

NEWSLETTER

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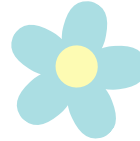
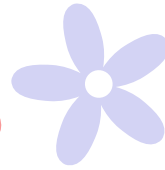
Phone Hours

Monday
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Tuesday
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday
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Thursday
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Friday
Closed

Environment Rating Scales (ERS) Courses: Utah's ERS Best Practice Series

The Environment Rating Scales are research-based early childhood observation tools that view child development from a comprehensive point of view, examining a wide variety of areas that contribute to positive child development. They are also the tools used for Child Care Quality System (CCQS) evaluations in Utah.

Find courses on the tool that applies most to your setting [HERE](#). There are also some great resources on the [ERSI website](#).



Registration for the
Northern Utah Early
Childhood
Conference is now
available!

REGISTER
NOW

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

Dear Early Childhood Professionals,
Thank you for working with the most important people in Utah, our young children. As a resource and referral agency, we value your opinion and want to be a support to you and your programs. To help us improve, Care About Childcare (CAC) at Utah Valley University (UVU) is conducting a needs assessment and is requesting your participation. The form should take approximately 10 minutes to complete and the link is listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email, jhasting@uvu.edu.

Needs Assessment and Feedback:

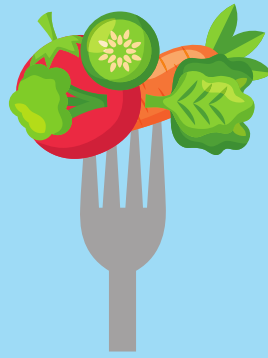
[CLICK HERE](#)



PFCCA Semi-Annual Conference

(Professional Family Child Care Association)

- Saturday, May 18, 2024
- 10 AM - 1 PM (doors open at 9:30 AM)
- USU Brigham City Campus (989 S. Main St., Brigham City)
- Lunch provided from Maddox
- Speakers: Ann Brown-Reither from CCAMPIS (Presenting on the accreditation journey) & Melanie Elder-Stoddard LCSW (Presenting on self-care practices)
- Q&A Lunch, Make & Take, Giveaways
- Register at www.pfccautah.com (No Later than May 9, 2024)



TOP Star: Teaching Obesity Prevention in Early Child Care

Early Child care programs may receive a TOP Star Endorsement by completing training on healthy nutrition, physical activity, and breastfeeding practices.

After making improvements on policies & practices, facilities receive a \$100 gift card & free resources like newsletters, lesson plans, handouts, posters, & more.

All TOP Star training, including webinars (in English & Spanish) provides approved continuing education credit that may be applied to Utah Career Ladder Credit, CDA, & CCQS points at no charge. This program is also offered in Spanish.

You make significant difference in a child's health, that lasts a lifetime. TOP Star endorsed providers are recognized on the Utah Dept. of Health & Human Services website. For more information, visit:

<https://heal.utah.gov/childcare/>

Take advantage of the following early childhood professional development scholarships ending May 31, 2024!

The following Office of Child Care (OCC) scholarships are ending soon:

- Early Education Payback Program
- College Course Scholarship
- Conference Registration Scholarship
- \$250 bonus per level of the Professional Development Incentive
- Program Accreditation Grant

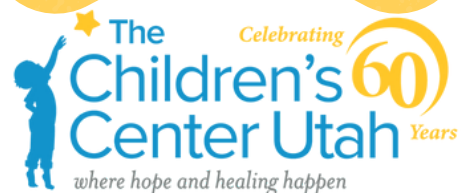
To learn more, please visit

<https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/urpd/scholarships.html>

Questions? Reach out to the Utah Registry for Professional Development (URPD) at

urpd@usu.edu.

The Children's Center Utah offers program-centered consultation for classrooms serving children ages 0 - 5 years. The concentration is on improving the universal quality of an early childhood program to better support the social and emotional well-being of all children. This FREE program provides 4 - 6 months of weekly, on-site support for educators. If you are interested in learning more about program-centered consultation, please contact Kami Mauldin at kmauldin@ccutah.org



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:

Lisa Aagard - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Amanda Banford - Level 3
 Emma Beardall - Levels 5, 6
 Kenia Blanco - Levels 6, 7, 8, 9
 Eden Boylan - Level 9
 Gineska Dossantos - Levels 6, 7, 8
 Parker Erektion - Levels 2, 3
 Amy Escobedo - Level 2
 Shonda Ewell - Levels 4, 5, 9
 Megan Fotheringham - Level 1
 Asia Garcia - Level 1
 Julie Harrison - Levels 5, 6, 7, 8
 Heather Hatch - Levels 1, 2, 3, 9
 Ashley Hunt - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Diana Irazabal - Level 3
 Arely Islas - Levels 1, 2
 Julie Jimenez - Level 3
 Johanna Jimenez - Level 3
 Zugey Jurado - Levels 4, 5
 Selene Kelsch - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7
 Nina Kitchen - Level 1
 Norvina Lawrence - Level 7
 Alaina Marchant - Level 3
 Jimena Martinez - Level 4
 Jessie Matamoros - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Natalia Meza - Level 4
 Reynalda Meza - Level 4
 Karie Morrill - Level 10
 Olivia Nelson - Level 4
 Haylie Peay - Levels 3
 Emilia Perez Cuenca - Level 3
 Kyra Pulham - Level 7
 Marcela Ramos - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Camryn Rawe - Level 3
 Bethany Robison - Levels 3, 4
 Lorena RodrA-guez Lopez - Levels 2, 3
 Geraldine Sanchez Cama - Level 5
 Elvira Santafe - Levels 5, 6
 Karina Santafe - Levels 5, 6
 Katty Santafe - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Selene Silva - Levels 1, 2
 Sarah Steed - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7
 Briley Stout - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 Chelsea Trammell - Level 9
 Jensyn Turner/ Toombs - Levels 1, 2
 KimberlyWilliamson - Levels 4, 5, 9, 10, 11
 Ireland Wilson - Levels 4, 5, 6
 Vanessa Osorio - Level 3
 Erica Acevedo - Level 5
 Heidi Billy - Level 1
 Mckenzie Cox - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Relma Cox - Levels 1, 2, 3
 Brianna Evans - Level 7
 Olivia Johnson - Level 1
 Alexis Norman - Level 7
 Megan Peart - Level 7
 Camila Reyes Zapata - Level 5
 Katelyn Riley - Level 9
 Rebecca Sierra - Level 1

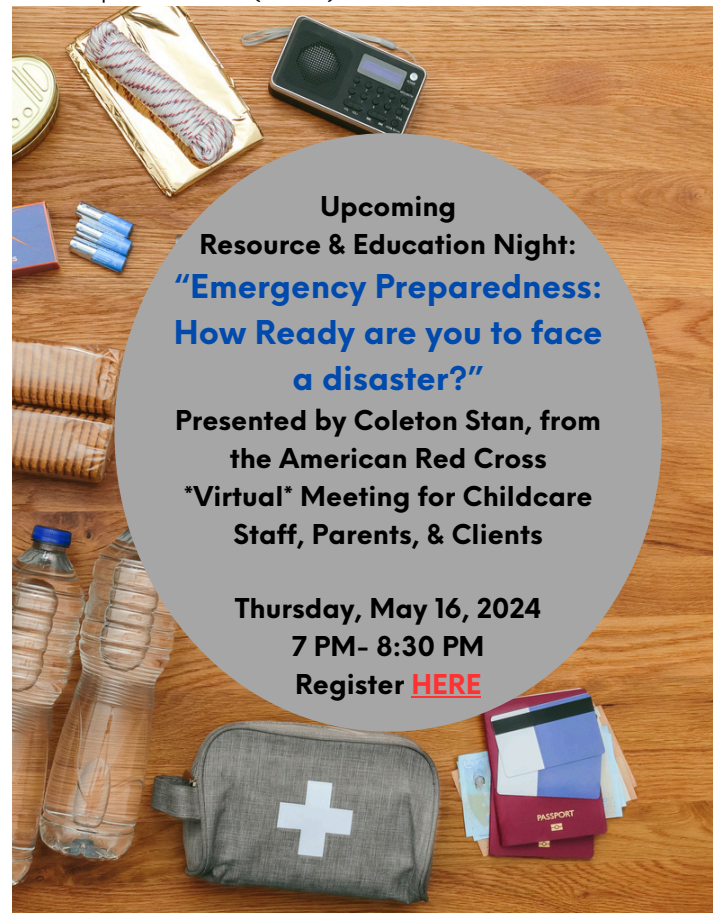
CLASS SPOTLIGHTs:

Did you know there's a revised version of **Healthy Care** that includes all-new content, videos, & resources! **Sign up** to take the new version of this course today!



Checkout these new completely revised courses:

- Infant Toddler Course 1: Optimal Environments (2023)
- Infant Toddler Course 2: Relationships at the Heart of Learning (2024)
- Foundational Theories of Child Development (2023)
- Looking to Learn (2022)
- Infant and Toddler Ages and Stages (2022)
- Preschool and School-Age Ages and Stages (2022)
- Healthy Care (2022)
- A Powerful Profession (2022)
- Strong and Smart (2021)
- A Great Place for Kids (2020)
- Learning to Get Along (2019)
- Explore More (2022)



Upcoming
Resource & Education Night:
**"Emergency Preparedness:
 How Ready are you to face
 a disaster?"**

Presented by Coleton Stan, from
 the American Red Cross
 Virtual Meeting for Childcare
 Staff, Parents, & Clients

Thursday, May 16, 2024
 7 PM- 8:30 PM
 Register **HERE**

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 LIC
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

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:

Lilis Daycare
Nikkis Daycare
Joyous Kids In Home Daycare
Greenhouse Childcare Center

CCQS Informational Meeting

Learn what to expect during
your CCQS observation.

May 14, 2024 | 7pm-8pm | ZOOM

Register Now

<https://forms.office.com/r/TsWfb1XZFC>



Navigating the Care About Childcare Website

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I search for care?

The Office of Child Care created [Care About Childcare](#) to help families make informed choices about child care and identify providers that fit their needs. Families can use the public search to look for providers within a certain radius of their work, home, or other location. The search allows families to filter by cost, language, certified quality ratings and other factors, and even visit the provider's page for more details.

How do I know the quality of the program?

Search results will include programs rated through [Utah's Child Care Quality System \(CCQS\)](#). The rating system identifies five quality levels of child care providers based on points in the following areas:

- Health & Safety
- Learning Environments & Relationships
- Leadership & Professional Relationships
- Management & Administration
- National Accreditation

Licensed Center and Licensed Family Care programs are eligible to participate in the Child Care Quality System.

Who can create a Care About Childcare account?

Creating an account is not required to search for child care. A **FREE** Care About Childcare account allows users (providers & parents) to register for courses or Professional Development opportunities offered through the Office of Child Care and its partners. Anyone can take classes!

Why should youth & early learning professionals, teachers, and caregivers create an account?

All are encouraged to create a Care About Childcare account because it allows users to browse training opportunities, register for courses, track and record professional development, participate in Utah's Career Ladder System, apply for scholarships and more.

Why should administrators of programs create an account?

Administrators of programs registered with Child Care Licensing can update program information listed in the program search accessed by the public, upload program recognitions, view staff's professional development records, pay for staff training courses, view grant information and more.

What information do I need to create an account?

New users will need an email address to create a Utah ID account to log into Care About Childcare. If this is the same email address that was used to create an account on the previous Care About Childcare site, account information will automatically transfer over to the new application. If a different email address is used, an individual will be asked to provide other relevant information in order to link their accounts.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the website?

Please contact your local [Care About Childcare Agency](#) with any questions that you have about the website.

Helpful Tutorials:

Here is a [LINK](#) with helpful FAQs

Additional Parent Resources:

- [Child Care Assistance](#)
- [Find Child Care](#)
- [Search Guidance](#)
- [Quality Matters](#)
- [Cost of Care](#)
- [Other Resources](#)



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Open now! Please come visit us !

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