



# Role of Child Care in the Economy

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# 4 in 10 Women are Primary Breadwinners

63% of the Primary Breadwinners are Single Moms  
with children under 18 years old

Children under 6  
303,592 (50%) in homes  
where both parents work

## ROLE OF CHILD CARE IN THE ECONOMY

### CHILD CARE COSTS

Infants  
\$7,860  
per year

Family in  
Poverty

41% of Income

Single Mothers

Median Income: \$26,623  
Infant Care: 30% of Income

### SUBSIDIES

Children  
123,612 living in poverty  
21,943 receive monthly subsidy



Licensed Providers  
in Utah

# PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN NEED CHILD CARE

# Current Goals of CCDF



- State flexibility
- Parental Choice
- Consumer Education
- Promote Self-sufficiency
- Ensure healthy and safe child care setting through licensing and registration standards established in State regulations.

# Addressing the Child Care Need in Utah

- SUBSIDY FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
- QUALITY CHILD CARE

# Federal Requirements

- At least 70% must be spent on subsidy
  - Subsidies available for families earning up to 85% of SMI
  - Subsidies should be at least 70% of LMR
  - Support families working, training and education
  - Require co-payment except in certain circumstances
- 4% must be spent on quality
- Set-Aside Amounts for the following:
  - Infant and Toddler Quality
  - Quality Expansion
  - School Age and Child Care Resource and Referral

# Utah's Program--Subsidy

- Employment Support Child Care
  - Requires at least 15 hours of work per week
  - Allows up to 2 years of training or education while meeting work requirement
- Job Search Child Care when parents lose employment
- 56% of SMI to enter up to 70%
- Providers receive subsidy equal to 60%
- Co-payments based on family size and income
- No co-payment for FEP and transitional

# Utah's Program--Quality

- Professional Development
- Child Care Resource & Referral
- Technical Assistance and Coaching
- Quality Assessments
- Materials & Equipment
- Out-of-School Time Grants
- Serving children with behavioral and social/emotional challenges



# Involvement of the Commission



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## **Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014** **Plain Language Summary of Statutory Changes**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

- Requires States to establish health and safety requirements in 10 different topic areas (e.g., prevention of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), first-aid, and CPR).
- Child care providers serving children receiving assistance through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program must receive pre-service and ongoing training on such topics.
- Requires States to conduct criminal background checks for all child care staff members, including staff members who don't care directly for children but have unsupervised access to children, and specifies disqualifying crimes.
- Requires States to certify child care providers will comply with child abuse reporting requirements.
- Requires States to conduct pre-licensure and annual unannounced inspections of licensed CCDF providers and annual inspections of license-exempt CCDF providers.
- States must establish qualifications and training for licensing inspectors and appropriate inspector-to-provider ratios.
- Requires States to have standards for CCDF providers regarding group size limits and appropriate child-to-provider ratios based on the age of children in child care.
- Requires emergency preparedness planning and statewide disaster plans for child care.

### **TRANSPARENT CONSUMER AND PROVIDER EDUCATION INFORMATION**

