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Welcome ●

Agenda

- I. Welcome Ben Trentleman
 - a. New Advisory Committee Members
 - b. Approval of 1/10/24 Meeting Minutes

- II. OCC Director's Update Heather Thomas
 - a. OCC Staffing Update
 - b. Legislative Recap
 - c. FY25 Budget in May
 - d. Quality Progress Report Highlights
 - e. New CCDF Rule
 - f. CCDF State Plan and Steering Committee Updates

- III. COVID Relief Funding Update Heather Thomas
 - a. Stabilization Grant Update
 - b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discretionary Funds
 - c. CAC Regional Highlight Leah Schilling

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



- OCC Staffing Update
 - Consumer Information Program Specialist
 - Assistant Division Director
- Legislative Recap
 - HB 153 - Child Care Revisions
 - HB 461 - Child Care Grant Amendments
 - SB 220 - School Readiness Amendments
- FY25 Budget in May Meeting
- Quality Progress Report (QPR) Highlights

OCC Director's Update

- Heather Thomas



New CCDF Rule - February 29, 2024

Effective: April 30, 2024

Temporary Waivers: States may request an extension of up to two years, if needed, to come into compliance

Amends CCDF Regulations to:

- (1) Lower families' costs for child care
- (2) Strengthen CCDF payment practices to child care providers
- (3) Easier enrollment for families



CCDF State Plan Update

- Serves as Utah's application for federal Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF)
- Must be submitted every three years; Can be amended, as needed

Timeline:

- **January - April:** Holding Steering Committee meetings and drafting plan
- **April:** Draft plan released and notice of public comment
- **May:** Hold hearing for public comment and revise draft plan
- **June:** Submit final plan due June 30th
- **October:** Plan effective



State Plan Steering Committee Update

- **February 7: Child Care Assistance for Families Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Families**
- **February 21: Consumer Education for Families around Child Care Assistance and Quality**
- **March 6: Development of a New Child Care Access Study**
- **March 20: Child Care Assistance/Subsidy Application**
- **April 3: Child Care Access for Children with Special Needs**



COVID Relief Funding Update

- Stabilization Grant Update
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discretionary Funds



CAC Update

-Leah Schilling



Care About Childcare at USU

(Cache, Box Elder and Rich County)

Outreach and Marketing

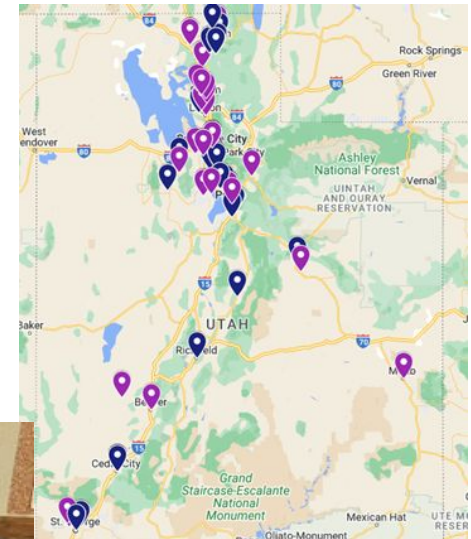
- Radio Advertising focused on parents and potential providers
- Community Events from March to October
- Enhancing Website adding parent video and keeping up-to-date

New Program Grants

- FY24 26 Family Child Care Programs Licensed
- FY25 7 Family Child Care Licensed so far
- 1 Center and 6 Family Child Care In-Process
- June 23 to March 24 child care capacity -24

All Means All Program

- 104 Programs and 160 Caregivers
- Programs in 20 Counties
- Program Survey in February 2024 - 40 programs
- 395 children with special needs enrolled



OCC Updates



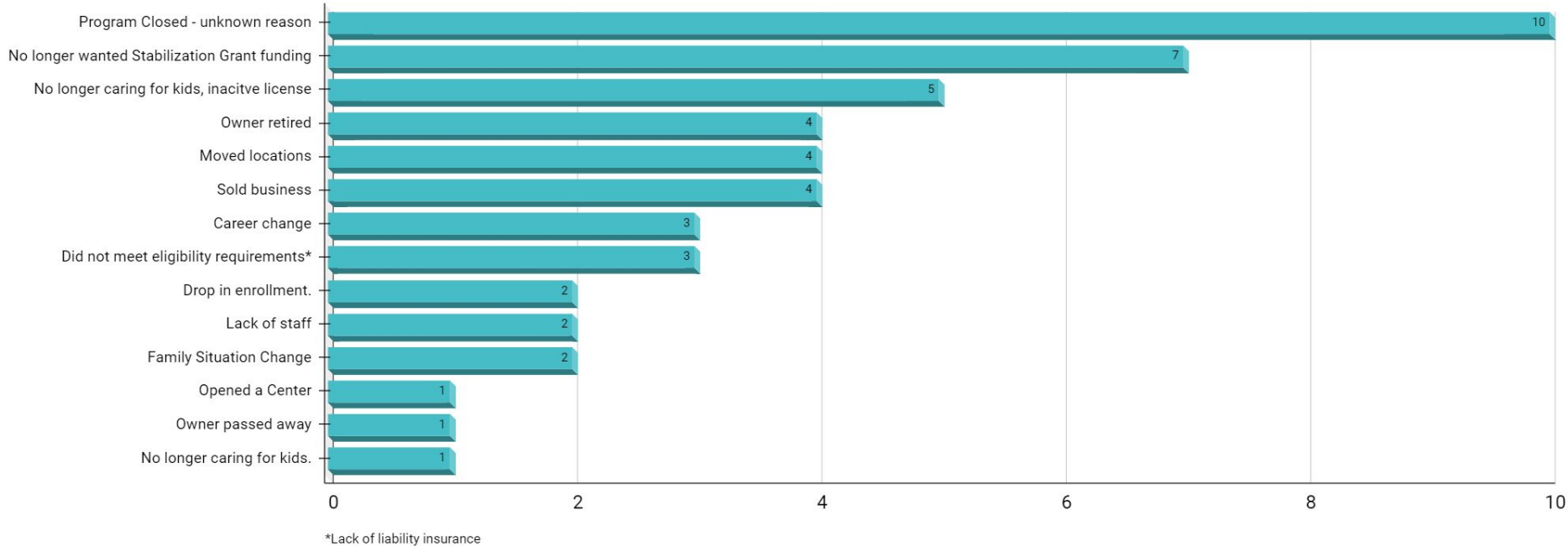
Stabilization Grant

-Kathy Randle



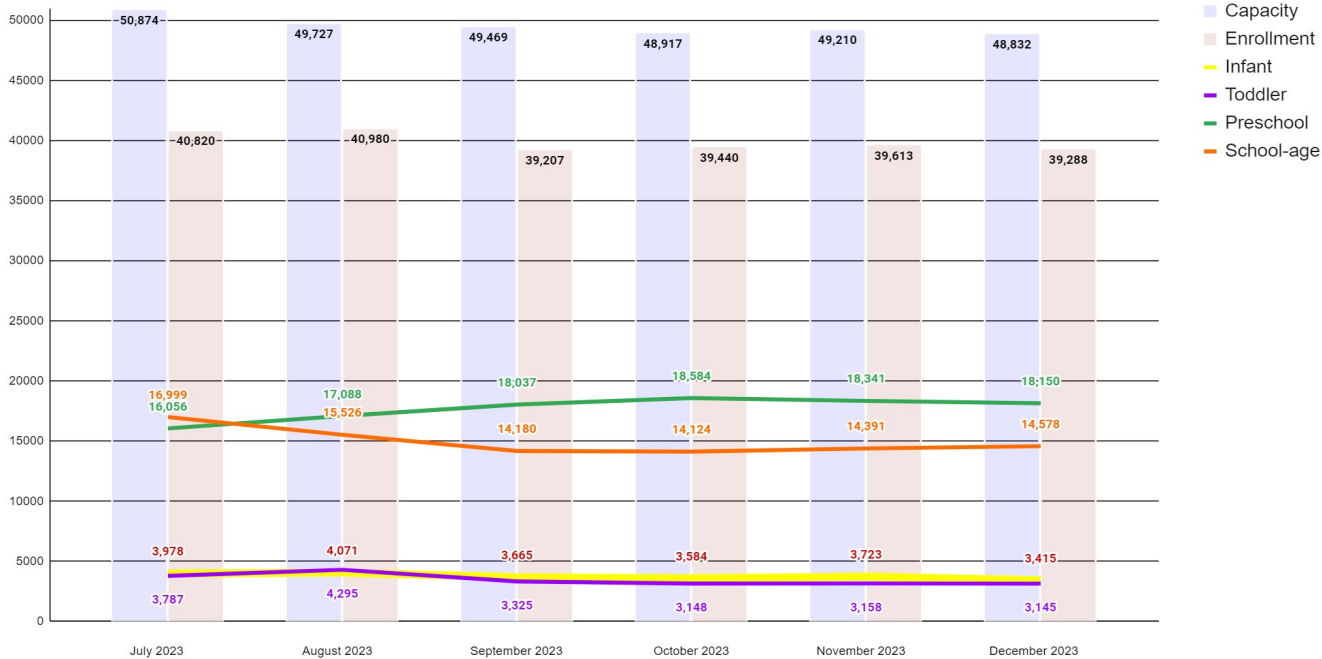
Child Care Stabilization Grant

49 Stabilization Grant Closures September 23 - February 24



Child Care Stabilization Grant

Stabilization Grant Reported Capacity & Enrollment FY24



As of 3/5/24

Enrollment Percentage

July 2023

80.24%

August 2023

82.41%

September 2023

79.37%

October 2023

80.52%

November 2023

80.5%

December 2023

80.46%



CCQS

-JoEllen Robbins



Center Comparative Data

Rating Distribution for Centers March 2023

106 of 404 centers with certified rating= 26% of all centers

Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality	High Quality Plus
42/106=40%	37/106=35%	25/106=23%	2/106=2%

Rating Distribution for Centers 2024

121 of 428 centers with certified rating= 28% of all centers

Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality	High Quality Plus
37=31%	42=35%	37=31%	5=3%



Comparative Data for Rated Centers September 2023

	2023	2024	2023	2024
What is measured	Number of Programs	Number of Programs	Percentage of Programs	Percentage of Programs
ERS Observation Score Increase	40/71	72/102	56%	71%
SAPQA Observation Score Increase	33/55	46/79	55%	58%
Increase Points Education of Director	16/71	33/102	23	32%
Increase Points Education of Caregiver	18/71	32/102	25	31%
Overall Point Increase	34/71	71/102	48%	70%
Increase of Certified Rating	14/71	36/102	20%	35%

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

Family Child Care Comparative Data

Certified Ratings for FCC 2022

FCC Providers of = %

Certified Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality
12/62 = 19.35%	30/62 =48.38%	20/62 =32.25%

Certified Ratings FCC 2023

63 FCC Providers of 850 = 7%

Certified Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality
15=24%	27=43%	21=33%



Comparative Data for Family Child Care Programs

	2023	2024	2023	202
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	31/60	11/34	52%	32%
Overall Point Increase	54/60	20/34	90%	59%
Increase of Certified Rating	41/60	11/34	68%	32%

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

Updates

Coaching and Support

- 11 center and 13 family programs applied for intensive coaching.
- 8 centers and 13 families were selected
- Peer Learning Communities:
 - One ITERS and one ECERS cohorts for centers
 - Two english and one spanish cohort for family child care

Policy Change for Licensing Component:

- Public Comment Period until March 18
- Hope to Implement April 1



Framework Revision

Survey for phase one has been completed.

- Feedback from CCQS Sub-Committee, Director's and others
- Demographic Information
- Each Component of Framework explained with open ended questions
- Each required component will be retained
- Other components open to removing if feedback supports that
- To be released in April



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)



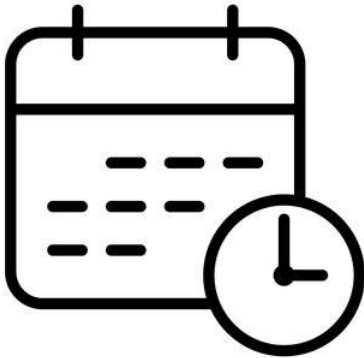
Professional Development & Consumer Education

Heather Valentine



Professional Development & Consumer Education NEWS & UPDATES

Scholarship Deadlines



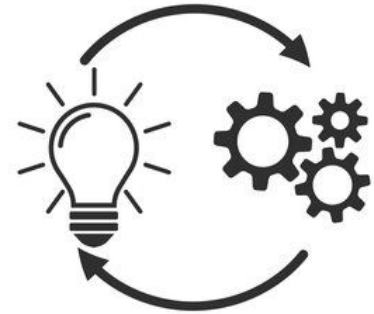
- **The final deadline** for all of the [OCC Professional Development Stimulus Scholarships](#) is **May 31, 2024**. This includes the following scholarships:
 - Early Education Payback Program
 - College Course Scholarship
 - Conference Registration Scholarship
 - Professional Development Incentive (PDI) \$250 bonus per level
 - Program Accreditation Scholarship



Professional Development & Consumer Education NEWS & UPDATES

Coaching Professional Activity

- **Professional Activity:**
 - “Attend a coaching feedback session hosted by an external, 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 or modeling time). Submit a certificate from the outside host agency or outside organization to confirm proof of participation. Documentation must include your name, the coach’s name, title, their employer/organization and credentials, coaching feedback topic, date and number of hours awarded.”



Grants Team

-Megan Vlaming



School Readiness

- S.B. 220 School Readiness Amendments passed (effective July 1, 2024)
 - Sunsetting the School Readiness Board
 - Eligibility language change
 - Risk Factors updated to include ELL and foster care
 - Multi-year Expanded Student Access grants
 - USBE Board will determine the official assessment tool to determine student progress
- SY 2025 budgets will be voted on during the SR Board meeting on April 17th at 1-3 pm

SY 2023-2024	Number of Grantees	Number of Sites	Number of Sites	Number of ESA Eligible Students
BHQ Grant	15	32	68	N/A
ESA Grant	23	176	252	1,901
Totals	38	208	320	*1,901

*Eligible student data based on December, 2023 invoices



Out of School Time

School Year	Number of Programs	Mid Year Numbers	Cost Per Youth
SY 24-25	129	8,156	\$1121.48
SY 22-23	149	9,645	\$1023.95

- End of Year Numbers and Cost per youth are to be determined
- Have conducted first rounds of site monitoring
- OST team is working on desk audits for all programs



Developmental Screening Collaboration



Center for Health and Data Informatics

& MORE TO COME.....



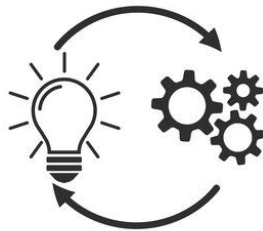
Agency Updates



HB 153 Utah 2024 Legislative Session
<https://le.utah.gov/~2024/bills/static/HB0153.html>

The new bill (related to child care changes):

- takes effect on May 1, 2024;
- makes **optional** the requirement to obtain a certificate from DHHS to provide residential child care;
- Increases the number of children for unlicensed child care **to 8 children**;
- limits the number of children under three years old for which a residential child care provider operating without a license **or certificate** may provide care (**two children**);
- requires a residential child care provider operating without a license or a certificate to submit to **criminal history check** requirements;
- authorizes DHHS to make rules regarding submission to criminal history checks for unlicensed providers.



Child Care Licensing

- Simon Bolivar



Preschool Updates

- ELA standards Core Guides now available
 - [3 YO ELA Standards Core Guide](#)
 - [4 YO ELA Standards Core Guide](#)
- Reminder: [UEN Preschool Path Website](#)
- PEEP Exit [Assessment](#)--Data due June 15
- [SB 220 School Readiness Amendments](#)
- [Utah Preschool Conference](#)--October 18

CACFP Updates

- [Upcoming trainings: May 7, July 10, Aug 14](#)
- Please inform USBE about director changes to help support during the transition process
- [Farm 2 Early Childhood Education](#)
- [Healthier CACFP](#)

After School Program Updates

- No new updates

USBE

- Jared Lisonbee



Other Business



Adjourn

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm





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