childcare will be offering both In-Person and Virtual courses for the Spring quarter (Q4). 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 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-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.



CAC - CSS Spring 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
School Age course 3- Relationships and Management	April 7, 8, 9, 10 Monday- Thursday 7:00- 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Melinda Jacobson	\$5	10 Lic	Levels 5-8
The Director's Toolbox, Course 3: A Great Place to Work & Inspiring Peak Performance	April 7, 8, 9, 10 Monday- Thursday 7:00- 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Spanish:Child Development: Ages & Stages: Infant Toddler VII CDA	April 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesdays 7:00 –9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 Lic 10 CDA	Levels 1- 3
Foundational Theories of Child Development (2023) VIII CDA	April 9, 10, 16, 17 Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2- 3
Creating a Preschool Curriculum II CDA	April 14 & 15 Monday & Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Areli Jimenez-Castro	\$5	5 CDA 5Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8
Preschool and School-Age Ages and Stages (2022) VII CDA	April 14, 15, 16 & 17 Monday- Thursday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Mary Corpuz	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Level 2-3
A Powerful Profession: Professionalism for ECE VI CDA	April 14, 16 , 21, & 23 Monday & Wednesday 7:00 – 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
ERS Best Practices: Overview VI CDA	April 15 Tuesday 6:30- 8:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Victoria Ortega	\$5	2 CDA 2 Lic	Levels 2-3 & 5-8
SPANISH: Emotional Literacy III CDA	April 26 Saturday 9:00 - 10:45AM 11:00AM- 12:45PM	CAC-CSS 655 East 4500 South #200 (84107) Sylvia Abalos	\$5	3.5 CDA 3.5 Lic	Levels 2-3 & 5-8
Healthy Care I CDA	May 3, & 10 Saturday 9:00-11:30 AM, 12:00- 2:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Joni Record	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Level 1

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Looking to Learn (2023) VII CDA	May 6, 8, 13, 15 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ashley Wood	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2- 3
Infant Toddler, Course 3: Learning in Infancy & Toddlerhood II CDA	May 6, 8, 13, 15 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Spanish: Guidance & Emotional Wellness, Course 3: Promoting Social Emotional competence III CDA	May 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesdays 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Spanish: In Person: Learning to Get Along: Social and Emotional Development III CDA	May 10 & 17 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
Special Needs, Course 3: Setting Up The Environment I CDA	May 13, 15, 20, & 22 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Molly Poirier	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5- 8
Emotional Literacy III CDA	May 19, 20 Monday & Tuesday 7:00 -8:45 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Areli Jimenez	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3 & 5-8
Working Together: Productive Relationships with Families IV CDA	May 19, 20, 21, 22 Monday -Thursday 7:00- 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
What Do You Do With the Mad That You Feel? III CDA	May 19 & 21 Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ashley Wood	\$5	5 CDA 5 Lic	Levels 5-8
A Great Place for Kids: Creating Positive Learning Environments I CDA	June 2, 4, 9, 11 Monday, Wednesday 7:00- 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Lisa Palmer	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Strong and Smart: Physical & Intellectual Dev. - Revised 2021 II CDA	June 2, 4, 9, 11 Monday & Wednesday 7:00- 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ashley Wood	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 2-3
Goal Setting for Lasting Change VI CDA	June 3, 5, 10, 12 Tuesdays & Thursday 6:30- 7:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Anna Lawrence	\$5	4 CDA 4 Lic	Levels 5-8

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Spanish: Theory and Best Practices, Course 3: Piaget and Brain Development II & VIII CDA	June 3, 10, 17, 24 Tuesdays 7:00 –9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Aurora Howell	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5-8
Virtual: All About Twos I, II, III, VIII CDA	June 9, 10, 11, 12 Monday- Thursday 7:00- 9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Mary Corpuz	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8
SPANISH: CCQS: From Application to Award for Family Child Care Programs	June 10 Tuesday & Thursday 6:30- 9:00 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Wendy Cuevas	\$5	10 Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8
Spanish: Emergency Preparedness in Child Care Settings I CDA	June 17, 18 Monday & Tuesday 7:00 -9:30 PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Melinda Jacobson	\$5	5 CDA 5 Lic	Levels 1-3 & 5-8
Theory and Best Practices, Course 3: Piaget and Brain Development II & VIII CDA	June 18, 23, 25, 30 Monday & Wednesday 7:00- 9:30PM	Live Virtual Zoom Online Ashley Wood	\$5	10 CDA 10 Lic	Levels 5- 8
Spanish: Creating Good Childcare V CDA	June 21, 28 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

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.

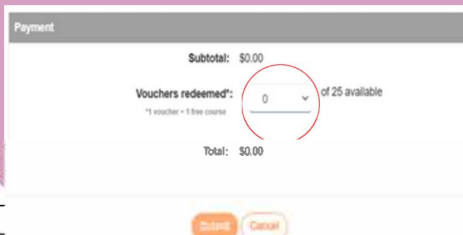
VOUCHERS = FREE CLASSES

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 the following details:

- Payment section header
- Subtotal: \$0.00
- Vouchers redeemed: 0 of 25 available
- Footnote: *1 voucher = 1 free course
- Total: \$0.00
- Buttons: Submit and Cancel

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.

**WATCH FOR
UPCOMING**



RESOURCE & EDUCATION NIGHTS

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND A RESOURCE NIGHT:

- YOU CAN CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN YOUR FIELD AND EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORK.
- YOU WILL DISCOVER PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT CAN ENHANCE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES IN YOUR CARE.
- IT MAY COUNT TOWARD YOUR CAREER LADDER TRAINING AS A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY.
- ACCESS VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP YOU GROW PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY.
- TAKE AWAY ACTIONABLE TIPS THAT YOU CAN APPLY RIGHT AWAY IN YOUR PROGRAM OR CLASSROOM.

UPCOMING RESOURCE NIGHTS

CCQS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

NEEDS ASSESSMENT
TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

EARLY SCIENCE EXPLORATION FOR INFANTS,
TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH



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://lifecycleprfa.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://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/child-care-providers/free-training-for-providers-and-caregivers/
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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/

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!**



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



ALL MEANS ALL

"All Means All" is a certification that recognizes programs for fostering an inclusive & welcoming environment for children with special needs & disabilities, along with their families.

1. Obtain a
Special Needs
Endorsement

2. Post a
Welcoming
Statement in
your program


3. Submit Your
Programs
Expulsion
Policy

4. Create a
Local
Resource
List

5. Set two
Goals and
Request the
children's
material

Caregivers & programs can
apply & receive a \$400 incentive!
For More Detailed Information Click

[HERE](#)

Career Ladder Recipients October, November, December 2024		
Level 1	Level 2	Level 5
Arianna Harper Zaina Kashama Tatiane Lima Jessica Reyes Geraldine Gonzalez Cherisse Boam Amber Stachitus Abigail Yada Brandy Hobbs Kaitlyn Royall Katherine Vanegas Jennifer Kiel Erica Ryan Fatima Balderrama Olga Mendez Casey Blondin Hillary Gonzalez Lexi Nagle Rachel Callister Abbie Klippel Vanina Gonzalez Mackenzie Ault Elizabeth Ekins Shakira Villanueva Selena Martinez Camila Marinovic Josephine Mcdowell Helena Peni Jamie Villalpando Katy Gidney Sharling Curiel	Shakira Villanueva Victoria Sackett Alexis Biggs Camila Marinovic Fatima Balderrama Olga Mendez Casey Blondin Elizabeth Ekins Katy Gidney Sharling Curiel	Diana Stuart Amy Fenstermaker Sandra Sarmiento Colleen Miller Emily Moyes Elizabeth Tyler Elyseath Robles
		Level 6
		Diana Stuart Veronica Jones Amy Fenstermaker Colleen Miller Emily Moyes Sandra Sarmiento Elizabeth Tyler Elyseath Robles Belinda Akyuz
		Level 7
		Olga Escolar Amy Fenstermaker Colleen Miller Alexandra Salvador
		Level 8
		Amy Fenstermaker Colleen Miller
		Level 9
		Colleen Miller Emily Moyes Elyseath Robles Elsa Trujillo
		Level 10
		Elaine De Souza Cristina Numbers
Level 2	Level 3	
Shaleen Bennett Jennifer Kiel Erica Ryan Katherine Vanegas Kaitlyn Royall Miranda Organ Angela Poll Amber Stachitus Abbie Klippel Jada Brunson Kidist Searle Vanina Gonzalez Mackenzie Ault Tatiane Lima	Bonnie Kingston Debbie Reid Erica Ryan April Myers Abbie Klippel Jada Brunson Vanina Gonzalez Mackenzie Ault Katherine Vanegas Mireya Robledo Alexis Biggs Camila Marinovic Summer Walker Amber Stachitus Katy Gidney	
	Level 4	
	Brittany Pawlowski Erica Ryan Jacob Barney Amy Fenstermaker	
	Colleen Miller Vanina Gonzalez Elizabeth Tyler Angie Camargo Jessica Harward Camila Marinovic Jada Brunson Connie Groves	
	Congratulations to everyone that recieved their CDA or NAC for level 4	
		
		Congratulations to every one that worked so hard on improving their professionalism in such an important career! 

Endorsements		
Center Director	School Age	School Readiness
Emily Moyes	Amy Fenstermaker	Amy Fenstermaker
Special Needs		
Ernestina Palacios Maria Putnam Erika Roman		

Congratulations!

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

A to Z Building Blocks - Draper
Abc Great Beginnings - West Jordan
Abc Great Beginnings - Jordan Landing
Abc Great Beginnings - Murray
Abc Great Beginnings - Taylorsville
Abc Great Beginnings - West Valley City
ABC Great Beginnings - Redwood
ABC Great Beginnings - Riverton
ABC Great Beginnings - Sandy
Ameris Academy
Bear Essentials Academy
Bear Essentials Academy- Next Gen. Kids
Bennion Learning Center
Building Blocks
Central City Recreation Center
Compass Preschool And Child Care: 2nd -
Location
Compass Preschool And Child Care Sandy
Creative Learning Academy Of Utah
(Murray)
Creative Learning Academy Of Utah (SSI)
Creative Learning Academy Of Utah (WV)
Eccles Ecd Lab School (Slcc Child Dev Ctr)
Discovery Kids
Intermountain Child Development Center
Kids Life Child Care Center

Kids Of Camelot
Kidz Academy 2
Learning Tree East
Learning Tree Southwest
Learning Tree West
Little Critters Learning Center
Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc
Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc Lg3
Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc Lg4
Little Minds Academy
Little Rascals Childcare-Preschool
Luna Academy Preschool and Childcare
Neighborhood House Association
Panda Child Care
Panda Child Care No 2
Rock-A-Bye Infant And Child Care
Smart Kids
Smart Kids - Kearns
Smart Kids - Redwood
Smart Kids 3
Smart Kids II
Smart Start Learning Center
South Salt Lake Child Care
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 - Mary-
carmen's Daycare
Kelly Collins
Tanya Gallego- Petit Explorer
Randi Gardiner- Cornerstone Childcare
& Arky Arky Preschool
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
Kari Mckalister
Estela Mejia-Marin- The Fun of Learning
Day Care
Linda Salisbury DBA LNA Day Care
Annice Smith

Susan Nelson- Susan's Lullaby Nursery
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
Care

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participating in CCQS,
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WHOLE RECORD UPDATE

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CARE ABOUT CHILDCARE PROGRAM PROFILE

Every year, Care About Childcare contacts each licensed program, requesting them to update specific sections of their profile. These sections include attributes, capacity, rates, and care schedule.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

We want families searching for care in your area to have the most up-to-date information possible. Updating your Care About Childcare profile at least once a year ensures they receive accurate information. Please note that you can update your profile at any time as needed.



WHAT TO UPDATE

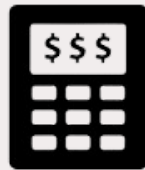


After logging into your Care About Childcare Profile you will need to go to My Programs to see these options.

CARE SCHEDULE This information will be accessible to families through the public search, helping them find programs that match their scheduling needs.



RATES



Families using the public search can filter program results by rate ranges. If you accept DWS Subsidy, please make sure to check the corresponding box. Note that rates are not visible to the public.

CAPACITY



Updating your program's current capacity and available vacancies helps families determine if you have openings for the age group they need. To ensure your program appears in the public search, make sure to check the "Give Referral" box.

ATTRIBUTES



The Attributes section allows you to highlight key features of your program that will appear in the public search. This helps families filter options based on their specific needs and decide if your program is the right fit for their child(ren).

AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE, CLICK "SAVE" TO UPDATE AND RECORD THE DATE OF YOUR LAST UPDATE.

CARE ABOUT CHILDCARE AT CHILDREN'S SERVICE SOCIETY OF UTAH

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social media

Facebook

Instagram



Care About Childcare CSS

@csscareaboutchildcare

BENEFITS OF FOLLOWING:

➔ **Be the first to see Professional Development opportunities**

➔ **Get resources for your program and the families in your care**

➔ **See upcoming events!**

➔ **Stay connected with all things childcare!**

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING US



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

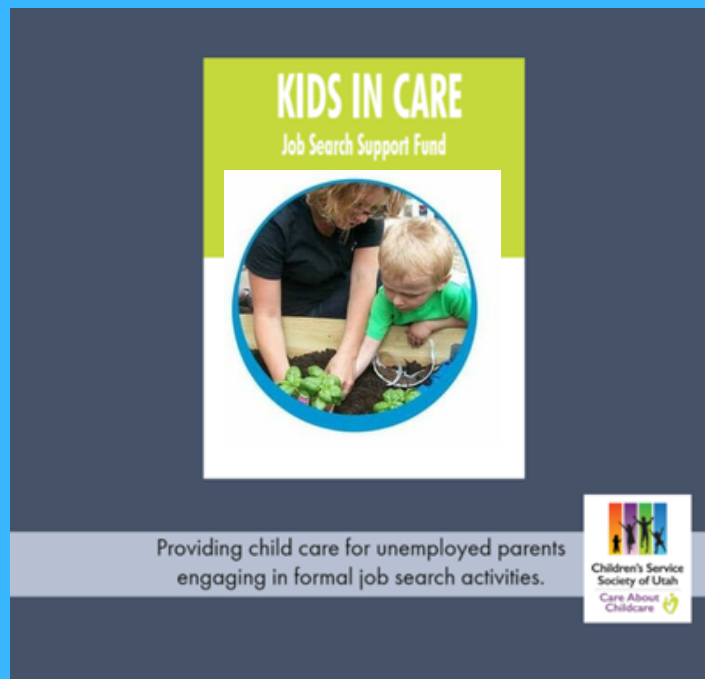
801-355-4847 or email
fingerprinting@cssutah.org



Children's Service
Society of Utah

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Childcare





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

Licensing Rules Training is scheduled for
Fall in English and Spanish

Please click the links below for more information:

[Spanish Rule Training Calendar](#)

[Centers Rule Training Calendar](#)

[Homes Rule Training Calendar](#)

Child Care Quality System

What is the Child Care Quality System?

The Child Care Quality System (CCQS) is a certified rating system designed to identify the level of quality care a program implements to create positive outcomes for the children in Utah's communities. Additionally, it facilitates access for economically disadvantaged families to attend childcare establishments distinguished as 'High Quality' throughout the state.

Child care programs who complete the CCQS application will receive a certified quality rating. Such ratings signify adherence to established best practices, rigorously assessed and validated by the Department of Workforce Services Office of Child Care. The objective is to ensure that children in childcare environments experience positive developmental outcomes. Evaluation within this program encompasses assessment across five distinct domains on the CCQS framework, ensuring comprehensive program quality. The five domains include:

Domain 1: Health & Safety

- Category 1: Licensing Compliance
- Category 2: Health & Safety Program Participation

Domain 2: Learning Environments & Relationships

- Category 1: Ratio's and Group Sizes
- Category 2: Observation
- Category 3: Family Engagement

Domain 3: Leadership & Professional Development

- Differs between Center-based programs & licensed Family programs

Domain 4: Management & Administration

- Professional Development of the administrator responsible for business operations

Domain 5: National Accreditation

- Obtain Accreditation from one of the approved Accreditation programs

The Four Levels of Quality



If you would like more information, contact your local CCQS Specialist:
Tori Sackett at 801-326-4374 Or Wendy Cuevas (ESP) at 801-326-4373

Or Apply Now!

"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".



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**REUNIÓN
INFORMATIVA DEL
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ESTÁ INVITADO A LA REUNIÓN INFORMATIVA DEL COHORTE CCQS, UN REQUISITO OBLIGATORIO PARA PODER PARTICIPAR EN EL COHORTE. ESTA SESIÓN ES ESENCIAL PARA GARANTIZAR EL CUMPLIMIENTO DE LOS REQUISITOS DEL PROGRAMA Y PROPORCIONAR INFORMACIÓN CLAVE SOBRE LO QUE IMPLICA LA PARTICIPACIÓN.

QUÉ ESPERAR:

- **DESCRIPCIÓN GENERAL DEL PLAN DE ESTUDIOS Y OBJETIVOS DE APRENDIZAJE DEL COHORTE**
- **ACLARACIÓN DE POLÍTICAS Y COMPROMISOS DEL PROGRAMA**
- **SESIÓN DE PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS - TENGA EN CUENTA QUE PARA PARTICIPAR EN EL COHORTE ES NECESARIO CONTAR CON LA CERTIFICACIÓN DEFAULT FOUNDATION OF QUALITY O CERTIFIED FOUNDATION OF QUALITY.**

SU ASISTENCIA A ESTA SESIÓN ES OBLIGATORIA PARA PODER INSCRIBIRSE EN EL COHORTE. ¡ESPERAMOS CONTAR CON SU PARTICIPACIÓN!

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**FAMILY CHILD
CARE CCQS
SPANISH COHORT
INFORMATION
MEETING**

THE FOUR LEVELS OF QUALITY



You Are Invited to the CCQS Cohort Informational Meeting. Attendance at this meeting is a mandatory requirement to participate in the cohort. This session is essential to ensure compliance with program requirements and to provide key information about what participation entails.

What to Expect:

- **Overview of the Cohort Curriculum & Learning Objectives**
- **Clarification of Policies & Program Commitments**
- **Q&A Session - Please note that participation in the cohort requires having either Default Foundation of Quality or Certified Foundation of Quality certification.**

Your attendance at this session is required in order to enroll in the cohort. We look forward to your participation!

Please note that both the informational meeting and the cohort will be conducted entirely in Spanish.

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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:

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[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.



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Spring 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.



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