

NEWSLETTER

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11:00 AM - 5:30 PM
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8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
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8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday
Closed

Save the Date

24th Annual Southern Utah Early Childhood Conference

Happy Days in Early Childhood

May 9th & 10th, 2025
Utah Tech University

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Utah Early Childhood Conference

Save the Date

50th Annual Conference Celebration!
Cheers to 50 Years! Celebrating our past, building our future!
March 14-15, 2025
Salt Lake City

[Click for more information](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

4th Annual SLCC Child Care Summit
Ensuring a Bright Future

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025 FROM 8 AM - 5 PM

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Social Media Marketing for Dummies
- Calculating Your Cost per Child, per Classroom
- Insurance for Employees
- Grants
- Growing a Brand
- Creating an Environmentally Healthy Space
- Creative Thinking Your Way Out of Tough Situations
- Professional Pathways: Building Your Business Through Professional Development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Heather Kennedy
Speaker Specializing in Teamwork & Productivity

20 VENDORS!

Hilton City Center
255 S W Temple
Salt Lake City

Scan for info on Child Care Business Trainings

GREAT NEWS!

CDA Renewal Amnesty is back!

Click for more information!

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:

- Alba Alay - Level 4
- Ariadne Albor Loeza - Level 8
- Elizabeth Allen - Level 9
- Weraporn Amosa - Level 6
- Miriam Arroyo - Level 5
- Kaylee Balden - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4
- Gladys Boza - Levels 1, 2, 3
- Halle Campbell - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Eliana Cangrejo - Level 10
- Katie Cuellar - Level 1
- Sophia Day - Level 2
- Sydney Dennett - Levels 7, 8
- Emily Diaz - Level 3
- Tori Dunkley - Level 9
- Isabelle Ferreira - Level 1
- Mckenzie Friel - Level 3
- Sydney Graham - Level 2
- Jessica Hunsaker - Level 10
- Shaunessy Jakeman - Level 3
- Maria Kerby - Level 1
- Annie Mendoza-Azero - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Victoria Menezes - Levels 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Breanna Meyers - Levels 10, 11
- Anyella Meza - Level 10
- Keylly Munoz - Level 10
- Erika Nieto - Level 1
- Maria Reynolds - Level 7
- Courtney Rogers - Levels 1, 2
- Evelyn Rubina - Level 2
- Katty Santafe - Level 8
- Addison Scadden - Levels 1, 2, 3
- Hannah Sivley - Levels 1, 2, 3
- Jennifer Ujhely - Level 1
- Britti Vanbrocklin - Level 10
- Kiah Ainsworth - Level 10

Upcoming Class Spotlights:



Virtual- Infant Toddler Course 1: Creating Optimal Environments, taught by Stephanie Anderson (Feb. 3, 5, 10, 12; 7 PM - 9:30 PM)



Spanish Virtual Environment Rating Scales Best Practice Series - ITERS-3 Free Play, taught by Emma Losee (Feb. 4, 7PM - 8:45)



Virtual- A Powerful Profession: Professionalism for Early Childhood Educators, taught by Tori Dunkley (Feb. 18, 20, 25, 27; 7 PM - 9:30 PM)



Virtual- School Readiness, Course 1: Lifelong Learning Practices & Social Studies, taught by Summer Green (Feb. 18, 20, 25, 27; 7 PM - 9:30 PM)

REGISTER NOW



CAC-UVU Resource & Education Night



TOP Star Child Care

TOP Star:
Teaching
Obesity
Prevention in
Early Child Care

Endorsement
Information
Presented by:
Elvia Caldera-Soria
Utah County Health
Department

FEBRUARY 27, 2025
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Virtual Meeting
Lakeshore Prize
following

Register here for a Zoom link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/j2mPMz48rb>





Call For More Information
801-863-8589

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

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

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
ABC Great Beginnings- Saratoga
Adventure Time Preschool and Child Care
Kid Stop/American Fork Hospital
Little Geniuses Learning Center Llc-Lg2
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

Licensed Family Child Care:

Bronk's Zoo
Cathy Harker Daycare LIC
It Takes a Village Daycare
ABC Educational Home Care
Little Giggles Childcare
Denise Tubbs
Eagle Mountain Kids Care

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:

Charlyn Wayland
Sproutling School
ARC

Groomis Daycare 2
Ashley Russell
Loving Hearts Child
Care



Child Development Associate (CDA)

What is a CDA?

The Child Development Associate (CDA) is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in ECE. It is based on a set of core competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children.

Benefits?

- Advance your career
- Meet job requirements
- Increase your confidence
- Understand developmentally appropriate practice
- Provide parents with peace of mind
- Reinforce your commitment to early childhood education

How do I get it?

The CDA requires:

- 120 hours of education
- 480 hours of experience working with young children
- Completion of professional portfolio
- An observation while you are with children in the classroom
- Current First Aid and CPR
- Passing of the CDA exam

The CDA is FREE to you!

Here is how we can help you:

- Sign up eligible participants for classes
- Provide portfolio material
- Provide technical assistance
- Pay your \$425 application fee!



**For assistance and CDA renewals contact
Mary Davison, our CDA specialist at 801-863-4589
or email MDavison@uvu.edu**

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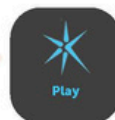
How is your child doing?



Sparkler is a free mobile app for all Utah parents prenatal through age 6 to support healthy early development:



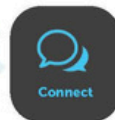
Understand your child's development with the mobile Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2).



Fuel learning with over 2000 off-screen activities designed to add fun to understanding.



As you complete activities, record your child's developmental progress using the Scrapbook feature to track milestone achievements.



Connect with a Parent Support Specialist for professional insights, guidance for your child development-related questions or concerns, and additional resources.

Available in English, Spanish, and Chinese!

www.PlaySparkler.org/UT



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