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Welcome●

- a. Approval of 11/8/2023 Meeting Minutes
- b. Advisory Survey Results

- II. OCC Director's Update Rebecca Banner / Heather Thomas
 - a. OCC Staff Update
 - b. Legislative Update
 - c. Market Rate Study
 - d. Subsidy Rate Changes

- III. COVID Relief Funding Update Heather Thomas
 - a. CAC Regional Highlight Crystal Knippers

- IV. CCDF State Plan Heather Thomas

- V. OCC Updates
 - a. Stabilization Grant Kathy Randle
 - b. CCQS JoEllen Robbins
 - c. Professional Development & Consumer Education .Heather Valentine
 - d. School Readiness and Out of School Time Megan Vlaming

- VI. Agency Updates
 - a. USBE Jared Lisonbee



Advisory Survey

Meeting Structure

- Emphasis on duties of board
 - Review annual budget
 - Recommendations on how to respond to child care needs
 - Recommendations on funding to address child care needs
- Provide standing reports in meeting materials

Potential Agenda Items

- Rotate updates from additional child care stakeholders
 - Care About Child Care Agencies
 - The Children's Center of Utah
 - Utah Afterschool Network
 - U.A.E.Y.C.
 - Child care providers
 - Governor's Office of Families
- Review annual budget
- Response to statewide child care needs
- Legislative overviews



- **OCC Staffing Changes**

- OCC Director
- Consumer Information Program Specialist

- **Legislative Update**

- **Governor's Budget**

- \$5 Million - Child Care Private-Public Partnership

- **Legislative Bills**

- HB96 - Child Care Program Sales Tax Exemption

- **Market Rate Survey**

- **Subsidy Rate Change**

OCC Director's Update

Rebecca Banner and Heather Thomas



COVID Relief Funding Update

Heather Thomas





WEBER STATE
UNIVERSITY



Care About
Childcare

CAC Update

Crystal Knippers



Weber, Davis and Morgan County Growth

- New Providers since 1/1/2023
 - Five new centers
 - Six new family child care providers
- Start-up grants awarded
 - Two center grants requested and awarded, 1 requested the Employer Start-up Grant as well
 - Four family child care grants requested and awarded
- Between March and June 2023, 32 programs were offered an environment grant. 10 programs took advantage of this.



Marketing

- Bus tail boards were added in December and will run for a few months
- Movie ads will start at the end of January and will run through May
 - Ad will run on 35 screens in Davis and Weber Counties
- Outreach at community events



- **Beginning Plan Development**
- **Steering Committee**
 - Every other Wednesday from 1 - 2:30 pm
 - January 24 - Kickoff Meeting
 - February 7
 - February 21
 - March 6
 - March 20
 - April 3
 - Focus Topics
- **Draft out for Public Comment in mid-April**
- **Public Hearing in mid-May**
- **Submit by June 30, 2024**

CCDF State Plan



OCC Updates



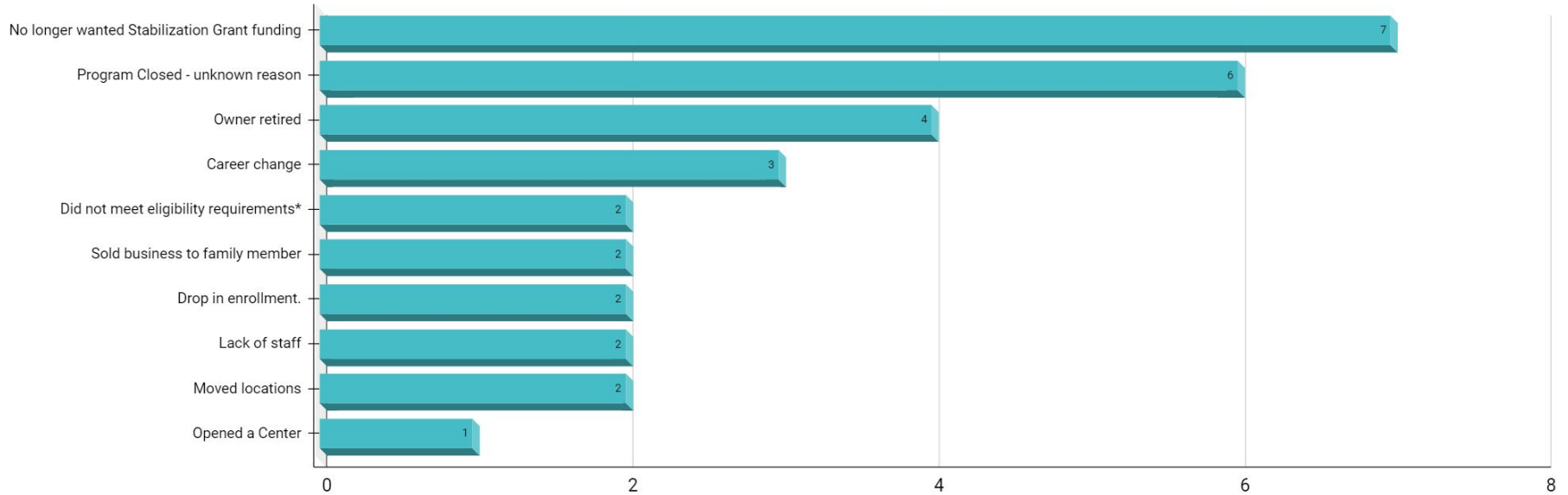
Stabilization Grant

Kathy Randle



Child Care Stabilization Grant

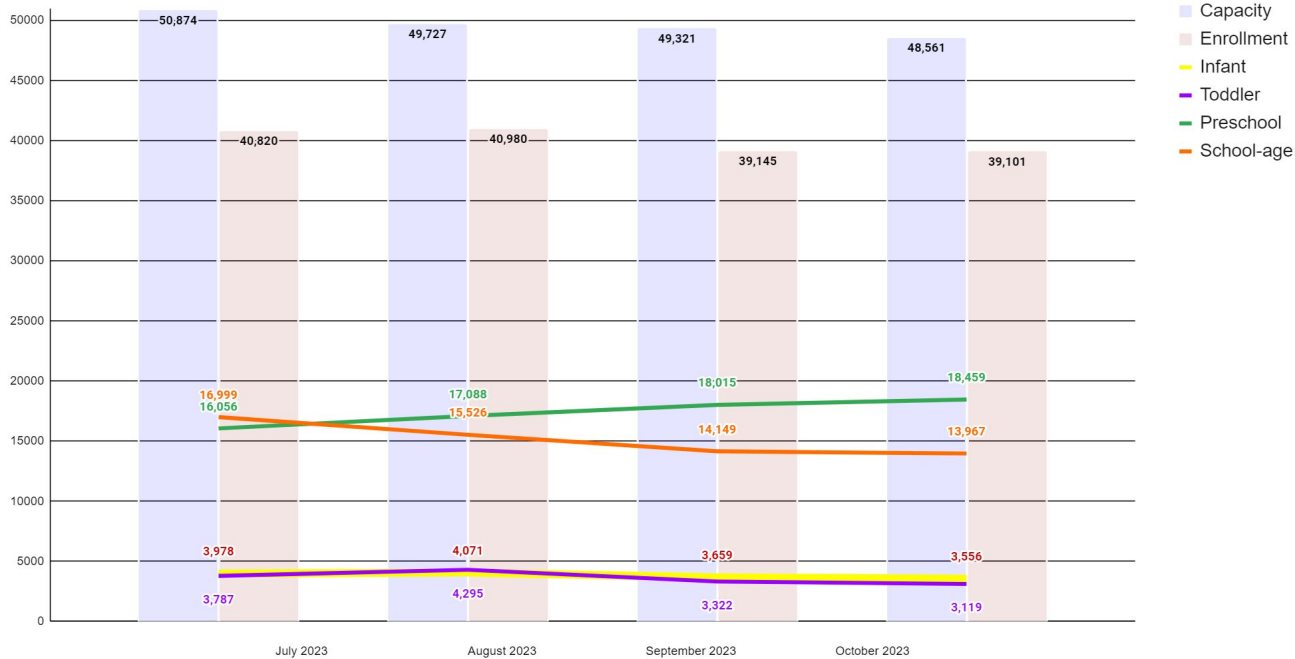
31 Stabilization Grant Closures September-December 2023



*Lack of liability insurance, no children in care.

Child Care Stabilization Grant

Stabilization Grant Reported Capacity & Enrollment FY24



| As of 1/3/24 | Enrollment Percentage |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| July 2023 | 80.24% |
| August 2023 | 82.41% |
| September 2023 | 79.37% |
| October 2023 | 80.52% |



CCQS

JoEllen Robbins



Center Comparative Data

Rating Distribution for Centers January 2024

121 of 426 centers with certified rating= 28% of all centers

| Foundation of Quality | Building Quality | High Quality | High Quality Plus |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 37/121=30.5% | 42/121=35% | 37/121=30.5% | 5/121=4% |

Rating Distribution for Centers January 2023

107 of 399 centers with certified rating= 27% of all centers

| Foundation of Quality | Building Quality | High Quality | High Quality Plus |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 43/107=40% | 38/107=36% | 24/107=22% | 2/107=2% |



Comparative Data for Rated Centers - January 2024

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| What is measured | Number of Programs | Number of Programs | Percentage of Programs | Percentage of Programs |
| ERS Observation Score Increase | 44/73 | 72/102 | 60% | 71% |
| SAPQA Observation Score Increase | 37/58 | 46/79 | 64% | 58% |
| Increase Points Education of Director | 18/73 | 33/102 | 25% | 32% |
| Increase Points Education of Caregiver | 15/73 | 32/102 | 22% | 31% |
| Overall Point Increase | 35/73 | 71/102 | 48% | 70% |
| Increase of Certified Rating | 14/73 | 36/102 | 19% | 35% |

*Data reflects 102 recertifying programs in the past 12 months.

Family Child Care Comparative Data

Certified Ratings for FCC January 2024

63 of 899 FCC Providers of = 7 %

| Certified Foundation of Quality | Building Quality | High Quality |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 15/63 = 24% | 27/63 = 43% | 21/63 = 33% |

Certified Ratings for FCC January 2023

58 of 844 FCC Providers of = 6.8%

| Certified Foundation of Quality | Building Quality | High Quality |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 9/58 = 15.51% | 29/58 = 50% | 20/58 = 34.49% |



Comparative Data for Family Child Care Programs - January 2024

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| What is measured | Number of Programs | Number of Programs | Percentage of Programs | Percentage of Programs |
| Increase Observation Points | | 13/34 | | 38% |
| Increase Points Education of Primary Caregiver | 29/58 | 11/34 | 50% | 32% |
| Overall Point Increase | 52/58 | 20/34 | 90% | 59% |
| Increase of Certified Rating | 40/58 | 11/34 | 69% | 32.35% |

*Data reflects 34 recertifying programs in the past 12 months.

Other CCQS Updates

- Evaluation for renewal of coaching contracts
- Coaching and PLC opportunity application window is open until January 16 for eligible programs
- Framework revision



COURSES COMING SOON

New/Updated CAC Course(s)

- **In development:**
 - Infant/Toddler Endorsement (40 hours)
 - Special Needs Endorsement (40 hours)
 - Family Child Care Endorsement (40 hours)
 - School Age Endorsement (40 hours)
 - Emergency Preparedness (5 hours)
 - Creating a Preschool Curriculum (5 hours)



Professional Development & Consumer Education

Heather Valentine



Professional Development & Consumer Education NEWS & UPDATES

- **Updating Utah's Birth - 3 Early Learning Standards**
 - Work underway. Anticipated completion of first full draft by April, 2024
- **Scholarship Deadlines**
 - The final deadline for all of the [OCC Professional Development Stimulus Scholarships](#) is May 31, 2024. This includes the following scholarships:
 - Early Education Payback Program
 - College Course Scholarship
 - Conference Registration Scholarship
 - Professional Development Incentive (PDI) \$250 bonus per level
 - Program Accreditation Scholarship
 - Over the next few months OCC will be sending out email blasts, personal emails and updating marketing materials and our website to help get the information out. Please help us spread the word!



Professional Development & Consumer Education

NEWS & UPDATES

- **Coaching Professional Activity Discussion**

- Long-term solutions are in the works and will require building out the CAC website and new policies.
- In the interim, we want to add language in to the [Professional Activity](#) requirements to allow coaching to count in limited amounts on the Career Ladder.
 - **Professional Activity:**
 - “Attend a coaching feedback session hosted by a professional coach with subject matter expertise, who provides individual coaching feedback relevant to the youth or early childhood education field during times when staff are not responsible for children/youth care.”
 - **Documentation:**
 - “Only individual coaching feedback time may be counted. (Not observation time). Submit a certificate from the host agency or organization to confirm proof of participation. Documentation must include your name, coach’s name, title and credentials, coaching feedback topic, date and number of hours awarded.”
- This will be capped at 10 hours because we won't be vetting each coach. We plan to eliminate this cap once we can more effectively track coaches and coaching activities within the CAC website.



Grants Team

Megan Vlaming



Mental Health for Providers

- Contract July 2022 - June 2024
- Services opened to providers on December 22, 2022
- Over 9,000 providers eligible for this service
- **Total number of providers who used the service at least once:**
 - In FY 2023, 203 individuals received at least one service (31.2% of those approved)
 - 448 never sought services (68.8% of those approved)
 - 51 of the 203 individuals are still receiving services in FY24 (25.1%)

| FY23 Totals (December 2022 – June 2023) | FY24 Q1 (July – September 2023) | FY24 Q2 (October – December 2023) |
|--|--|--|
| 716 applications submitted | 171 applications submitted | 134 applications submitted |
| 65 rejected applications (9.1%) | 30 rejected applications (17.5%) | 25 rejected applications (18.7%) |
| 651 approved applications (90.9%) | 141 approved applications (82.5%) | 109 approved applications (81.3%) |



Mental Health for Providers

In reviewing the information provided from the Child Care Mental Health Survey distributed in Quarter 1, FY 24 to all applicants that had been approved, there were **65 responses, 43 followed up and received services; 22 did not**. When asked why the services were not used, some of the responses were:

- They didn't have any appointment times that worked with my schedule.
- I don't understand what to do.
- They never answered when I called them to make appointment.
- Haven't had time to figure out how to get the services.
- None of the offices called have any idea what we are talking about. So they won't schedule an appointment.
- I haven't had time to call and make an appointment.
- I am unsure of where I can go to get services.
- I have a therapist through Betterhelp that I would rather not lose. I would love my insurance to cover my sessions with her but it does not.
- I wasn't able to apply it to my current therapist.

In discussing barriers with DHHS/OSUMH:

- One barrier was not being able to have providers use their own mental health providers.
- There was also a disconnect in following directions. Once approved there was a defined email sent with instructions on how to set up an appointment with Blomquist Hale. Several calls and emails were sent to DHHS/OSUMH asking what to do next.

Other barriers:

- The information provided in the eligibility survey did not match the information that was provided in the Child Care Licensing Database. Something as simple as not updating changes in their last name could keep them from being approved. To remedy this, the contact information for Child Care Licensing was added to the DHHS/OSUMH website. This has been successful in obtaining more approvals.



Agency Updates



USBE Preschool

- Thank you to those who supported the USBE Utah Preschool Conference
 - To access recorded sessions, please email:
monica.bellenger@schools.utah.gov
- Tentative save the date for 2024 USBE Utah Preschool Conference: **October 18**
- New USBE Preschool Specialist
 - Katrina Herd
(katrina.herd@schools.utah.gov)



USBE
UPDATES

Jared Lisonbee



CACFP Updates (USBE)

Upcoming Trainings:

- **Feb 7** at 10:30-11:30 am: Power Hour: Training Series Pt 1: Meal Patterns/Records (virtual)
- **Mar 13** at 10:30-11:30 am: Power Hour: Training Series Pt 2: Standardized Recipes (virtual)
- **May 7** at 8:30am-3:00pm: ***In-Person*** Basic Training: Administrative and Operational (USBE Basement West)
- **Jul 10** at 10:30-11:30 am: Power Hour: Purchasing Meals from a Vendor (virtual)
- **Aug 14** at 10:30-11:30 am: Power Hour: Micropurchasing, Cost Comparison, Prime Vendor Justification (virtual)

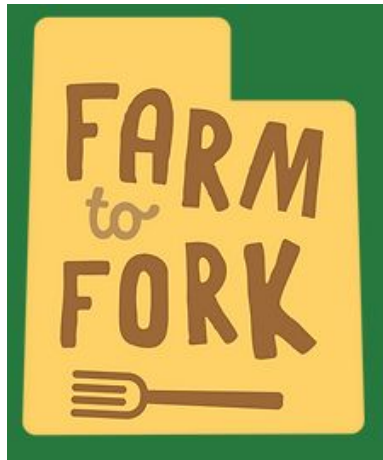
CACFP Central (Resource Collection) <https://usbe.instructure.com/courses/405>



CACFP Updates (*CONTINUED*)

CACFP Child Nutrition:

- [Farm 2 Early Childhood Education](#)
- [Healthier CACFP](#) CANVAS Information



Other Business



Adjourn

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm





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