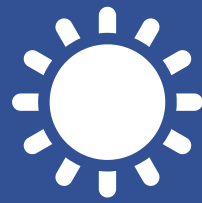




Five County Association of Governments

CONNECTED IN CARE



NEWSLETTER

JULY, AUG, SEPT 2026

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

Save the Date for:

campfire CONVERSATIONS



Stories that shape young minds

October 3, 2026



THE CONFERENCE YOU KNOW AND LOVE IS MIGRATING BACK TO THE FALL IN ST GEORGE watch your email for registration info

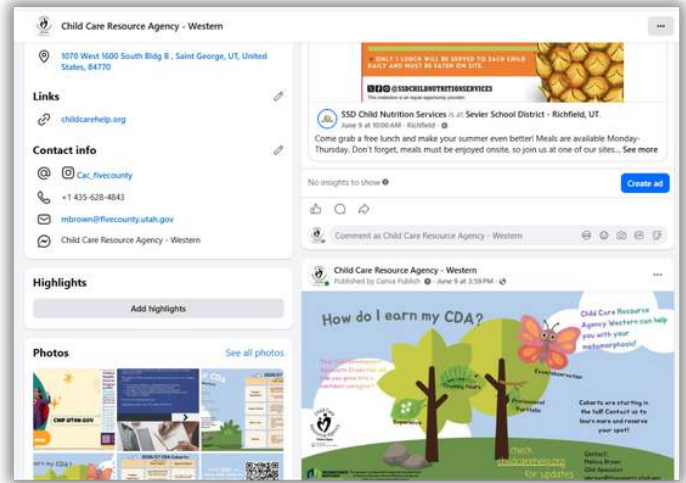


On our social media pages...

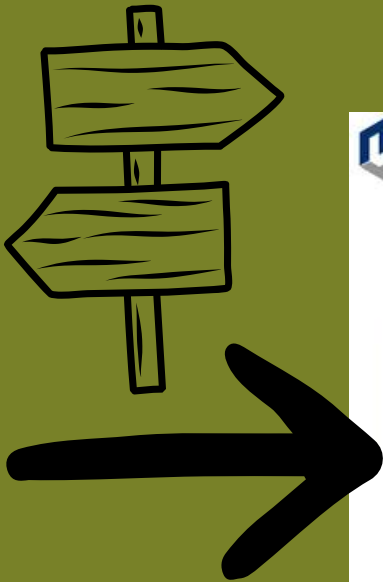


We post everything from licensing updates to classroom ideas and professional development opportunities!

Find us **HERE!**



The Office of Child Care's website has resources for you AND parents!



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Other Parent Resources

Search for child care providers in Utah and find resources on child development, early childhood education, school readiness, nutrition and more.

Learn More Search for Care

Educational Guides

- Utah Core Competencies Guide
- Utah's Early Learning Standards for Birth to Age Three - (Español)
- Utah's School Readiness Standards (Age 3-5)

Child Development

- 0-8 Care Coordination
- Help Me Grow Utah: Free Screenings (Ages 0-5)
- Head Start and Early Head Start Programs
- Act Early Utah
- Utah's Children with Special Health Care Needs
- The Period of Purple Crying
- NAEYC for Families
- The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention-Act Early
- Healthy Children from the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Milestone Tracker Mobile App

Family / Resource Services

- Early Childhood Utah
- Utah 2-1-1 Services
- Parent/Relationship Classes at Utah State University
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Financial Assistance Program
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting

Afterschool Programs

- Utah Afterschool Network Parent Resources

Legal Services

- Disability Law Center
- Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake
- Utah Legal Services

Health / Medical Assistance

- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Utah Oral Health Program
- The Children's Center (Mental Health)
- Healthy Kids, Healthy Future
- National Institute of Child Health & Human Development

Safety

- American Red Cross
- Center for Disease Control
- Child Care Aware - Disaster Program
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Keeping Kids Safe in Cyber Space
- National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Safe Kids Worldwide
- Sun Safety - Sunbeatables
- Utah's Baby Your Baby

The "Other Parent Resources" page has everything from child development to food assistance and

disabilities information. Go to:

<https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/parent/resources.html>



Don't Miss These Events



13th Annual
Conference on
Strengthening Early
Childhood Programs

September 18 & 19, Price



Child Care
Resource Agency-
Eastern



22nd Annual Jump
Start Afterschool
Conference

October 9 & 10, Ogden



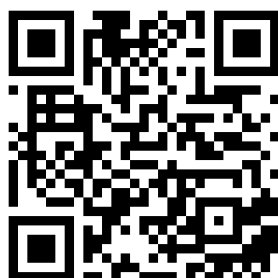
UPCCA Fall Retreat
November 13 & 14, Park City

Utah Private Child Care
Association



Ready, Resilient! Utah
Early Childhood
Mental Health
Conference

November 17, Salt Lake City





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CCQS ~ CENTER COHORT

I am excited to begin this CCQS
Journey with all of you!



I will be reaching out to all CENTER programs that are interested in beginning this CCQS Journey. The Cohort will begin in September 2026 and we will meet VIRTUALLY once per month for 6 months.

Carlene's Contact nformation :

Cell #: 435-632-2195

Email:

chanson@fivecounty.utah.gov

Congratulations! on earning your CDA Credential!

Makayla Peterson - Preschool

Alondra Cortez - Infant/Toddler

Vanessa Bybee - Infant/Toddler

Tara Parkinson - Preschool

Rylee Hird - Birth to Five

Terralyn Labrum - Preschool

McKenzie Mitchell - Preschool

Earn your CDA With CCRA- Western!

 120 hours training

 Professional Portfolio

 Exam and/or observation

Child Care Resource Agency- Western (Five County) will cover the cost of your courses in a cohort, provide your CDA Competency Standards book, and provide you with support throughout the CDA process!



WORKFORCE SERVICES CHILD CARE
This document is produced with funding from the Department of Workforce Services, Office of Child Care through the Child Care and Development Block Grant



2026/27 CDA Cohorts:

	 Fast Track 1	Quorum Cohort
Timeline/ Commitment	August 2026 to December 2026 Mondays- Thursdays on for two weeks, off for one, repeated. *Fast Track 2 will be January 2027- April 2027	Traditional CDA cohort schedule: August 2026 to April 2027.
Cohort Format	Participants take all courses together as a group, online via Zoom platform, from 7:00-9:30 pm. Portfolio workshops on occasional Fridays	Participants are assigned Quorum courses bi-weekly with check-ins with cohort leader. Portfolio workshops start in January
Best if you:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want a set schedule • You want to finish in under 6 months • Like having 1 instructor • Want to be pre-enrolled in all classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can keep yourself motivated and on track • Have a schedule that will not accommodate the fast track
Details:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We pay for your courses & materials • Support from the cohort leader through the CDA process from start to finish! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Child Care offers a free subscription to Quorum • CCRA- Western will provide the CDA Competency book at 60 hours uploaded • Support from the CDA cohort leader through the CDA process

Your Experience Doesn't Expire

July 6, 2026 - April 26, 2027

The Council is pleased to announce the return of the CDA® Renewal Amnesty initiative. CDA Renewal Amnesty is a limited-time opportunity for past credential holders (whose CDA expired as far back as January 1, 2016) to renew their CDA and return with confidence to their profession.



The initiative reflects the Council's commitment to reducing barriers and building clear pathways for seasoned educators to reenter the early learning field, advance their careers and make a lasting impact on children. If you're a former CDA, the field needs your experience and expertise.

Why renew your CDA?

- Build on your experience with no need to start over
- Stay aligned with current research and professional standards in early childhood education
- Demonstrate your continued commitment to professional excellence
- Restore you credential—at the same renewal cost of \$250 and with no additional fees—so you can continue making a difference.

Stay tuned for details on requirements and how to apply.



Don't Forget to Upload your CDA Certificate!

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
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

Keep informed of emergency and disaster alerts in your county!

Sign up for alerts using the following QR codes:

Beaver



Garfield



Iron



Kane



Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, & Wayne



Childhoodpreparedness.org has disaster printables to help children prepare for drills and emergencies!

también disponible en español!



Washington



TOPIC OF THE MONTH: WILDFIRE

THE POINT

Utah is a desert, but we still have a lot of vegetation in our wildlands and urban areas. Each year, Utah spends millions of dollars fighting wildfires, and each year, personal and public property is damaged or destroyed. Most wildfires are human-caused.

Protect your home and family from the possibility of wildfire by practicing simple wildfire safety.

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



Weather Permitting

Guidance and Resources

Air Quality

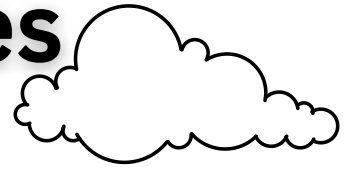
- All children should go outside daily when the air quality is Good(**green**).
- Children should go outside when the air quality is in the Moderate(**yellow**) to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups(**orange**).
- If children with special health needs are in attendance, they may be exempt from going outside if the air quality is in the orange.
- When the air quality is unhealthy (**red**, or higher) children should not go out for health safety.
- Outdoor time may be adapted according to the experience of the children when air quality issues exist.



***Air Quality Index is found on Air Now website



Upcoming Courses



July

School Readiness Course 1:
Lifelong Learning Practices &
Social Studies

July 27, 28, 29, 30



August

Infant & Toddler Ages & Stages

Aug 3, 4, 5, 6

September

Guidance & Emotional Wellness

Sept 14, 16, 21, 23

Learning to Get Along

Sept 3, 10, 17, 24



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

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

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.

Scan the code below for the latest code of conduct for online courses

Professional Development System Participant Code of Conduct for Career Ladder Approved In-Person Child Care Resource Agency Courses

Punctuality/Affendance: I understand that I must be in class at or before the time scheduled for class to begin in order to obtain credit for the class. If I arrive after the time class is scheduled to begin, I may be able to use the time I was in attendance for other training credit, but I will have to repeat the full session to receive Career Ladder credit for the course. This includes returning on time from breaks and lunch. Class will begin when the instructor determines it is time to start. I understand that if I am not present during the entire class session, I will not receive Career Ladder credit for the session and will have to repeat the session in order to receive credit.

Disruptive Behavior: I will be respectful to all personnel that support the Professional Development System including Child Care Resource Agency (CCRA) staff, Utah Registry for Professional Development (URPD) staff and Office of Child Care (OCC) staff. I will not use obscene, profane, threatening, discriminatory, harassing or abusive language. During class, I will be respectful to the instructor and others in attendance during each class session. I will not engage in any conversation or behavior that is disruptive or disrespectful to the instructor or other participants in the class. I will attentively participate in class. I understand that I am required to turn my cell phone and/or other electronic devices off or turn them to vibrate during class time and limit use to educational purposes (e.g. taking notes or pictures of activities). I will not text message or make cell phone calls during class time. I will limit texts and calls to break time or before or after class. I will not engage in disruptive private conversations during class time. If I must bring food or drink to class, I will eat quietly and will not allow food or drink to become disruptive or distracting to the instructor or other class participants.

Illegal Activity/Health & Safety: I understand that any illegal activity, including behavior that threatens the health or safety of the instructor or other participants before, during or after class will be cause for my immediate expulsion from class, and my privilege to participate in CCRA courses and receive financial support and incentives from the Utah Registry for Professional Development (URPD) may be permanently revoked. I understand that such behavior may be cause for intervention by law enforcement and/or other legal action. I understand that I may be asked to leave a class if my condition prevents me from participating or is disruptive to the class environment.

to ensure a productive adult learning environment and minimize the number of children brought to class. I understand that due to certain host agency policies regarding breastfeeding, the instructor may make exceptions for a lactating nurse during a course, as long as the infant is not

and that in order to receive credit for each class session, it is my responsibility to have my full legal name on the roll before class begins. I understand that if I do not sign the roll for someone else, I will not receive credit for the class session.

I understand that confidentiality is extremely important. I understand that I am responsible for keeping confidential information confidential when I am asked for guidance regarding certain issues. I also understand that I have a responsibility to keep sensitive issues discussed during class confidential with family or friends outside of the classroom setting.

I understand that class registration fees are non-refundable. I understand that I must provide my agency a minimum of three days in advance that I am requesting a refund for which I am registered, my registration fee may be able to be refunded. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact my agency to make these arrangements.

I understand that if I would like to request an accommodation, I must request it at the beginning of the class I plan to attend directly. The host agency calendar in the course details, under

The rules outlined within this Code of Conduct will be recorded with CCRA and URPD. I will be notified if I am suspended from participation in CCRA courses and if I am suspended from URPD for one year from the violation of this Code of Conduct (such violation of illegal activity or behavior), my privilege to participate in CCRA courses and incentives from URPD may be

