

What is Quality Child Care?

1. Affection and Attention

Is the provider interested in your child as an individual? Does she talk and listen at your child's level? Does she comfort you child when he needs it? Is she warm, energetic, and caring with your child?

2. Group Size

Small groups are best.

3. Child Care Provider Training and Background

Ask what training in child development the person has. How long has she been doing child care?

4. Low Staff Turnover

It is important that your child has the same caregiver for as long as possible, hopefully, a year or longer.

5. Parent/Provider Communication

This is important for a good partnership and the child's positive experience in care.

6. Developmental Growth

Do the program's goals for your child match your own?

7. A Healthy Environment

Are emergency numbers and policies posted? Are there locks on cabinets, clean and safe places for children to crawl, healthy food, and separate areas for eating, diapering, resting, and playing?

Call our offices for a more extensive checklist to use with each program you visit.

We Can Help!

- Provide free childcare referrals for parents—online & on the phone
- Assist new childcare providers through the licensing process
- Grants for licensed providers
- Training and other professional development opportunities
- Program consultation to improve quality of your childcare program
- Support for licensed providers

Contact Our Offices

St. George Office

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(435) 628-4843

Cedar City Office

585 N. Main St.
(435) 586-8722

Richfield Office

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a Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

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CareAboutChildcare®

Care About Childcare—Five County assists parents, providers, and community partners by providing referrals, collaboration, early childhood education and resources to promote quality child care. Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Washington and Wayne Counties

Welcome to Care About Childcare!

Everyone benefits from quality childcare - parents, providers, and most importantly, children. Care About Childcare is an exciting online program that the Utah Office of Child Care created in partnership with parents, childcare providers, and many other early childhood entities. More than a website, this system helps childcare providers showcase the quality in their programs, and gives parents information that will allow them to make good choices for their families. The program does this by matching a family's specific needs to a childcare provider's specific strengths. The website also provides links to childcare and child development resources.

The Care About Childcare Quality Indicators have been developed using many research based standards that define quality in childcare settings. Licensed centers and licensed family providers that are in good standing with Utah's Child Care Licensing Program may voluntarily participate. Providers choose from many criteria, listed under six specific Quality Indicators, to apply for and display on their individualized Care About Childcare profile page. A caregiver's professional development qualifications are available for parents to view, along with a program description and photos that providers choose to submit.



Helping Child Care Providers

- Assistance starting a child care program
- Start-Up Grant for new family providers
- Free referral listing
- Training opportunities which fulfill state approved training hours
- Professional Development Award System
- CDA Advisement and Grants
- Child Care Provider Coaching Program and Peer Mentor Consultation Program
- Resource Nights
- Technical Assistance for business policies and procedures
- Technical Assistance for the Utah Child Care Quality System-CCQS
- Lending Library and Resources
- Office of Child Care Grants
- Southern Utah Early Childhood Conference

Resources

Valuable links for everyone who Cares About Childcare, Child Development, Early Childhood Education, School

- Community Support
- Caregiver Support
- Child Development
- Child Health & Safety
- Food & Nutrition
- School Readiness
- Upcoming Training
- Summer Activity Guides
- Head Start
- Utah Afterschool Network

Call for Assistance

1-435-628-4843

Helping Families Find Child Care

Finding the right child caregiver is often challenging, but one of the most important decisions you will make. As parents you are the most important person in your child's life. The relationship you have with your child's caregiver will also affect how s/he feels about themselves and the world around them as they grow. Our Referral Counselor will help you locate child care that will meet your specific needs.

When choosing a child care, take the time to visit several providers before making this decision. Quality of care will vary from provider to provider regardless of regulation. Our staff are able to help you become a more informed child care consumer.

Careaboutchildcare.utah.gov is our database consisting of state regulated child care providers which we use to match your specific needs. You can visit this site and search for yourself also.

Need help paying for childcare? Visit the Department of Workforce Services for information on child care assistance.

All young children need quality care no matter where they are; at home with a parent, being cared for by a relative, or in a child care setting. Quality care is care that promotes the optimal growth and development of children in a safe and healthy nurturing environment.

Call for
CHILD CARE REFERRALS
Cedar City Office 1-435-586-7527