



Workforce Services
Office of Child Care

Office of **Child Care**



Welcome



Agenda

- I. Welcome Joyce Hasting
 - a. Committee Membership
 - b. Approval of 5/13/26, Meeting Minutes
- II. OCC Director's Update Heather Thomas
 - a. Federal Update
 - b. Proposed Child Care Subsidy Changes
- III. Partner Highlight: Northern Child Care Resource Agency..... Janet Johnston
- IV. OCC Updates
 - a. Child Care Quality System JoEllen Robbins
 - b. Engagement & Development Jamie Foster
 - c. School Readiness & Out-of-School Time Emma Moench
 - d. Subsidy Camie Galt
- V. Agency Updates
 - a. Office of LicensingCrystal Knippers
 - b. Utah State Board of Education Cristina Barrera
- VI. Other Business & Public Comment
- VII. Adjourn



Committee Membership

Vacant Positions

- Parent representing household receiving a child care subsidy from the office Representative
- Small business community representative
- Corporate community representative
(family-friendly workplace with efforts related to child care)

[Boards and Commissions Website - Apply for Seat](#)



OCC Director's Update

Heather Thomas



Federal Update

New Federal Rule: Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

- Announced May 12, 2026; Effective July 13, 2026
- Rescinds requirements for states to:
 - Limit family co-payments to 7 percent of family income
 - Provide some direct services through grants or contracts
 - Pay providers prospectively
 - Pay providers based on enrollment



Proposed Child Care Subsidy Changes

- **Data Insights:** Context for proposed changes
- **Proposed Changes:** Overview of proposed program adjustments
- **Budget Implications:** Outline projected budget impacts

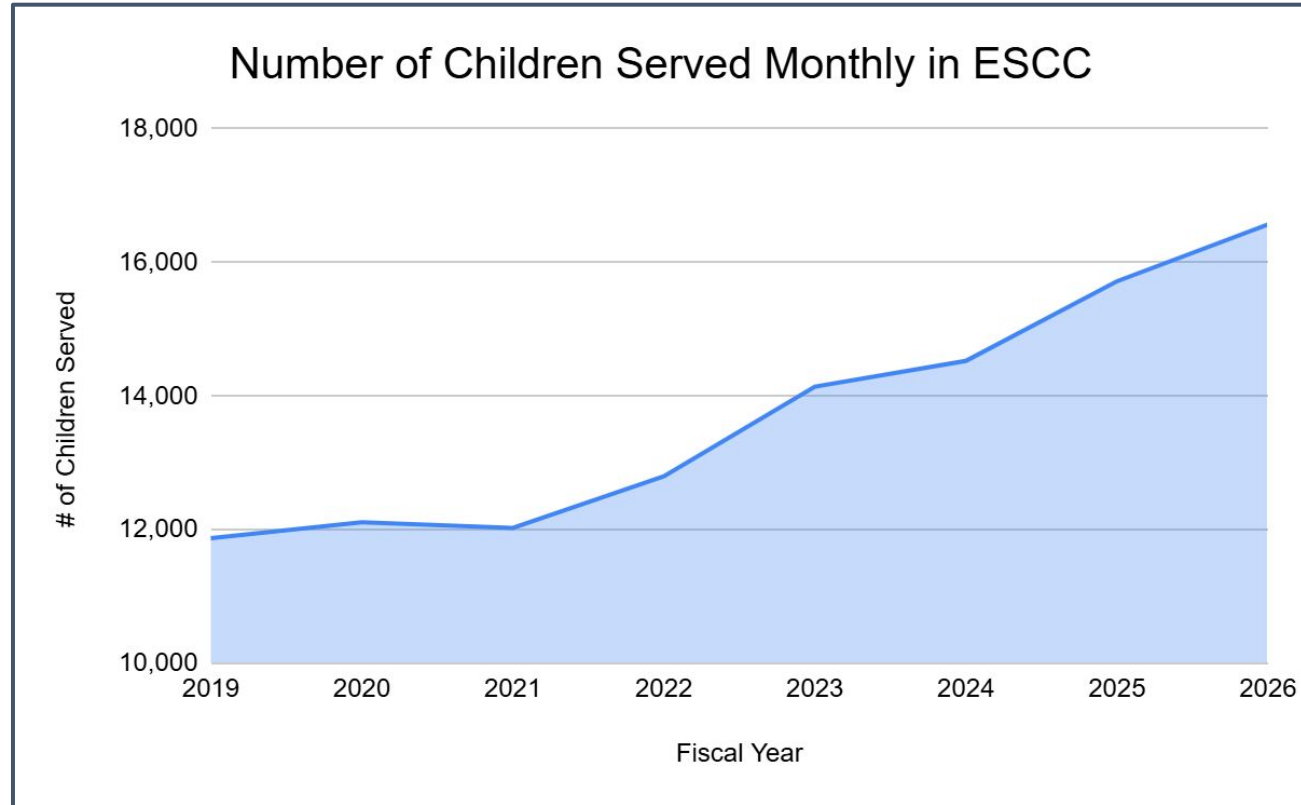


Child Care Subsidy Data

Employment Support Child Care (ESCC): Children Served Monthly

	# of Children Served Monthly	Year Over Year % Change
FY 19	11,873	-----
FY 20	12,113	+2.02%
FY 21	12,027	-0.71%
FY 22	12,799	+6.42%
FY 23	14,142	+10.49%
FY 24	14,526	+2.72%
FY 25	15,719	+8.21%
FY 26*	16,571	+5.42%
Total Change	+4,698	+32.55%

Average Year Over Year % Change Over Last 5 Years: **+6.65%**



*Forecast/Estimate



Child Care Subsidy Data

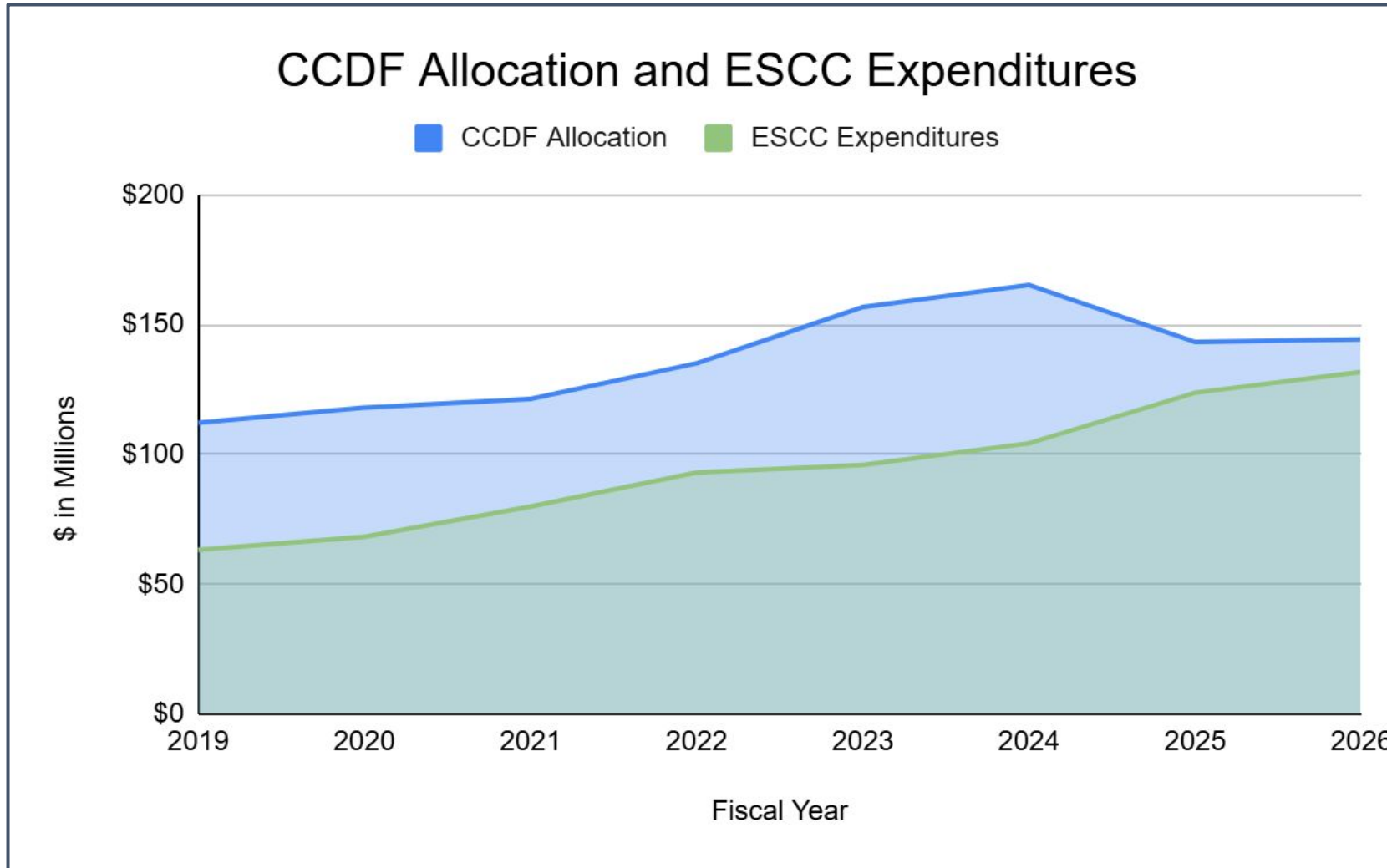
Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Allocation & Employment Support Child Care (ESCC) Expenditures

	CCDF Allocation (+MOE/TANF Transfer)	Year Over Year % Change in CCDF Allocation	ESCC Expenditures	Year Over Year % Change in ESCC Expenditures
FY 19	\$112.2M	-----	\$63.2M	-----
FY 20	\$118.0M	+5.17%	\$68.3M	+8.07%
FY 21	\$121.4M	+2.88%	\$79.9M	+16.98%
FY 22	\$135.1M	+11.29%	\$93.1M	+16.52%
FY 23	\$156.8M	+16.06%	\$96.0M	+3.11%
FY 24	\$165.3M	+5.42%	\$104.3M	+8.65%
FY 25	\$143.3M	-13.31%	\$123.8M	+18.70%
FY 26*	\$144.3M	+0.70%	\$131.8M	+6.46%
Total Change	\$32.1M	+28.61%	\$68.6M	+108.54%

*Forecast/Estimate



Child Care Subsidy Data



Child Care Subsidy Data

2024 Market Rate Study - Child Care Provider Monthly Rates by Age and Percentile

Licensed Centers			
	50th	60th	75th*
0-23 mos	\$1180	\$1230	\$1305
2 years	\$944	\$992	\$1125
3 years	\$853	\$900	\$1004
4 years	\$823	\$875	\$969
5 years	\$780	\$825	\$908
6+ years	\$660	\$694	\$755

Licensed Family Child Care			
	50th	60th	75th*
0-23 mos	\$840	\$850	\$900
2 years	\$725	\$750	\$805
3 years	\$700	\$725	\$795
4 years	\$680	\$700	\$756
5 years	\$660	\$700	\$750
6+ years	\$640	\$650	\$700

* Federal recommendation



Child Care Subsidy Data

Adjusting Maximum Subsidy Rates based on 2024 Market Rate Study

Estimated Cost & % of CCDF Allocation

	FY26		FY27*		FY28**	
50th percentile	\$129.8M	89.94%	\$136.3M	94.44%	\$150.3M	104.12%
50th/60th percentile (Current)	\$131.8M	91.34%	\$138.4M	95.90%	\$152.8M	105.73%
60th percentile	\$135.6M	93.97%	\$142.4M	98.67%	\$157.0M	108.78%
75th percentile	\$147.9M	102.49%	\$155.3M	107.61%	\$171.2M	118.64%

* Estimate based on 5% growth year over year

** Estimate based on 5% increase due to new 2027 Market Rate Study and 5% growth year over year



Child Care Subsidy Data

ESCC Subsidy Rates (2026) vs. Cost of High Quality Care in Utah (2024)

Licensed Centers		
	Subsidy Rate	High Quality Cost
0-23 mos	\$1230	\$1901
2 years	\$992	\$1520
3 years	\$900	\$1227
4 years	\$875	\$1227
5 years	\$825	\$1149
6+ years	\$660	\$624

Average Difference: \$361

Licensed Family Child Care		
	Subsidy Rate	High Quality Cost
0-23 mos	\$850	\$931
2 years	\$750	
3 years	\$725	
4 years	\$700	
5 years	\$700	
6+ years	\$640	

Average Difference: \$204



Child Care Subsidy Data

Enhanced Subsidy Grant Cost Estimates

Monthly grant awarded to High Quality programs for the average number of children served receiving child care subsidy over the previous 12 months to offset some of the additional costs of providing high quality care

- Centers: \$175 per child; Family Child Care (FCC): \$100 per child

Per Child Monthly Rate	FY27*	FY28*	FY29*
Centers \$50; FCC \$25	\$1.2M	\$1.3M	\$1.3M
Centers \$100; FCC \$50	\$2.4M	\$2.5M	\$2.7M
Centers \$150; FCC \$75	\$3.6M	\$3.8M	\$4.0M
Centers \$175; FCC \$100	\$4.3M	\$4.5M	\$4.7M

* Estimates only; no changes to ESCC eligibility accounted for; 5% growth year over year



Child Care Subsidy Data

Income Eligibility Groups in September 2025

Income Group and Approx. SMI	# Cases	# of Children	% of Children
1 (100% FPL)	2961	6486	40.1%
2 (~30% SMI)	772	1471	9.1%
3 (~35% SMI)	840	1378	8.5%
4 (~40% SMI)	806	1354	8.4%
5 (~45% SMI)	496	903	5.6%
6 (~50% SMI)	595	928	5.7%
7 (~55% SMI)	532	849	5.3%
8 (60% SMI)	394	581	3.6%

Income Group and Approx. SMI	# Cases	# of Children	% of Children
9 (62.5% SMI)	221	362	2.2%
10 (65% SMI)	156	283	1.8%
11 (67.5% SMI)	191	329	2.0%
12 (70% SMI)	169	265	1.6%
13 (73.75% SMI)	196	338	2.1%
14 (77.5% SMI)	166	287	1.8%
15 (81.25% SMI)	121	207	1.3%
16 (85% SMI)	90	147	0.9%

Total Cases = 8,706

Total Children = 16,168

Child Care Subsidy Data

Approximate DWS Payment Amounts in Fiscal Year 2026

Income Group and Approx. SMI	Approx. DWS Payments
1 (100% FPL)	\$52.9M
2 (~30% SMI)	\$12.0M
3 (~35% SMI)	\$11.2M
4 (~40% SMI)	\$11.0M
5 (~45% SMI)	\$7.4M
6 (~50% SMI)	\$7.6M
7 (~55% SMI)	\$6.9M
8 (60% SMI)	\$4.7M

Income Group and Approx. SMI	Approx. DWS Payments
9 (62.5% SMI)	\$3.0M
10 (65% SMI)	\$2.3M
11 (67.5% SMI)	\$2.7M
12 (70% SMI)	\$2.2M
13 (73.75% SMI)	\$2.8M
14 (77.5% SMI)	\$2.3M
15 (81.25% SMI)	\$1.7M
16 (85% SMI)	\$1.2M

Child Care Subsidy Data

Current ESCC Copay Percentages

Income Group and Approx. SMI	Co-Pay as % of Household Income
1 (100% FPL)	0%
2 (~30% SMI)	1-1.5%
3 (~35% SMI)	2-2.25%
4 (~40% SMI)	3-3.5%
5 (~45% SMI)	4-4.5%
6 (~50% SMI)	4-4.5%
7 (~55% SMI)	4-4.5%
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15 (81.25% SMI)	6-6.5%
16 (85% SMI)	6.5-7%

Child Care Subsidy Data

Comparative National Data from the National Women's Law Center

Provider Rates - February 2025

- 3 states do cost modeling based on the true cost of care
- 12 states at or above recommended 75th percentile of current market rates
- Almost all of the rest of the states fall between 40th and 75th percentile



Income Limits - February 2025

- 15 states set initial income limits at 50% SMI or less
- 20 states and DC set initial income limits between 50-85% SMI
- 15 states set initial income limits at 85% SMI or higher

Waitlists - Summer/Fall 2025

- 24 states have waitlists or frozen intake
- Approximately 400,000 children on waitlists

Copays - February 2025

- Range from 0-10% across states



Proposed Child Care Subsidy Changes

- **Focuses resources on the highest-need populations** by prioritizing low-income families needing full-time child care
 - Currently enrolled families under 65% of State Median Income needing full-time care for children ages 0-5 will see no changes in eligibility or rates
- **Minimizes overall participant impact** with less than 11% of currently enrolled families losing eligibility at their next annual review
- **Supports sustainable wage growth** by utilizing distinct entry and exit thresholds, allowing families to earn more income after being enrolled without suddenly losing assistance
- **Communicates changes proactively** to families and child care providers and phases changes in gradually at each family's scheduled annual review month
- **Builds fiscal stability** over multiple years by accounting for projected enrollment growth and subsidy rate increases



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

Income Eligibility Limits Change - Fall 2026

(SMI = State Median Income)

	Historical	Current	Proposed
Program Entry Limit	56% SMI	85% SMI	50% SMI
Program Exit Limit	70% SMI	85% SMI	65% SMI

Household Size of 3 Example

	Current	Proposed
Program Entry Limit	\$7,001/mo (\$84,012/yr)	\$4,119/mo (\$49,428/yr)
Program Exit Limit	\$7,001/mo (\$84,012/yr)	\$5,354/mo (\$64,248/yr)

*With proposed changes, **eligibility limits still remain higher than other public assistance programs** like Medicaid, SNAP or TANF.*



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

Anticipated Impact

- Approximately 934 families (10.7%) with 1,573 children (9.7%) will no longer be eligible at their next annual review due to exceeding 65% of SMI.
- Families making 50-85% of SMI will no longer qualify to enter the program, reducing applicant volume.
 - Approximately 26% of applications received in Federal Fiscal Year 2025 would not qualify
- Based on current trends, enrollment is expected to increase in income groups that remain eligible



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

Part-Time Subsidy Rate Change - Fall 2026

- Four Tiers of Participation Hours

Tier 1: 1-14.9 hours/week

Tier 2: 15-22.9 hours/week

Tier 3: 23-31.9 hours/week

Tier 4: 32-40 hours/week

- Part-time rates (Tiers 1-3) will be calculated by dividing the full-time rate by 40 hours per week, rather than 32 hours, and then multiplying the hourly rate by each tier's maximum hours.
- Part-time rates will better match the actual percentage of full-time care.



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

Anticipated Impact

- Full-time rates will not change.
- Subsidy rates will decrease for approximately 33% of all participating children, or about 5,332 children monthly, who only need part-time care.
- Average subsidy payments for families needing part-time care will decrease, which could amount to additional out-of-pocket expenses.
 - Tier 1: ~\$44/month
 - Tier 2: ~\$78/month
 - Tier 3: ~\$116/month



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

School-Age Child Participation Tiers - Fall 2026

- Funds may not be expended for school-age children for hours during the regular school day; many other states enforce part-time rates for school-age children during the school year
- School-age children are currently assigned the same participation tier as younger siblings; Providers may report a custom rate for a school-age child
- Cap school-age participation at Tier 2 (15-22.9 hours/week)
 - Exceptions will be made based on the family's reported need (Examples: Summer months, longer school breaks, or non-traditional work shifts)
- Increase base rates for school-age children from 50th to 60th percentile of 2024 Market Rate Study to match all other age groups



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

Anticipated Impact

- School-age children represent approximately 38.4% of the caseload, or about 6,205 children monthly.
- Average assistance payments will decrease by approximately \$117 per month during the school year, which could amount to additional out-of-pocket expenses.
- Providers who set fixed monthly rates based on average annual costs may need to adjust rate structure.
- During the summer, average payments will increase by about \$11 per month due to setting rates at higher market-rate percentile.



Child Care Subsidy Proposed Changes

Previously Discussed Policy Changes

- *Registration Fees (July 2026):*
 - Only one registration fee will be paid per 12-month period per child.
 - Families will be responsible for additional initial registration fees incurred if switching child care programs more often.
 - Exception may be made for a child endangerment or expulsion situation.
- *Job Search Child Care (August 2026):*
 - When a job loss is reported, customers will be given a maximum of three months to find new employment.
 - If they remain unemployed after three months, their case will close.
 - Families may re-apply when they meet requirements again.



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Child Care Subsidy Budget Impacts

Fiscal Years 2027-2029

Projected average annual budget decrease of approximately **\$15.6 million** accounting for the following:

- 5% growth year over year for income groups remaining eligible
- 5% subsidy rate increase in FY 28 with new Market Rate Study completed in Spring 2027
- 3% subsidy rate increase in FY 29 for increased costs due to inflation

Proposed Change	% of Budget Decrease
Income Eligibility Limits	68.1%
School-Age Participation Tiers	15.5%
Part-Time Subsidy Rates	14.3%
Job Search Child Care	1.7%
Registration Fees	0.3%



Partner Highlight

Janet Johnston

Child Care Resource Agency Northern

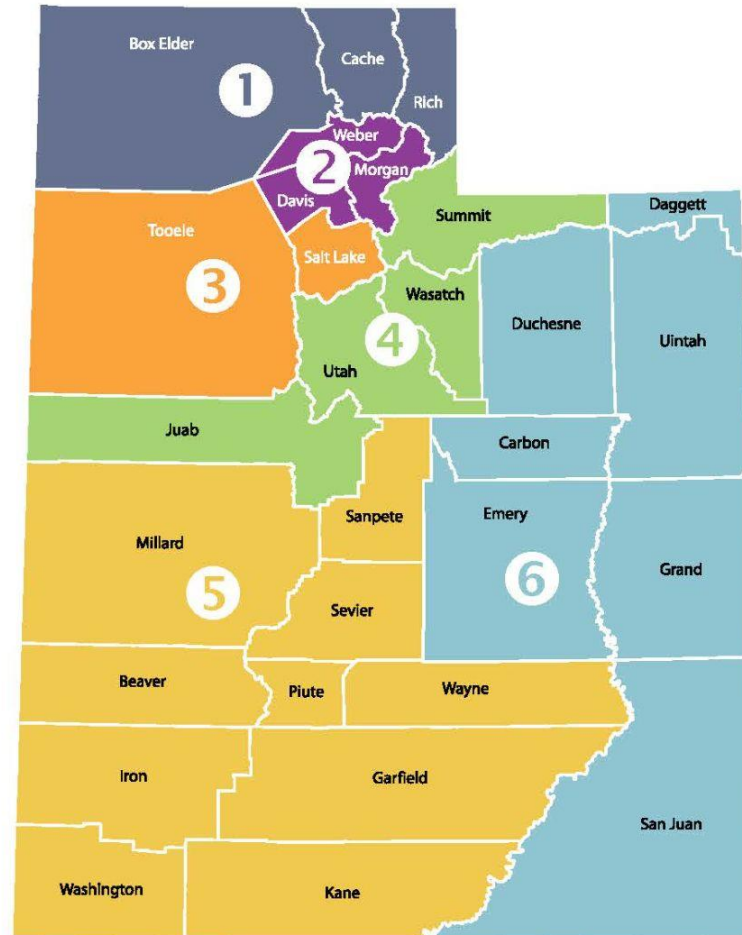


Service Areas

Counties We Serve

- 📍 Weber
- 📍 Davis
- 📍 Morgan

Located in Area 2 on the Map



Who Are We?



We support safe, nurturing, high-quality child care by providing guidance, resources, and professional development advising to providers and parents.



What Do We Do?

Who We Serve

- **186** regulated child care programs

How We Support

- | | |
|---|--|
| • Child Care Quality System | 39 certified programs |
| • Professional Development and training | Taught 22 courses, totaling 182 training hours
Helped 12 early childhood professionals complete their CDA certification |
| • Family Referrals | 85 referrals via CareAboutChildcare.utah.gov |
| • Community events | Participated in 10 community events |



Goals for FY27

- Increase the number of programs in our area participating in the Child Care Quality System (CCQS) by at least 10%
- Expand our outreach into the community
- Continue sharing resources and support for starting programs in a child care desert (Morgan County)
- Remain fully staffed and continue to nurture happy and healthy employees by fostering a culture of trust, appreciation, and balance



Child Care Quality System

JoEllen Robbins



Center Comparative Data

Rating Distribution for Centers 2025

132 of 445 centers with certified rating= 29% of all centers

Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality	High Quality Plus
27/132=20%	51/132=39%	49/132=37%	5/132=4%

Rating Distribution for Centers 2026

148 of 436 centers with certified rating= 34% of all centers

Emerging Quality	Growing Quality	High Quality
27/148=18%	56/148=38%	65/148=44%



Family Child Care Comparative Data

Certified Ratings for FCC 2025

57 FCC Providers of 817= 7%

Certified Foundation of Quality	Building Quality	High Quality
7/57=12%	18/57=32%	32/57=56%

Certified Ratings for FCC 2026

69 FCC Providers of 819 = 8%

Emerging Quality	Growing Quality	High Quality
14/69=20%	16/69=23%	39/69=57%



CCQS Updates

CCQS Intensive Coaching Grants

- Informational Meetings
 - 24 Centers
 - 12 Family Child Care
- Application period now open until July 15 at 5:00 pm

Peer Learning Communities (PLCs) Opportunity

- Email sent July 6 inviting licensed centers to informational meetings
 - Monday, July 20 - 12:30-2:00 pm
 - Tuesday, July 21 - 6:00-7:30 pm



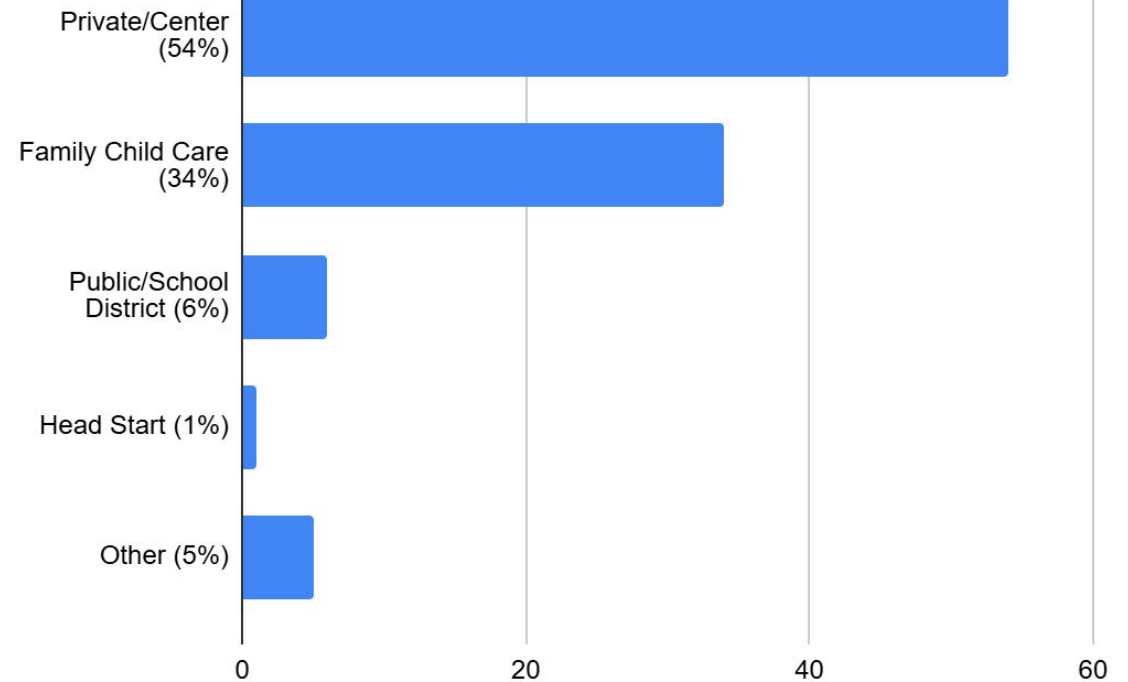
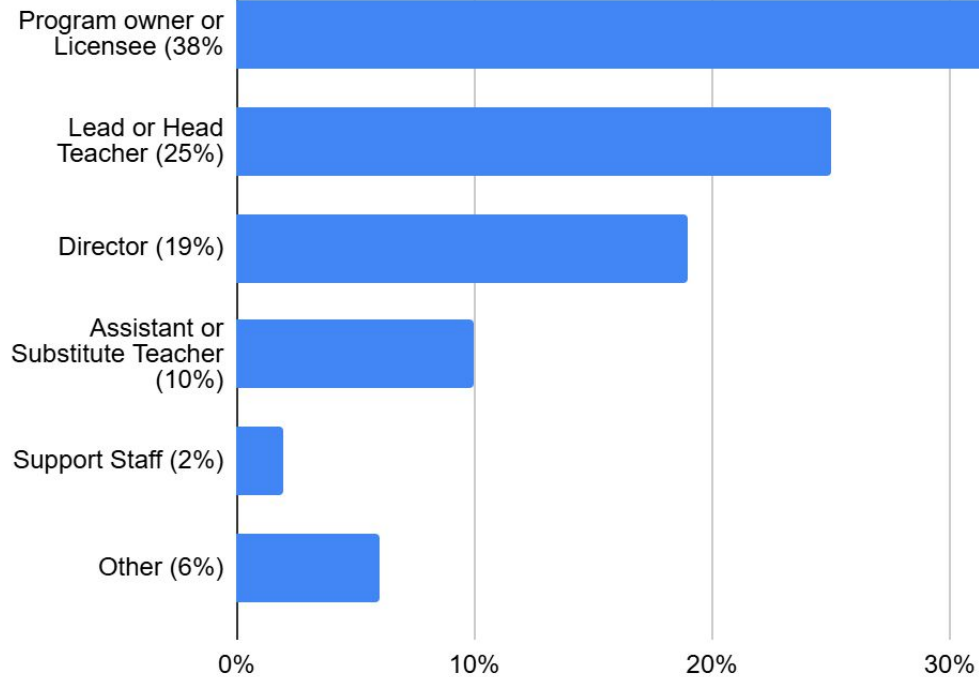
Engagement & Development

Jamie Foster



Early Childhood Professionals Survey

262 total responses



Early Childhood Professionals Survey

Professional Development Goals:

- #1 - Improve my classroom/program quality
- #2 - Stay current with best practices
- #3 - Increase my wages
- #4 - Advance my current position
- #5 - Obtain a CDA
- #6 - Obtain an Associate or Bachelor degree
- #7 - Other

Training Preference

The majority prefer online asynchronous during Summer/Spring breaks or weeknights



Early Childhood Professionals Survey

Challenges and reasons for leaving the ECE field (ranked high to low)

- Don't make enough money
 - Coping with children's behaviors
 - Administrative duties
 - Feeling valued and respected
 - Lack of support or resources
 - Working with families
 - Other
 - Not enough training
- 93% of respondents plan to be working in the ECE field in the next 5-10 years.
 - 1% replied that they definitely will not



Early Childhood Professionals Survey

How Data Will Be Utilized:

Promote existing programs and services supported by Office of Child Care that are not well known or utilized

Prioritize courses and training times to match preferences

Provide the Child Care Resource Agencies with region-specific insights to support the professionals in their area



School Readiness and Out-of-School Time

- Emma Moench



Grants Team

Year 2 Grantee Orientations

- **School Readiness Grants**

- High Quality School Readiness (HQSR): August 6 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm
- Becoming High Quality (BHQ): N/A due to last grantee transitioning off grant

- **Out-of-School Time Grants**

- Teen Afterschool Prevention (TAP): August 6, 2026 at 1:30 pm -3:30 pm
- School-Age Quality (SAQ): TBD

Year 2 Grantee Contract Amendments SY 2026-027

- School Readiness and Afterschool grant contract amendments for year 2 (School Year 2026-2027) are being sent to grantees for signature.



Grants Team

Teen Afterschool Prevention (TAP) Grant Policy Changes & Eligibility

- **New Mandatory Verification:** Because the TAP Grant is funded through TANF Purpose Three, every participating youth must be verified as a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
- **Utah Residency:** Participants must have the intent to reside in Utah, which they are allowed to self-declare.
- **Record Keeping:** Afterschool programs must maintain a photocopy or image of a certified verification document in the student's case record.



Subsidy Update

Camie Galt



Provider Portal - Attendance Upload

PROVIDER PORTAL CHILD CARE

- Home
- Children in Care
- Attendance Verification
- Attendance System
- My Facilities
- My Employees
- Reports
- Financial Info
- FAQs
- Contact OCC

Public Notice

3/16/2026
What's New

We are pleased to announce that an Overpayment Dashboard has been added to your portal. If you have any unpaid established child care subsidy overpayments, the information will be displayed on your dashboard, along with instructions for making a payment. Once a payment is processed, allow one business day for the dashboard to be updated. You will also see an 'Items to Complete' notification on your Home page if you have any unpaid overpayments.

Items to complete

Item	Status
Attendance Audit	Upload Attendance Documentation
Overpayments	Review Overpayments

Items completed

Item	Status
FEIN on File	Completed
Bank Account on File	Completed
Provider Attendance on File	Completed



Provider Portal - Attendance Upload

Attendance Record Submission Instructions

Electronic attendance records must be submitted to DWS as a **PDF document** (see specific requirements below). For the month requested, please locate and save the attendance record for each individual child to your device. To submit the record select the orange "Upload Attendance Record" button located next to the child's name and select your file. A green "Attendance Uploaded" status will appear once the upload is successful. Should any clarifications or questions arise regarding your submission, OCC will contact you via email.

Submission Requirements:

- Records must be provided from a DWS-approved attendance system
 - The records should uniquely identify the person signing each child in and out.
 - Attendance must be tracked separately for each child, requiring an individual sign-in and sign-out record with exact times. Rounding to the nearest hour is not permitted.
 - Additionally, tracking attendance by present/absent or combining siblings' records is not allowed.
- The format must be an acceptable electronic PDF.
- Each record must be clearly labeled with the parent's name or DWS case number
- If the attendance system name is not clearly identified on the attendance records, you must also provide a copy of your most recent receipt for the system used.

Facility

DEMO TEST

Facility Name	Parent/Case Name	Child Name	Case Number	Audit Month		
PROVIDER DEMO	PARENT ONE	CHILD ONE	12356	02/2026	Attendance Uploaded	Clear Upload
PROVIDER DEMO	PARENT TWO	DEMO CHILD	22222	03/2026	Upload Attendance	
PROVIDER DEMO	PARENT THREE	JANE DOE	33333	04/2026	Upload Attendance	
PROVIDER DEMO	PARENT FOUR	JOHN DOE	987654	04/2026	Upload Attendance	
PROVIDER DEMO	PARENT FIVE	CHILD CARE	44444	05/2026	Upload Attendance	



Proposed Subsidy Program Changes

Child Care Application: New Section

- A mandatory section would be added for applicants to report non-custodial parent(s).
- This change aims to strengthen Child Care Assistance Program integrity efforts.
- Reporting to the Office of Recovery Services will remain voluntary.

Dual Issuance: Two Policy Changes

- A dual issuance will not be issued if the parent reports a change in providers for the following month.
 - If DWS cannot stop the scheduled monthly issuance, an overpayment will be issued to the previous provider.
- Families moving over 25 miles away from their current residence will be approved for a 2nd payment in the month if they are changing providers.



Agency Updates



Child Care Licensing

Crystal Knippers



Child Care Licensing Staffing update

Child care licensing has hired two new staff

- Amber Hesleph - Residential Team
- Dolores Fox - Commercial Team

To improve statewide licensing efficiency, select team members will be cross-trained across all license types.



**Department of Health
& Human Services**

Licensing &
Background Checks



Utah State Board of Education (USBE)

Cristina Barrera
Preschool Education Specialist



USBE Preschool Education Webpage

We believe in the power of early learning and are dedicated to supporting families, educators, and communities across Utah's mixed-delivery system for preschool education and the healthy development of 3 to 5 year olds.



USBE & School Readiness Initiative

PEEP Data Needed for Future HQSR Grant Eligibility

Why this matters

At this time, programs interested in applying for the **High Quality School Readiness (HQSR)** grant during the **2027-2028 school year (SY28)**—for the next three-year grant cycle beginning in **SY 2028-2029 (SY29)**—*will need to have **Pre-kindergarten Entry & Exit Profile (PEEP)** data from SY27 available as part of the application process.*

What programs should do this year

Potential applicants should begin preparing now by:

- Implementing the **PEEP during SY27**
- Completing required **PEEP training (Entry/Exit & Test Ethics)** before administering
- Ensuring they are set up in the **Data Gateway**
- Planning ahead so PEEP data is available when the SY29 HQSR application opens



PEEP Data Needed for Future HQSR Grant Eligibility

Key takeaway

Programs that may want to apply for HQSR in the next grant cycle should begin the PEEP assessment process **this upcoming year (SY27)** so they are ready for the SY29 application.

Questions?

- [USBE Assessments Webpage](#) – Click the Pre-Kindergarten tab to access PEEP info, resources, and implementation guidance.
- **For PEEP – Dallas Brooks**, USBE Elementary English Language Arts Assessment Specialist, 801-538-7833, dallas.brooks@schools.utah.gov
- **For HQSR – Charlotte Tanner**, Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS), Office of Child Care (OCC) School Readiness (SR) Program Specialist, 385-602-3210, chartanner@utah.gov or
- **For HQSR – Jamie Galloway**, DWS OCC SR Program Specialist, 385-235-1130, jamiegalloway@utah.gov



Special Education Preschool

What's New

Utah's Part B (ages 3-22) Special Education Determination: Needs Assistance

Why It Matters

- Utah is largely implementing Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) appropriately, but the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) identified areas needing improvement.
- Two more points than last year: Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) percentage went up from 68.64% to 73.41%.

Closing Ask

What action or awareness is needed from the OCC Advisory Committee or meeting attendees? – Note for awareness.

- Reach out to USBE Special Education Preschool Specialist, Chelsea Monroy, chelsea.monroy@schools.utah.gov with any questions.



21st CCLC Grant Update (Title IV, Part B)

Key Updates

- Applications collected earlier this month for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant; currently in scoring phase
- Award announcements expected **mid-July**

Funding Overview

- Total requested: \$7,408,919.87
- Total available: \$2,691,272.91
- Funding gap highlights high demand statewide



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Applicant Breakdown

- 13 Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- 13 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)
- **26 total applicants**

Key Takeaway

- Strong interest across both LEAs and CBOs, but **limited funding will require competitive award decisions**

Questions?

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Other Business



Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Adjourn





Workforce Services
Office of Child Care