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Heather Thomas

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## OCC Staffing Update

### Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan Update

- Clarifications
- [Draft](#) posted May 8th
- [Public Hearing Notice](#) posted May 8th
  - May 30th, 2024 from 6:30-7:30pm
  - Join virtually or by phone
- Public Comment Period
  - Through May 30th, 2024
  - Email comments to [occ@utah.gov](mailto:occ@utah.gov)

# OCC Director's Update

-Heather Thomas



# OCC Director's Update

## Proposed Budget - Finance Team

### HB 461 - Child Care Grant Amendments Update

#### CCDF Federal Regulations

#### [§ 98.20 A child's eligibility for child care services](#)

(a) To be eligible for services under [§ 98.50](#), a child shall, at the time of eligibility determination or redetermination:

(2)

(i) Reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85 percent of the State's median income (SMI), which must be based on the most recent SMI data that is published by the Bureau of the Census, for a family of the same size; and

(ii) Whose family assets do not exceed \$1,000,000 (as certified by such family member); and

(3)

(i) Reside with a parent or parents who are working or attending a job training or educational program; or

(ii) Receive, or need to receive, protective services, which may include specific populations of vulnerable children as identified by the Lead Agency, and reside with a parent or parents other than the parent(s) described in [paragraph \(a\)\(3\)\(i\)](#) of this section.

(A) At grantee option, the requirements in [paragraph \(a\)\(2\)](#) of this section may be waived for families eligible for child care pursuant to this paragraph, if determined to be necessary on a case-by-case basis.



# OCC Director's Update

## Partner Highlights in OCC Advisory Meeting

- Care About Childcare Agencies (6)
- Utah Registry for Professional Development
- Child Care Licensing
- The Children's Center Utah
- Utah Afterschool Network
- Utah Association for the Education of Young Children
- Salt Lake Community College
- Help Me Grow Utah



Utah Association for the  
Education of Young Children



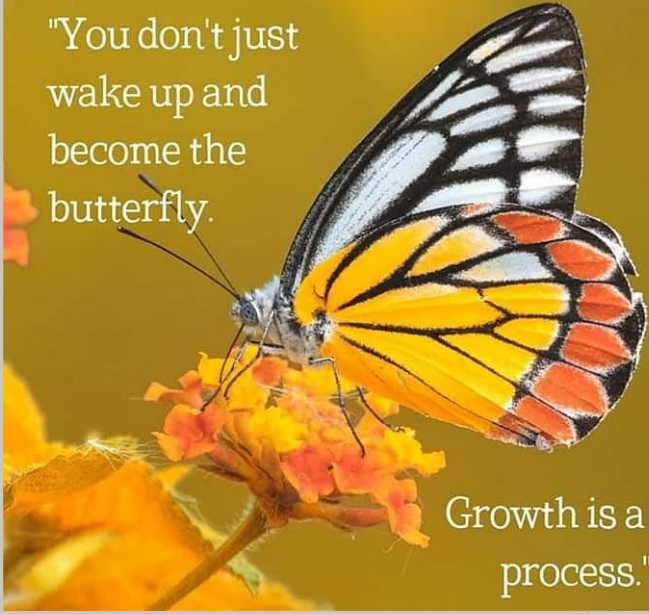
United Ways of Utah



***What information are you interested in hearing from them?***



"You don't just  
wake up and  
become the  
butterfly.



Growth is a  
process."

# UPDATE ON CARE ABOUT CHILDCARE AT UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

CAC Update  
-Joyce Hasting





# SUCCESSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024 MORE THAN STABILIZATION



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# GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 43 courses
- ▶ 410 hours
- ▶ 45 referrals
- ▶ 113 observations
- ▶ 30 community events
- ▶ Personal visit to family child care programs
- ▶ Monthly resource and education nights
- ▶ Monthly newsletters







# CDA Cohort

64 Current Participants  
18 Completed



# CCQS HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ CCQS Information meetings
- ▶ 25 programs with certified rating
- ▶ Intensive coaching for 3 Centers
- ▶ Intensive coaching with 4 family programs
- ▶ Peer Learning Community with 6 family programs

# Stabilization Grant Highlights





# Nature Explore Courses



Hosted 2 courses one in August  
and one in January

# ADVERTISEMENT



# GRANTS FOR SEVENTEEN NEW PROGRAMS

- **Six (6) Licensed Centers**
  - Opening 208 slots
  - One (1) program in Summit county
- **Eleven (11) Licensed Family**
  - Opening 127 slots
  - One program from Residential Certificate (RC) to Licensed Family
  - One program from Family Friend and Neighbor (FFN) to Licensed Family



**\$39,992.69**  
**Licensed Center**

**\$27,365**  
**Licensed Family**



A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt, smiling and pointing upwards with her right hand. She is holding a baby in a blue patterned dress. The background is a plain, light blue wall.

“THE FIRST FIVE  
YEARS HAVE SO  
MUCH TO DO  
WITH HOW THE  
NEXT 80 TURN  
OUT.”

*Bill Gates Sr.  
Past Co-Chair  
Thrive by Five Washington  
Board of Directors*

CARE ABOUT CHILDCARE AT  
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY



# OCC Updates



# Subsidy Update

-Ann Stockham Mejia



# 2024 Market Rate Study

- The 2024 Market Rate Study is being finalized.
- Published on [jobs.utah.gov](https://jobs.utah.gov) as soon as it is available.
- Detailed information will be included in the draft state plan.
- We are projecting subsidy rate increases based on available funding effective October 1, 2024.



# State Plan Draft - Proposed Subsidy Rates Licensed Centers

<b>Child Age</b>	<b>Current Rates (Effective 1/1/24)</b>	<b>Proposed Rates (10/1/24)</b>
<b>0-23 mo.</b>	<b>\$1,172.00</b>	<b>\$1,230.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$867.00</b>	<b>\$992.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$783.00</b>	<b>\$875.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$755.00</b>	<b>\$825.00</b>
<b>6+</b>	<b>\$629.00</b>	<b>\$660.00</b>



# State Plan Draft - Proposed Subsidy Rates Licensed Family

<b>Child Age</b>	<b>Current Rates (Effective 1/1/24)</b>	<b>Proposed Rates (10/1/24)</b>
<b>0-23 mo.</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$656.00</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>6+</b>	<b>\$610.00</b>	<b>\$640.00</b>



# DWS Provider Portal

- NEW DWS Provider Portal coming on July 1
  - Training and resources will be available in June.
  - Easy to navigate
  - Compatible with more devices
- Same features as current portal



# DWS Administrative Rule Changes

## Highlights

- Monthly certification in the DWS Provider Portal will start on the 20th of the month.
- Ineligibility for OCC grants for non-repayment of adjudicated overpayments
- A center director may be eligible for child care as long as they do not have a financial interest in the center.
- Clarifications and updates around 12-month eligibility for customers
  - Proposed rules will go out for public comment once draft is finalized.
  - Implementation date pending (possibly August or September).
  - DWS Provider Guide will be updated and published online 30 days in advance of rule changes.





# CCQS

-JoEllen Robbins



# Center Comparative Data

## Rating Distribution for Centers 2023

**108 of 412 centers with certified rating= 26% of all centers**

Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality	High Quality Plus
33/108= 31%	45/108=41%	28/108=26%	2/108=2%

## Rating Distribution for Centers 2024

**117 of 436 centers with certified rating= 27% of all centers**

Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality	High Quality Plus
28/117=24%	43/117=37%	41/117=35%	5/117=4%



# Comparative Data for Rated Centers September 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
What is measured	Number of Programs	Number of Programs	Percentage of Programs	Percentage of Programs
ERS Observation Score Increase	54/83	66/108	65%	62%
SAPQA Observation Score Increase	38/66	46/83	58%	54%
Increase Points Education of Director	21/83	40/108	25%	37%
Increase Points Education of Caregiver	21/83	35/108	25%	32%
Overall Point Increase	44/83	75/108	53%	70%
Increase of Certified Rating	21/83	37/108	25%	34%

\*Data reflects 108 recertifying programs in the past 12 months.

# Family Child Care Comparative Data

## Certified Ratings for FCC 2023

**70 of 866 FCC Providers of = 8%**

Certified Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality
13/70 = 19%	36/70 =51%	21/70 =30%

## Certified Ratings for FCC 2024

**61 of 853 FCC Providers of = 7%**

Certified Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality
25/61=41%	19/61=31%	17/61=28%



# Comparative Data for Family Child Care Programs

	2023	2024	2023	2024
What is measured	Number of Programs	Number of Programs	Percentage of Programs	Percentage of Programs
Increase Observation Points		20/40		50%
Increase Points Education of Primary Caregiver	34/65	16/40	52%	40%
Overall Point Increase	59/65	29/40	91%	73%
Increase of Certified Rating	44/65	12/40	68%	30%

\*Data reflects 40 recertifying programs in the past 12 months.

# Professional Development & Consumer Education

- Heather Valentine



# Professional Activity Updates

## Coaching

“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. Internal coaches participating in the OCC Becoming High Quality or Expanded Student Access grants, during the term of the grant also qualify.”

### **Documentation:**

“Only individual coaching feedback time may be counted. (Not observation or modeling time). Submit a certificate from the outside host agency/organization or from the internal coach participating in a qualifying OCC grant to confirm proof of participation. Documentation must include your name, the coach’s name, title, their employer/organization and credentials, the signature of the mentor coach (if applicable), the coaching feedback topic, date and number of hours awarded.”





# Professional Activity Updates

## CCQS Cohort Meetings

“Attend CCQS Cohort Meetings hosted by a CAC CCQS Specialist who is an approved Specialty Instructor. ”

### **Documentation:**

“Only time spent in CCQS Cohort Meetings may be counted. (Training hours are counted separately). Submit a certificate from CAC to confirm proof of participation. Documentation must include your name, the Specialist’s name, their employer/organization, date(s) and number of hours awarded.”



# Grants Team

-Megan Vlaming



# School Readiness

	Expanded Student Access Grant			Becoming High Quality Grant		
	Number of Applicants	ESA Seats Requested	ESA Funds Requested	Number of Applicants	Number of Classrooms	BHQ Funds Obligated or Requested
Returning Grantee	22	2095	\$14,597,915.40	11	48	\$1,440,000.00
New Applicant	8	1102	\$6,813,960.81	14	52	\$1,560,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3197</b>	<b>\$21,411,876.21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>

Total Funding Requested: **\$24,411,876.21**



# School Readiness

- Board approved funding for all current ESA grantees that met the scoring threshold to include all additional costs and asked that the eligible seats be reduced to accommodate for budget limitations.
  - Expanded Student Access (ESA)
    - \$10,492,359
    - Reduced eligible seats by 18%
  - Becoming High Quality
    - \$1,440,000
    - Continuation of funding for all grantees on multi-year grants.
- Board voted to cancel scheduled 6/26/2024 meeting and will not be meeting again.



- **Current grant recipients will receive their monthly grant at the current rate of 50% of the full grant amount for July and August 2024.**
- **There is a possibility, depending on funding availability, that a smaller reduced payment could be issued in September 2024.**
- **Reported enrollment to capacity continues to be around 80-81%.**
- **Since last Advisory, Stabilization Grants closed for five programs, three of which sold their business.**

# Stabilization Grant

-Kathy Randle



# Agency Updates





## Serious Injuries and Deaths Report



## Total Facilities and Capacity Report



## Noncompliance Data Report

These Child Care Licensing reports are available at  
<https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/parents-and-public/published-reports/>

# Child Care Licensing -Simon Bolivar



# Child Care Licensing Numbers



## TOTAL FACILITIES AND CAPACITY REPORT

Facility Type	2022		2023		2024	
	Total Active Facilities	# of Children Approved Capacity	Total Active Facilities	# of Children Approved Capacity	Total Active Facilities	# of Children Approved Capacity
Licensed Center	408	39,620	438	42,741	443	43,171
Licensed Hourly Center	11	318	9	239	7	209
Licensed Out of School Time Program	14	1,426	14	1,340	15	1,352
Commercial Preschool	56	3,208	59	3,218	60	3,166
Licensed Family	890	12,441	894	12,690	896	12,822
Residential Certificate	84	643	92	693	85	638
Family Friend and Neighbor (FFN)	195	500	191	490	199	501
DWS Approved, Exempt Center	226	12,036	226	12,397	223	11,373
DWS Approved License Exempt After School Pro	163	14,478	156	14,171	157	14,266
Other License Exempt Programs	360	23,490	382	25,344	378	25,431
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>108,160</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>113,323</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>112,929</b>

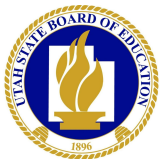
Current year is updated with information from the previous month. Last updated April 2024.





# McKinney-Vento and Migrant Education Programs

- Application for Title I directors and LEA Liaisons to submit for McKinney-Vento is due June 1st.
- McKinney-Vento and Migrant Education students by the numbers
  - Over 14,0000 children qualify for services through McKinney-Vento
  - Over 700 students identified for services through the Migrant Education Program
  - Number of students in each program continues to grow



# USBE

-Jared Lisonbee



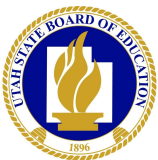
# USBE Updates--CACFP

- New Meal Plan Published on April 25th
  - Child Nutrition Programs: [Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#)
    - Breakfast cereals limited to no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce
    - Yogurt limited to no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (3 grams added sugar per oz.)
    - Tribal communities may substitute vegetables for grains and breads
    - State licensed health care professionals can write medical statements to request modifications on behalf of a child or adult with disabilities



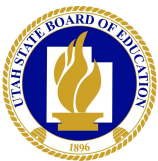
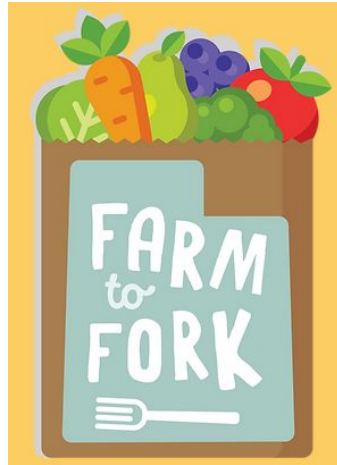
# USBE Updates--CACFP

- Upcoming CACFP Trainings
  - July 10, 2024 (virtual): Power Hour: Purchasing Meals from a Vendor
  - August 14, 2024 (virtual): Power Hour: Micropurchasing, Cost Comparison, Prime Vendor Justification
- If a center director changes, please have the new director contact the CACFP administrators at USBE for the required online training or to register for the next basic training



# USBE Updates--CACFP

- CACFP Programs to support CACFP program participants
  - [Farm 2 Early Childhood Education](#)
  - [Healthier CACFP](#)



# USBE Updates--Preschool

- 2024 USBE Utah Preschool Conference
  - October 18-**19**
  - Utah State Capitol
- Kindergarten Transition Toolkit Revision



# Other Business



# Adjourn

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm





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