There has been so much that we have endured and learned from this last year and now is the time to emerge stronger and with more knowledge. As early care and education professionals we have been recognized as the backbone of our economy. We are there to support the workforce by caring for the prize possession of our future, the children. We know the challenge that early care and education programs have faced and continue to face and we are here to support and help to the best of our ability.

As of June 1, 2021 opportunities to participate in CCQS opened up for centers who have had a previous ratings and family providers. The family providers will be working on a temporary framework while those centers can choose between the regular framework or a temporary framework. Now is the time to show the great work that you do, as you provide care and education to our children. You can apply for the CCQS through the Care About Childcare database.

Classes will start back with some in person classes and virtual classes. There is a format for all who are eager to learn and the cost is still low. Please check the class listing paying attention to if it is virtual or in person. Taking classes and expanding your knowledge has so many benefits. My staff and I pride ourselves at being lifelong learners and enjoy engaging in professional development opportunities.

Our hope for all is that the summer brings back some sense of normalcy and that we all enjoy and engage in fun with our summer camps and families. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. The Care About Childcare staff are back in the office and ready to support you in your work.

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The Office of Child Care has released the Utah 2021 Child Care Market Rate Survey

Some of you may remember the emails and phone calls from last year. We now have the results from that survey!

You can find the 2021 Market Rate Survey online at the following link: [https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/occmarket.pdf](https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/occmarket.pdf)

If you have been thinking of updating your rates, or were curious about the average rates in Utah, you need to check out this document. The document also provides other useful information that may be of value to your business.

New Database Features

There are still some providers that have not had the chance to really take a good look at the new database. We’ve listed some of the new features that are worth a look at below.

Tutorials for various parts of the new website are available on YouTube. These tutorials can be viewed in English or Spanish. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7xoL4RFgn_lNP4LhV8-03zuAGLN7hp](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7xoL4RFgn_lNP4LhV8-03zuAGLN7hp)

Some of the new features for users (caregivers) include:

- Users will be able to search the course calendar using a variety of filters including searching for courses by region, cost, subject area, etc.
- In coordination with their programs, users will be able to register for courses and request that their employer pay for the course.
- Users will have access to the full course catalog detailing all of the current Career Ladder approved training options.
- Users will be able to add an “About Me” statement and upload a photo to their profile that will be used by their local Care About Childcare staff to learn more about them and their professional

Some of the new features for programs (facilities) include:

- Program managers will be able to pay for Care About Childcare courses for their staff members.
- Program managers will be able to view the professional development activities of their staff members, including their Career Ladder levels, transcript and course schedule.
- Program managers will be able to upload and view awards and recognitions for their programs.
Now is the time to Update!

More and more families are returning to work and are needing child care. The Care About Childcare database is one of the best tools they have to help them in their search. It can also be a valuable tool for you and your business.

Having correct, updated information may help your business fill to capacity. It will help families narrow down their search to those who can best meet their needs. This will also help you be less distracted by phone calls from families that you are not able to help.

For the video tutorial specifically how to manage the information on your profile follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-ElefJCosk

We also happen to be running our whole record update drawing for those who have reviewed all of the information in their files!

There will be a first place winner and five runners up. Winners will receive a prize of toys and other items to use in their care. All who complete the update AND submit the Google Form to let us know it’s been done will be sent a children’s book.

Because we are unable to see when someone checks their file, we have created a Google Form for you to let us know when you have reviewed it. That form can be found at https://forms.gle/1qkgcn5ck3uktEQt6

Once you have completed your review, please fill out the form to let us know. You need to complete the form for your name to be entered into the drawing.
Child Care Licensing has a great page online that will take you through the process of how to submit background check forms, fingerprints, & fees. [https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/BgsHowTo.html](https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/BgsHowTo.html)

Easy to understand information on what the Federal requirements are can be found on the Child Care Aware website: [http://childcareaware.org/providers/opening-a-new-child-care-program/required-background-checks/](http://childcareaware.org/providers/opening-a-new-child-care-program/required-background-checks/)

**Please be aware that we are doing fingerprints by appointment only.**
You can call our office at 801-626-7837 to schedule an appointment or email us at care-aboutchildcare@weber.edu.

Child Care Licensing is requiring us to verify that you are associated with the facility that you will be working for. We will verify that at the time you make your appointment. Be sure to have completed the Background Check Form on [Child Care Licensing’s website](https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/BgsHowTo.html) before calling to make your appointment.

**Schedule:**
Our schedule may vary within any given week depending upon our workload and the schedule of our employees each week.

- **Monday:** 1pm - 3pm
- **Tuesday:** 8:30am - 11am
- **Wednesday:** 1pm - 3pm
- **Thursday:** 8:30am - 11am

If our schedule does not work for you or you would like to have your prints done closer to home/work, you can have your local public safety office do them for you. [Click here to download a list of local public safety offices that can do the fingerprinting for you.](https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/BgsHowTo.html) Child Care Licensing requires that the prints be submitted electronically, when contacting these agencies for more information, be sure to make sure they offer that service.

Child Care Licensing has compiled a list of agencies that offer live scan (electronic) fingerprint support. [Follow this link to find their list.](https://childcarelicensing.utah.gov/BgsHowTo.html)

**More information can be found on our website at [https://programs.weber.edu/cac/cac-wsu-fingerprinting.html](https://programs.weber.edu/cac/cac-wsu-fingerprinting.html)**
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all activities related to Utah’s Child Care Quality System (CCQS) stopped in March 2020. To begin recovery efforts as the pandemic continues, the Office of Child Care has developed a temporary CCQS framework for family child care providers. Licensed Family programs will be able to apply for a certified quality rating and be scored using a temporary CCQS framework between June and December 2021.

The Office of Child Care is working with partner agencies to rebuild the structure of CCQS, including ensuring that staff conducting observations are reliable. The temporary framework does not include the requirement for an on-site observation. When scored, the program may be awarded a Certified Foundation of Quality or Certified Building Quality rating that will be effective for up to one year.

Family programs that participate by receiving a rating utilizing the temporary framework will have the first opportunity to receive a High Quality or High Quality Plus certified quality rating when on-site observations begin. Both of these ratings qualify a program to receive an Enhanced Subsidy Grant payment each month for 12 months. Programs that receive a certified rating may also be eligible to apply for the Professional Development Cost Sharing award.

Applications must be submitted through the Care About Childcare website. As available, tutorials on how to access the website and submit a CCQS application can be accessed by clicking here.

You can find additional information at CCQS Frequently Asked Questions for Family Child Care Programs. Please let me know if you have any questions!

If you have any questions about CCQS, Janet is here to help. You can contact her at 801-626-7861 or email at janetwahlquist@weber.edu.
Child Care Licensing Offers Free Training

Completion of Center Rules Trainings and Home Rule Trainings count towards required training hours and topics.

A current schedule of their training opportunities can be found on their website: childcarelicensing.utah.gov.

An online training series is also available to watch on your own time.

Kat Martinez is the trainer for the northern part of the state. You can contact her at 801-698-3244 or katmartinez@utah.gov.

CPR & First Aid Training Sources

CAC-WSU does not offer CPR & First Aid training. Listed below are some organizations and individuals that do. For more information, please call the number provided.

- American Red Cross: (Weber/Morgan/N Davis) 801-627-0000
  (S Davis) 801-323-7000
- American Heart Association: 1-877-242-4277
- US Training Council: 1-877-554-8500, extension 2
- Lakeview Hospital: 801-299-2249
- McKay Dee Hospital: 801-387-7800
- Bountiful City Fire Department 801-298-6230
- Steve Thorlakson: 801-201-0699
- Becky Erkkila: 801-678-4233
- Save-A-Heart: 801-582-7144
- Davis Hospital & Medical Center: 801-807-7023
- Ogden Regional Medical Center (CPR only): 801-479-2017
CAC - Weber State’s Training Policies

• **You must pre-register.** You can register for Care About Childcare - Weber State’s classes online at [cac.utah.gov](http://cac.utah.gov).

• **Registration for each class will close 3 days prior to the start of class.** No registrations will be accepted within 3 days of the class’ start date. This will give us time to prepare the right amount of materials.

• **We register for classes one quarter at a time.** You may register only for the classes listed in our current schedule. Each quarter’s class schedule can be found on our website ([weber.edu/cac](http://weber.edu/cac)). Training announcements are sent every September, December, March and June via email.

• **Individuals may contact our office to cancel a class prior to the start time of the first session will be issued a refund.** We must hear from you before the class is scheduled to start. Keep in mind that our office hours are Monday - Thursday 7am - 4pm, and Friday 7am - 1pm.

  For example, if you wish to cancel a class that starts on Saturday, we need to hear from you before we close at 1pm on Friday. Our number is 801-626-7837. If we fail to hear from you before the first session starts, a credit voucher will be issued.

• Each 10 hour class is broken down into four sessions. **If you miss one or two session(s) in a class, no money can be refunded. However, you can make it up when that session is taught again, without repaying.**

• **To register for a make-up session with us,** contact us at 801-626-7837 or careaboutchildcare@weber.edu.

• **If you wish to register using a credit voucher,** there will be an option for you to choose use any credit vouchers you have when you pay for your classes.

• We need to have a minimum number of providers enrolled to conduct the class. **Classes, which don’t meet these minimum numbers 3 days before the class is scheduled to start, will be either cancelled or rescheduled.**

• **Classes may be canceled due to weather.** We follow Weber State University’s policies regarding this issue. If the campus is closed, our classes will be canceled. If not, classes will be held. You can call Weber State at 801-626-6000 to find out if the campus has been closed. We will also leave a message on our main phone line 801-626-7837. All classes canceled due to weather will be rescheduled.

• **Certificates will be posted to your Care About Childcare profile.** If you do not receive a certificate within two weeks of the final session, contact our office at 801-626-7837.
CAC - WSU’s 2021 Summer Professional Development Calendar

Registration for classes takes place online through the Care About Childcare website at (cac.utah.gov). You will need to log into your account in order to register.

Schedule

Strong & Smart
Tuesdays & Thursdays: July 6 & 8       Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
AND Saturday: July 10     Time: 9am - 2:30pm
WSU McKay Education Building, Room 10
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Levels 2 - 3
Instructor: Verlina Adame
In this course participants learn practical ways to promote young children’s physical, cognitive, language, and creative development in age-appropriate play and learning activities.

The Director’s Toolbox, Course 2: From the Inside Out & Making the Most of Meetings
Wednesdays: July 7, 14, 21, & 28       Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Levels 5 – 8, Center Director’s Endorsement
Instructor: Janet Wahlquist
This course covers the power of reflection and self-awareness as it applies to setting direction for your center. It also teaches how to facilitate effective meetings.

School Age Course 4: Expanded Learning Opportunities
Tuesdays & Thursdays: July 13 & 15       Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
AND Saturday: July 17     Time: 9am - 2:30pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 5- 8, School Age Endorsement
Instructor: Shaylyn Wade
In this course participants will learn about creating an emergent curriculum for school age children. They will also learn about the role of evaluations and core standards in afterschool programs, as well as leadership and community outreach.
Child Development: Learning in the Early Years
Tuesdays & Thursdays: July 20, 22, 27, & 29       Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 1
Instructor: Ty Singleton
In this course participants explore how young children learn and develop. Areas of focus include: brain development, learning through play, supporting social and emotional development, and positive guidance.

Theory and Best Practices, Course 2: Erickson and Bronfenbrenner
Tuesdays & Thursdays: August 3, 5, 10, & 12       Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
WSU McKay Education Building, Room 10
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 5- 8, Theory & Best Practice Endorsement
Instructor: Crystal Knippers
If you’ve taken Advanced Child Development and are looking for the next step, this course is for you!
In this course participants will learn about Erickson’s life’s work and gain an understanding of his Psychosocial Development Theory. Participants will also learn about levels of Bronfenbrenner’s Ecological Systems Theory and how to apply them to the child care profession.

Looking to Learn
Saturdays: August 7 & 14    Time: 9am - 2:30pm
WSU McKay Education Building, Room 10
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Levels 2 - 3
Instructor: Verlina Adame
In this course participants learn effective tools and strategies for gathering and using observational information about children. Areas of focus include: learning to observe children accurately and objectively, observation tools and goals, overcoming obstacles to observation, and interpreting and using observation data.

If you enroll in a class that is taught online via Zoom, you will receive an email the day before, or the day of the course with instructions and a link to join. You must participate through a webcam.
Special Needs, Course 2: Communication
Mondays & Wednesdays: August 16, 18, 23 & 25      Time: 6:30pm- 9:00pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 5- 8, Special Needs Endorsement
Instructor: Shaylyn Wade
In this course participants will teach participants about communicating in regards to children with special needs. Topics include building partnerships with families, community resources and supports, facilitating communication with children and families, encouraging speech and basic sign language.

Family Child Care, Course 2: The Home Child Care Environment - Revised 2013
Saturdays: August 21 & 28       Time: 9am - 2:30pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Levels 5 – 8, Family Child Care Endorsement
Instructor: Jolene Holbrook
In this family child care course participants learn practical aspects of setting up a quality home child care program. Instruction will focus on: arrangement of indoor and outdoor space; health, safety, and supervision; schedules, routines, and how to support child-directed activities.

Healthy Care - Revised 2011
Tuesdays & Thursdays: September 7 & 9       Time: 6:30pm- 9:00pm
AND Saturday: Saturday September 11       Time: 9am - 2:30pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 1
Instructor: Tressie Kearl
In this course participants will learn about child care health and safety issues. Topics include: communicable diseases, SIDS, shaken baby syndrome, child abuse and neglect, injury prevention, emergency procedures, nutrition, sick children, and medication administration.

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**Infant & Toddler Care Course 2: Social-Emotional Growth of Infants & Toddlers**
Mondays & Wednesdays: September 13, 15, 20 & 22     Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours, 1 CEU
Career Ladder: Level 5 - 8, Infant Toddler Endorsement
Instructor: Shaylyn Wade
*In this course participants learn about the emotional and social development of infants and toddlers. Areas of focus include: temperaments, responsive caregiving, the caregiver’s role in fostering emotional development, socialization, and guidance.*

**Child Development: Ages & Stages**
Saturdays: September 18 & 25       Time: 9am - 2:30pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 1
Instructor: Ty Singleton
*In this 10 hour course participants learn about typical developmental milestones for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children. Participants also learn basic strategies for working with each of these age groups of children.*

**Guidance & Emotional Wellness, Course 2: Foundations of Emotional Wellness**
Tuesdays & Thursdays: September 14, 16, 21 & 23       Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
This class will be taught online via Zoom
Cost: $5
Credit: 10 Licensing hours, 10 CDA hours
Career Ladder: Level 5 - 8, Guidance & Emotional Wellness Endorsement
Instructor: Jolene Holbrook
*In this course participants will learn about the importance of developmental theory to guidance and emotional wellness. They will learn about additional concepts developed by CSEFEL (Center for Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning). They will learn why building healthy relationships and creating supportive environments are the cornerstones of helping children succeed socially and emotionally.*