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Care About
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Care About Childcare and Provider Training

Research indicates that when childcare providers get one-on-one coaching and modest funds to make changes to their program, the quality of care improves significantly. A recent evaluation in Washington State found that childcare facilities that received several hours of coaching and a small grant had higher quality scores compared to non-participating facilities.



Care About Childcare (CAC) at the Children's Service Society (CSS) provides specialized training and support to family and center-based childcare providers in Utah. CAC's approach to training is based on collaborative interaction and partnership between our coaches and the childcare providers. The foremost guiding principle of our coaching framework is to provide one-on-one individualized training that responds to the specific needs of the providers. The role of CAC coaches is to help providers build their own capacity and support their efforts in providing quality childcare. Providers are eligible for two 90 minute on-site coaching per month over a period of six to eight months. These sessions address six key quality indicators of childcare: Family involvement and engagement;

child-focused activities and curriculum; indoor environment; outdoor environment; health and safety; and administration. The coaching program is structured around three phases; 1) In the initial stage, providers set goals related to the quality indicators with input from the coaches, and create an action plan; 2) On-site observation and modeling by the coaches of various program activities and routines; and 3) the final step involves sharing and discussing feedback on the implementation process, identifying barriers and making necessary modifications to the program.

Following the completion of the program, providers have the opportunity to apply for a PC Kit Grant for \$400. This grant, offered through the Office of Childcare, can be used to purchase materials and equipment to further improve childcare facilities. In 2013, CAC coaches at Children's Service Society assisted thirty-four childcare providers in receiving this grant.

Care About Childcare is a program of Children's Service Society.

For more information on our services:

Please call

801-355-4847

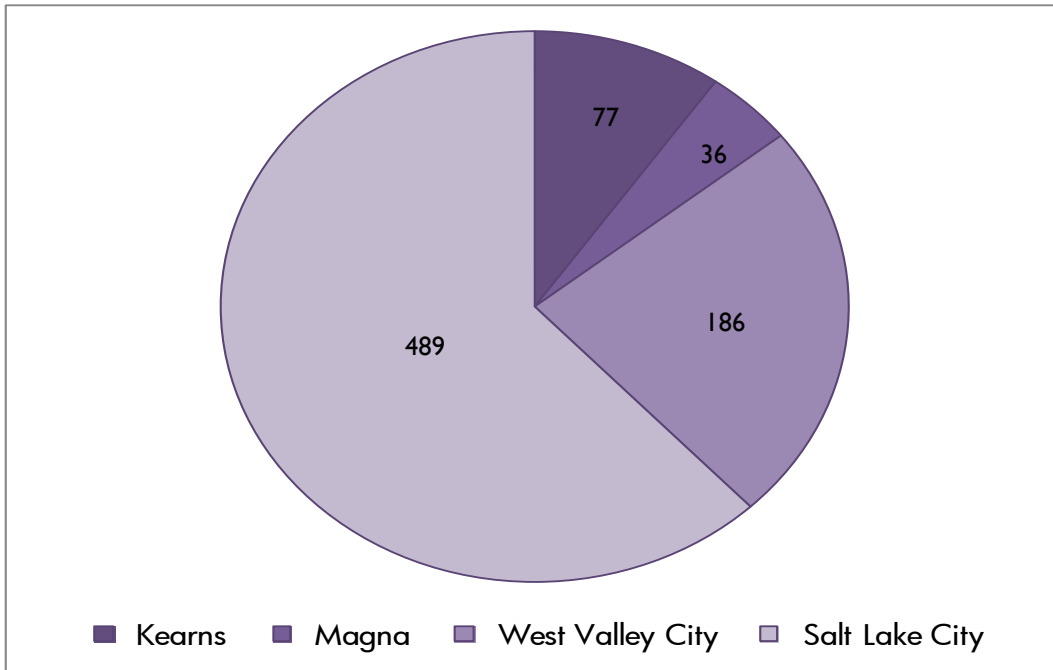
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Number of Child Care Referrals in the North East and West Areas



CACs offered over 4,568 referrals to families in Utah during the 2013 fiscal year and conducted almost 2,078 hours of one-on-one technical assistance to child care providers. CAC’s also provided education and information to help families make the best child care decision.

2013 Utah Child Care Workforce Fact Sheet

Childcare workers in centers	5,010
Average annual income of childcare workers	\$20,650
Training sessions CAC held for providers	23,488
Providers trained by CAC statewide	3,243
On-site technical assistance visits by CAC to child-care programs	1,967

Source: *Childcare Aware of America: 2013 Childcare in the State of Utah*



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The Cost of Childcare in the North East and West Areas

NORTH EAST	CENTERS		FAMILY CHILD CARE	
	Avg. Monthly Range	Monthly Avg.	Avg. Monthly Range	Monthly Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 2 years)	\$445-1,092	\$832	\$538-700	\$603
2 year old	\$508-980	\$727	\$490-675	\$566
3 year old	\$472-905	\$667	\$463-650	\$541
Preschool	\$450-905	\$626	\$463-650	\$530
Kindergarten	\$350-825	\$563	\$330-600	\$451
School Age	\$327-638	\$422	\$213-500	\$361

NORTH WEST	CENTERS		FAMILY CHILD CARE	
	Avg. Monthly Range	Monthly Avg.	Avg. Monthly Range	Monthly Avg.
Age group				
Infant (0 to 2 years)	\$548-750	\$635	\$462-547	\$494
2 year old	\$440-591	\$493	\$436-498	\$451
3 year old	\$422-557	\$471	\$412-480	\$437
Preschool	\$379-519	\$438	\$403-486	\$426
Kindergarten	\$346-481	\$407	\$200-418	\$350
School Age	\$255-358	\$324	\$250-387	\$317

Total Number of Child Care Providers in Salt Lake City:

107 including Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Providers and License Exempt

Opportunities at CAC for Continuing Education for Providers

Research shows that a provider's level of education is the strongest predictor of their ability to engage children in appropriate developmental activities and positive interaction. Providers with specialized training are more likely to be nurturing, reinforce early literacy skills, and enhance children's learning. The Professional Development department at Children's Service Society offers between 38-42 affordable classes each quarter on a wide range of Early Childhood Education topics. Classes are open to providers participating in the Career Ladder, Training and Longevity, and CDA credential programs as well as the wider community.



For more information on available classes

please call

801-326-4403

or visit us at

www.cssutah.org/providers/training

Service Delivery Areas of Care About Childcare

NORTH EAST/WEST AREA: Kearns, Magna, Salt Lake City, West Valley, and any other unincorporated areas.

SOUTH EAST AREA: Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Holladay, Midvale, Murray, Sandy, Taylorsville and any other unincorporated areas.

SOUTH WEST AREA: Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Holladay, Midvale, Murray, Sandy, Taylorsville and any other unincorporated areas.

TOOELE AREA: Grantsville, Lake Point, Stansbury Park, Tooele, Wendover and any other unincorporated areas.

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