

# NEWSLETTER

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Care About Childcare at Utah Valley University is a Child Care Resource & Referral agency that serves Utah, Juab, Summit, and Wasatch counties.

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Monday  
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday  
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday  
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday  
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday

Closed

**SAVE THE DATE**  
EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1ST!

OUR FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT  
WE GOTTA WEAR SHADES

THE PATHS WE TAKE & THE LEGACY WE LEAVE

**September 20 & 21, 2024**

Utah State University - Eastern  
Jennifer Leavitt Student Center  
490 N. 300 E. Price, Utah

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Funding provided by the Department of Workforce Services, Office of Child Care through the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

## Peer Learning Community Opportunity

The Peer Learning Community opportunity is designed to help programs recognize their strengths and learn more about best practices in the Environment Rating Scale (ITERS-3, ECERS-3, FCCERS-3) and the School Age Program Quality Assessment (SA-PQA). These are the tools used to evaluate programs in Utah's Child Care Quality System. Participating in this program will provide the opportunity to better understand best practices.

### Benefits of participation include:

- Access to professional development focused on best practices and evaluation tools utilized in Utah's Child Care Quality System.
- Individualized support from a Quality Improvement Specialist
- Opportunity to learn strategies and develop skills in quality improvement efforts.
- Programs may be eligible for an incentive award to offset wages paid for participation hours.

**Programs will receive an email through URPD during the month of May to sign up for an informational meeting.** Attendance to the informational meeting is a requirement to apply. **Applications will open during the first two weeks of July** to those eligible programs.

For more information you may contact [occspecialist@utah.gov](mailto:occspecialist@utah.gov)

## UNLOCKING SUCCESS: *Child Care IS Business*

August 3, 2024

Hilton Hotel  
245 S West Temple,  
Salt Lake City



Program funded by Utah Department of Workforce Services

## Presenters

**Lauren Fredman & Hillary Christensen** – Office of Child Care

**Cristiana Barrera** – Utah State Board of Education

**Jim Herrin** – Small Business Development Center

**Kristi DeGraaf** – Family Child Care Provider

**Brigette Weier** – Voices for Utah Children

**Karen Dell** – SLCC Corporate Training

**Matt Jensen** – Davis & Bott, CPA

**Mike Agrelius** – Author

Lunch Provided!

## Key Note Speaker

**Beth Colosimo**

Executive Director  
The Mill Entrepreneurship Center

Cost: \$30

Register for the Conference today!

Book a room at the Hilton - [bit.ly/2Shjsgz](https://bit.ly/2Shjsgz)



20 Vendors!

Program funded by Utah Department of Workforce Services

## Utah Career Ladder

Congratulations to all youth and early learning professionals who have been working hard to improve their knowledge, skills, and care! We truly appreciate your efforts to advance on the Utah Career Ladder.

### Congratulations to the following individuals:

Erica Acevedo - Levels 6, 7, 8  
 Kassidy Adams - Levels 2, 3, 4  
 Barbara Aguirre - Level 1  
 Alba Alay - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Weraporn Amosa - Level 3  
 Taleah Anderson - Levels 6, 7  
 Susana Arroyo - Level 4  
 Julie Autry - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Evelyn Ayala - Level 3  
 Jennifer Barboza - Levels 1, 2  
 Emma Beardall - Level 7  
 Savannah Benning - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10  
 Madelaluz Bernal - Level 8  
 Yudy Bernal - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Heidi Billy - Levels 2, 3  
 Brooklyn Blackham - Levels 1, 2  
 Sydney Bollinger - Levels 1, 2, 3, 10  
 Amber Bonney - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
 Cortney Bouwhuis - Levels 1, 2  
 Ashley Bouwhuis-Parry - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
 Shirilee Bowers - Level 2  
 Yubianyberth Camacaro - Levels 1, 2  
 Brynlee Campbell - Levels 1, 2  
 Jessica Campbell - Levels 1, 2  
 Karen Canozo - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Brennan Cecil - Level 5  
 Lindzey Coonradt - Level 9  
 Relma Cox - Levels 5, 6, 7, 8  
 Mckenna Crapo - Level 10  
 Kaitlyn Crippen - Level 1  
 Alyssa Crosby - Level 9  
 Lizbeth Cross-Kendall - Level 3  
 Kayla Cummings - Level 4  
 Laurel Cupit - Level 5  
 Sydney Dennett - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
 Gineska Dossantos - Level 10  
 Brianna Evans - Level 8  
 Malibu Flegal - Level 4  
 Megan Fotheringham - Level 4  
 Diana Galvez - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Carina Garcia - Levels 1, 2  
 Selena Garcia - Level 1  
 Diana Garner - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Kayla Gatrell - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10  
 Mariana Gayosso - Level 2  
 Savannah George - Levels 7, 8, 9, 10  
 Ann Grob - Levels 4, 9  
 Anna Belle Gunderson - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Elizabeth Haddock - Level 1  
 Danyale Harris - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7  
 Julie Harrison - Level 11  
 Heather Hatch - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
 Emmalyne Hellbusch - Level 1  
 Anyely Hernandez - Levels 1, 2  
 Nelly Huaiquimilla - Level 6  
 Melissa Hunt - Levels 2, 3  
 Diana Irazabal - Levels 4, 5, 6  
 Arely Islas - Level 3  
 Shaunessy Jakeman - Levels 1, 2  
 Abigail Jimenez - Level 1  
 Brynley Johns - Levels 1, 2

### Congratulations to the following individuals:

Sara Larson - Level 1  
 Norvina Lawrence - Level 8  
 Grace Loomis - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
 Miriam Lozano - Level 8  
 Emma Macfarlane - Level 1  
 Elizabeth Mackenzie - Level 2  
 Savannah Mahler - Level 4  
 Alysson Marble - Levels 4, 5  
 Alaina Marchant - Level 4  
 Amparo Martinez - Level 2  
 Jimena Martinez - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Lucia Martinez - Level 3  
 Shannon Mcconaghie - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11  
 Paige McMaster - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
 Megan Higgins - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Vivien Mendez - Levels 1  
 Natalia Meza - Levels 5, 6, 7, 8  
 Cynthia Miller - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Jennifer Morrison - Level 5  
 Iris Mueras Pachas - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Shaylee Myers - Level 9  
 Alexis Norman - Level 8  
 Ruth Nunez - Levels 4, 5, 6  
 Eden Orvis - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
 Kierstin Parker - Levels 1, 2  
 Emilia Perez Cuenca - Level 4  
 Lisa Perkins - Levels 1, 2  
 Hillary Peterson - Level 3  
 Miranda Peterson - Level 5  
 Corinne Pierce - Levels 1, 2, 3, 9, 10  
 Merylynn Pulsipher - Levels 1, 2, 3, 10  
 Liz Rahmsdorf - Level 4  
 Natalia Ramirez - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Camila Reyes Zapata - Levels 6, 10  
 Maria Reynolds - Levels 4, 5, 6  
 Katelyn Riley - Level 10  
 Gloria Rodriguez - Levels 5, 6, 7  
 Maria Salazar - Level 4  
 Elvira Santafe - Level 7, 8  
 Karina Santafe - Level 7, 8  
 Rebecca Scanlon - Level 4  
 Emily Silva - Level 1  
 Selene Silva - Level 3  
 Brittany Skinner - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
 Jana Smith - Level 1  
 Samantha Snyder - Level 3  
 Reane Stallings - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Sarah Stibysh - Level 4  
 Bailee Stroh - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
 Isabella Suescun - Level 10  
 Rylee Tabbee - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Hayden Taylor - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Kathrine Taylor - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Areli Tenangueno - Level 2  
 Rocio Ticeran - Level 11  
 Tea Vallejo - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Denae Vanderburg - Level 1  
 Odila Volcan - Levels 1, 2, 3  
 Tracy Webb - Level 5  
 Tiffani Wells - Level 4  
 Sarah Wilder - Levels 1, 2  
 Ireland Wilson - Level 7  
 Mckenna Zabriskie - Levels 3, 4  
 Brittany Zoltz - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7  
 Maggie Barnhart - Levels 1, 2  
 Lynette Callister - Level 3  
 Mariana Ruiz - Level 5

## CAC - UVU RESOURCE & EDUCATION NIGHT

# "INTRODUCTION TO OUT OF SCHOOL TIME CARE & RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL AGE YOUTH" WITH ANGIE TOONE & COLLIN CREBS FROM UTAH AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

7 PM - 8:30 PM

CHILD CARE STAFF, PARENTS/ CLIENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

 REGISTER NOW



Must be present to win a FREE Lakeshore Prize!

PDI's ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!

Click [HERE](#) for more information!



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## 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.



### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be employed for at least 20 hours a week at a DWS Eligible child care center or family child care program licensed by the [Department of Health and Human Services - Child Care Licensing](#). The program must be open 12 months a year for at least five days a week and at least six hours per day on regularly scheduled weeks.

Level 1	\$100
Levels 2-3	\$200
Level 4	\$300
Levels 5-8	\$400
Level 9	\$500
Level 10	\$1,000
Level 11	\$1,500
Level 12	\$2,000

### AWARD AMOUNTS

The PDI may be awarded to eligible applicants at the completion of each Career Ladder level earned. Refer to the [Career Ladder System](#) page for more information on the requirements for each level.

Watch for information about the new CCQS Cohort. More information coming in July!



More information regarding eligibility for the PDI can be found in our [Professional Development Incentive Policy](#).



Sign up for a URPD profile and apply for a Professional Development Incentive at <https://careaboutchildcare.utah.gov>. More information on eligibility and reimbursement requirements may be found on the application.



If you have questions about the PDI and other available scholarships, please contact your [local Care About Childcare agency](#) or URPD at 1-855-531-2468 or by emailing [urpd@usu.edu](mailto:urpd@usu.edu).

# We want to celebrate those who have quality ratings with CCQS:

## Licensed Family Child Care:

Bronk's Zoo  
ABC Daycare  
Lighthouse Montessori Academy, LLC  
Cathy Harker Daycare LLC  
It Takes a Village Daycare  
ABC Educational Home Care  
Denise Tubbs  
Eagle Mountain Kids Care  
Kindersteps Childcare

## Licensed Center:

A To Z Building Blocks in Eagle Mountain  
A To Z Building Blocks in Orem  
A To Z Building Blocks in Spanish Fork  
A To Z Building Blocks on 1st in American Fork  
A To Z Building Blocks on 300 East in American Fork  
ABC Great Beginnings- Saratoga  
Adventure Time Preschool and Child Care  
Kid Stop/American Fork Hospital  
Little Geniuses Learning Center LLC  
R-Kids Child Care Center/UVRMC  
Smiling Faces Bilingual Learning Center & Day Care  
Sunny Center  
Sunny Day Preschool & Daycare LLC  
Sunny Daycare Inc  
UVU Wee Care Center  
Way To Grow

If you are interested in participating with CCQS, please contact our CCQS specialist at 801-863-7453 or email: [wellsva@uvu.edu](mailto:wellsva@uvu.edu)

## CDA credential at no cost!

Have you ever considered getting your Child Development Associate (CDA)? Just click on the link below and fill out this interest form on how to get yours. If you have any further questions call 801-863-4589

Click the [LINK](#) for the interest form.

## Welcome Newly Licensed Providers:

My Little Home  
Sandra's Daycare LLC  
Lil Adventures Daycare  
Les Petits Learning Center  
Little Rainbow & Sunshine Company LLC



While many children look forward to summer break for fun and games, it's a different story for 1 in 10 kids. Instead of packing for sleep-away camp, they worry about where their next meal will come from when school's out. Without school meal programs, many families find themselves stretched thin, struggling to provide meals on already tight budgets. It's tough going for our most vulnerable, chronically hungry students, who might have little to eat at home during the summer months.

To help fill the summer meal gap, Utah Food Bank is again stepping up to help by extending our Kids Cafe program. Through the Summer Food Service Program, they'll be offering free meals to kids 18 and younger at various locations such as parks, libraries, and community centers.

Just remember, **kids must be present to receive their meals.** If you or someone you know needs help finding a meal site near you, simply text "FOOD" to 304-304. This free service will give you the location and times of up to three nearby summer meal sites. Meals will be provided from May 28 to August 19, depending on location. All sites will be closed for Juneteenth (6/19), Independence Day (7/4), and Pioneer Day (7/19).



## Summer Safety for Kids:

1. **Keep watch to prevent drowning:** Actively supervise children at all times when in or around water, and make sure you have the right equipment to keep pools safe.
2. **Look for signs of heat exhaustion:** Make sure children take water breaks and wear lightweight clothing when playing outside.
3. **Check for car safety:** Make sure your child's car seat is properly fitted before hitting the road on a family vacation. Never leave a child unattended in a car- the temperature inside a car can rise quickly, and establish a routine to check the car before locking or backing up.
4. **Protect skin from the sun:** Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher whenever your child is going to be outdoors. Reapply every 3 hours or after your child has been in water. Try to avoid outdoor activities during peak hours, and consider dressing children in sun protective clothing.
5. **Avoid bug bites:** Apply insect repellent before spending time outdoors, avoid using heavily scented soaps or lotions, and cover arms and legs as much as possible.
6. **Enjoy fireworks safely:** Read instructions carefully, and never let young children touch or light fireworks.
7. **Drink enough water:** Kids are more prone to dehydration than adults, a general rule is to take half of your child's weight and that's the number of ounces of water they should drink everyday.
8. **Don't monkey around:** Always supervise children on playgrounds, and choose the right equipment for your child's age/ skills. In the summer sun, it's a good idea to carefully touch equipment to check for hot surfaces before playing on it.
9. **Wear a life jacket on boats:** Make sure to bring a U.S. Coast-Guard approved personal flotation device- a properly fitted life jacket is snug yet comfortable, and will not move above the chins or ears when you lift it at the shoulders.
10. **Ride bikes the smart way:** Wearing a helmet is the first rule to preventing serious bicycle injuries for kids. Make sure bikes and helmets fit kids properly and follow smart rider rules.

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