



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE (PDI) encourages progression along Utah's Career Ladder by offering financial incentives to eligible youth and early learning professionals as they achieve professional development milestones. For a limited time only, award amounts have been increased due to stimulus funding.



## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be continuously employed for the past 12 months for at least 20 hours a week at a DWS Eligible child care center or family child care program(s) licensed by the [Utah Department of Health — Child Care Licensing](#). The program must be open 12 months a year for at least five days a week and at least six hours per day on regularly scheduled weeks.

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| Level 1    | \$350<br>(\$100 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus)     |
| Levels 2-3 | \$450<br>(\$200 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus)     |
| Level 4    | \$550<br>(\$300 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus)     |
| Levels 5-8 | \$650<br>(\$400 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus)     |
| Level 9    | \$750<br>(\$500 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus)     |
| Level 10   | \$1,250<br>(\$1,000 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus) |
| Level 11   | \$1,750<br>(\$1,500 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus) |
| Level 12   | \$2,250<br>(\$2,000 + \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus) |

## AWARD AMOUNTS

The PDI may be awarded to eligible applicants at the completion of each Career Ladder level earned. Refer to the [Career Ladder System](#) page for more information on the requirements for each level. **Please note that there is currently a temporary \$250 COVID-19 Relief Bonus added to each PDI due to stimulus funding.**



More information regarding eligibility for the PDI can be found in our [Professional Development Incentive Policy](#).



Sign up for a URPD profile and apply for a Professional Development Incentive at <https://careaboutchildcare.utah.gov>. More information on eligibility and reimbursement requirements may be found on the application.



If you have questions about the PDI and other available scholarships, please contact your [local Care About Childcare agency](#) or URPD at 1-855-531-2468 or by emailing [urpd@usu.edu](mailto:urpd@usu.edu).