



# 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.



## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be employed for at least 20 hours a week at a DWS Eligible child care center or family child care program licensed by the [Department of Health and Human Services - Office of 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.

## 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.

Level 1	\$100
Levels 2-3	\$200
Level 4	\$300
Levels 5-8	\$400
Level 9	\$500
Level 10	\$1,000
Level 11	\$1,500
Level 12	\$2,000



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 [regional Child Care Resource Agency](#) or URPD at 1-855-531-2468 or by emailing [urpd@usu.edu](mailto:urpd@usu.edu).