



Child Care Resource Agency
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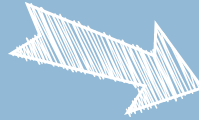
Five County
Association of Governments

NEWSLETTER
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**Your Source for
News, Resources,
Tips and Tricks,
Everything Early
Childhood!**

CONNECTED IN CARE

Care About Childcare has a
new name! But Child Care
Resource Agency has the **same**
friendly faces!



**CONNECT WITH
US AND EACH
OTHER!**

Child Care Resource Agency
is here FOR YOU!



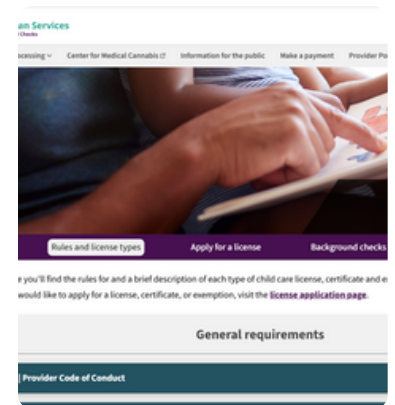
Resources

Do you need CPR
contacts? Looking for
fresh ideas for lesson
plans? We've got you!



Tips from the specialists

Our childcare specialists
want you to succeed! From
CDA to CCQS.



Information you need!

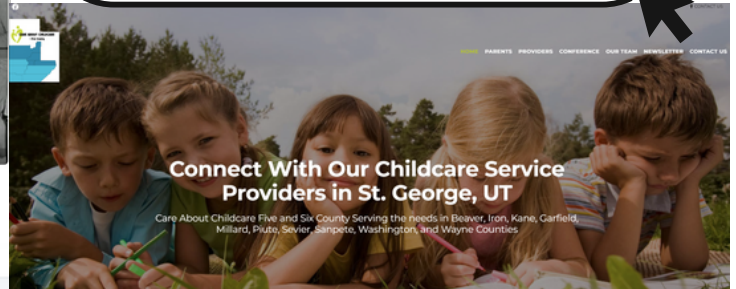
Keep on top of licensing
updates and other
information that affects you!

CONNECT WITH US

or on the web...



childcarehelp.org



When you want updates from Licensing, need activity ideas, or the latest child development info!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



12TH ANNUAL
CARE ABOUT CHILDARE - USU EASTERN

CONFERENCE ON
STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 19 and 20, 2025

As we get closer, registration and conference information will be posted. We look forward to connecting with you.

WATCH FOR OUR SAVE THE DATE COMING
SOON FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN
UTAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE!



Ready! Resilient! Utah Early
Childhood Mental Health Conference

★ Ready! Resilient!
Utah Early Childhood
Mental Health Conference

A statewide convening on early childhood mental health

Thursday, November 18, 2025

Mountain America Expo Center

Join experts, leaders, and advocates to learn more about the importance of infant and early childhood mental health.
Details coming soon!

Questions? Contact Stephanie at swamer@ccutah.org.

We'll still BEE
here for YOU!



The Richfield office closed as of
June 30, 2025!

But we are still here for YOU!

All support services are still available!

Contact:

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mikesellccrr@gmail.com

Megan at (435) 328-4971 or
mwestenskow@fivecounty.utah.gov

Iron County Office!

You can now LAMINATE and use many
fun die cuts at our Cedar City office!

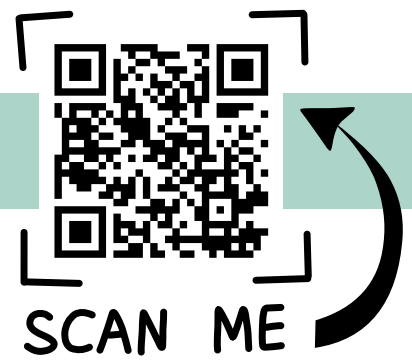


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BE READY UTAH: FIRE!



TO GET ON THE
LIST FOR
EMERGENCY
ALERTS IN YOUR
COUNTY!



DO THIS

- Learn and practice wildfire prevention
- Make and practice a wildfire evacuation plan with multiple evacuation routes in different directions
- Keep disaster supply kits updated and ready for quick, easy access
- Know how to shut off utilities including gas, electric, and water
- Have a battery-operated radio to receive alerts even if the power is out
- Create wildfire defensible space around your home



TIPS FROM THE SPECIALISTS: INTERACTIONS

Through all three tools used for Observation there is a subscale that looks at interactions. Throughout the observation observers are looking at all interactions that happen with the teacher and children as well as children to children interactions. Here is a few “helpful tips”

1. Make sure each child has personalized individual interactions and use the child’s name
2. When children cause harmful behavior to each other, stop the behavior, explain why the behavior isn’t appropriate, and then follow through to make sure the behavior does not happen again
3. Make sure each child gets proper physical affection and that you match the child’s energy



UPDATES



Utah Department of
Health & Human Services
Licensing and Background Checks



Effective July 1, 2025, the **background check fee** (child care fingerprint fee) will increase by \$10. The new fee total will be \$64.

This adjustment is not a fee assessed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Legislature approved an increase to this fee to cover costs for the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI). The money simply passes through DHHS on its way to BCI.

Fingerprinting Grant Available

Child Care Resource Agency offers a grant to support fingerprint costs for licensed child care centers and family child care programs. This grant will cover any additional costs the location charges to process the fingerprints. This grant does not include background screening costs incurred, such as fees charged by child care licensing. The grant application can be found at www.childcarehelp.org. Payments should be received by mail within 2-6 weeks from completion of the grant form. All documentation must be mailed to Child Care Resource Agency, 585 North Main St. Suite 1, Cedar City, UT 84721.



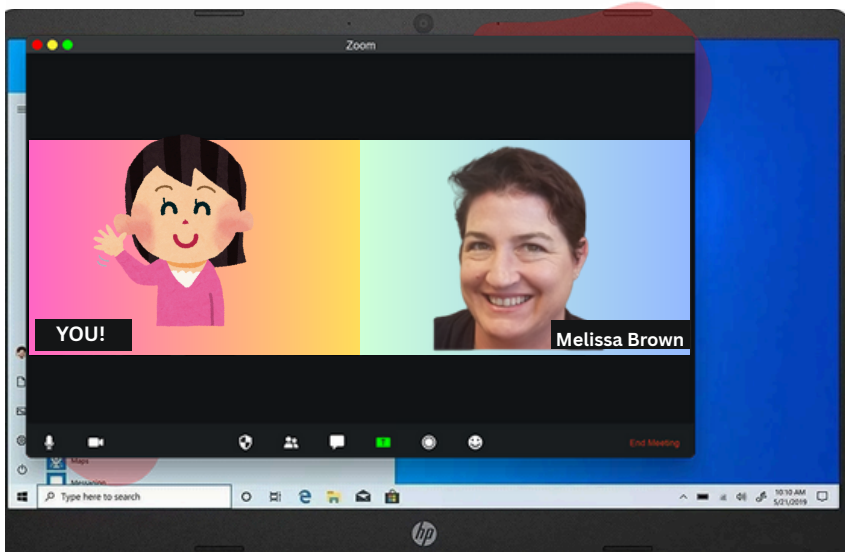
SUMMER CHILD CARE QUALITY SYSTEM FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

ENROLLING NOW FOR THE UPCOMING
CCQS COHORT ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

THE COHORT IS A PERFECT WAY TO NAVIGATE
THROUGH ALL ASPECTS OF THE CCQS FRAMEWORK
& PROCESS IN A SLOW PACED ENVIRONMENT.

CARLENE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO FCC
PROGRAMS OR YOU CAN REACH OUT TO HER @

CHANSON@FIVECOUNTY.UTAH.GOV
435-632-2195



Are you ready to
earn your CDA?

**Cohorts are
starting NOW!**

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**Five County will support you
through the entire CDA process**



2024/25 CDA COHORTS:

Choose the cohort that works best for you!



Cohorts:	Full	NEW Fast Track	Self-Paced
Timeline/ Commitment	Aug 2025-April 2026 4-6 2.5 hour courses per month (usually Mondays and Wednesdays)	July 2025-Oct 2025 Mon-Thurs courses back to back, portfolio wkshops on Friday	Go at your own pace. Goals for finishing in less than 1 year
Cohort Format	Participants take all courses together as a group.	Participants take all courses together as a group	Participants take courses on their own schedule. A tracking sheet with suggested courses is provided and guidance throughout.
Class Format	Live/Zoom	Live/Zoom	Online/Zoom or other online format
Portfolio	Materials provided by Five County, support throughout the process	Materials provided by Five County, support throughout the process	Materials provided by Five County, support throughout the process
Best For/More Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set schedules You want to finish in less than 1 year 1 instructor Pre-enrolled in all courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set schedules You want to finish in under 6 months 1-2 instructors Pre-enrolled in all courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-starters that can keep themselves motivated and on track Different instructors \$5 for each CAC course = \$60 Other online courses may be more expensive

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CPR/First Aid Training

Beaver County: Milford Valley Hospital
435-387-2411 ext. 4

Garfield County: Garfield Memorial Hospital
435-676-5496

Iron County: Valley View Medical Center
435-868-5496

Millard County: Brandon Woods
801-920-5548

Sanpete County: Gunnison Valley Fire Dept
435-813-2572
Gunnison Valley Hospital
435-528-2156

Sevier County: Central Utah Public Health
EMS/Emergency Management
435-893-9166

Washington County: Dixie Applied Tech College
435-674-8641
Claudia Zundel
435-467-9556
Ridgeview CPR Patty Hanson
435-862-8965
EMS Safety Cheryl Ashcraft
435-229-5086
The Pulse CPR Training
435-632-5066
Southern Utah CPR
435-619-1931

Wayne County: Wayne County Health Dept.
435-836-1316

Fingerprinting locations by county

Beaver County Beaver County School District 435-438-2291

Iron County Iron County Sheriffs office - 435-867-7500

Kane County Kane County Sheriff's office- 435-644-4916

Sanpete North Sanpete School District- 435-462-2485
South Sanpete School District- 435-835-2261

Sevier County Central Utah Educational Services-
435-896-4469

Washington County Utah Tech University EMS Dept-
435-879-4951
YUP Fingerprinting- 435-359-3151

Wayne County Wayne County School District- 435-425-3813



★ Center Benefits

- Providers benefit from this program by knowing the changes that are implemented in their facility will have lifelong impact on the children in their care.
- Becoming TOP Star endorsed can also increase the facility's marketability by promoting their endorsement to parents and the community.
- TOP Star provides free online continuing education training (approved uses: Career Ladder Credit, Licensing, CCQS points, staff CDA), policy development assistance, \$50-\$100 gift card for new or renewing facilities, quarterly newsletters, menus, lesson plans, posters, tools and many other resources.

★ Family Benefits

- Parents benefit from the TOP Star program by knowing their child is thriving in a healthy environment.
- The early years are the best time for children to develop lifelong habits that reduce the risk of obesity and chronic diseases and make the healthy choice the easy choice.
- Find a TOP Star provider in [Southern Utah](#).

swuhealth.gov/topstar/

Upcoming Courses



Working Together: Productive Relationships with Families

28, 29, 30, & 31st

The Director's Toolbox Course 3: A Great Place to Work & Inspiring Peak Performance

21, 23, 28, & 30th

School Readiness Course 2: English Language & Fine Arts

21, 23, 28, & 30th

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16, 18, 23, & 25th

Strong & Smart: Physical & Intellectual Development

8, 15, 22, & 29th

Infant & Toddler Ages & Stages

15, 16, 17, & 18th



Signing up for Professional Development Classes:

Log into your Care About Childcare profile and click on "Professional Development", then select the "Course Calendar"

You can search by date, county, the organization doing the training, or other options here:

1

2

Add classes to your cart like before... if there's no cart, class is full.

3

You can choose "Self Pay" or "Program Pays" if your program is funding your classes.

4

Proceed to payment or wait for your program to approve. You're done!

OUR CLASSES COVER A RANGE OF SUBJECTS, COUNT FOR CDA AND CAREER LADDER CREDIT, AND ARE MOSTLY ONLINE! THAT MEANS YOU CAN TAKE CLASSES WITH ANY CAC AGENCY ACROSS THE STATE!

Course Cancellation Policy

All classes will be held as advertised unless canceled for the following three reasons:

- 1) Low enrollment, if enrollment is below 10 participants the class will be cancelled, and vouchers/refunds will be given to all participants who have enrolled in the class.
- 2) Instructor is unable to attend the class, we will make every effort to replace the instructor with an equally qualified replacement instructor in a timely manner. If no instructor is available, we will reschedule that portion of the class.
- 3) If inclement weather causes a dangerous travel situation for providers to attend a face-to-face class, we will reschedule the class on the next available date.

In all the above-mentioned situations Care About Childcare-Five County staff will notify providers by text, email, and phone calls that the class has been rescheduled and/or canceled. Additionally, a sign will be posted for face-to-face classes at the location where the class was to be held.