

## Care About Childcare

Dear Provider,

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is working on implementing a Child Care Quality System (CCQS) to support high-quality care for low-income children as required by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) reauthorization.



There have been two community meetings to gather feedback on the proposed quality system. Thank you to all who were able to attend the meetings and also those who provided feedback through email. We are in a continuous process of evaluating the suggestions and comments received in order to develop the best system for our state. Watch for more details in the coming months about CCQS and the support we plan on providing to help you participate.

We are moving ahead with the Quality Indicator component of the CCQS. The number of indicators available is decreasing from more than 130 criteria to about 40 indicators that support a quality environment and will be verified on-site. Two work groups, one for center-based programs and one for family child care, are being formed by OCC to work out the process for verification of the indicators and how they will be available to the public. We are planning on having the details finalized and the Care About Childcare quality grant available by early 2018.

Changes are also being implemented to offer increased support for the professional development of the early childhood and youth workforce. We are expanding the availability of career ladder approved classes by revising the online and community training policies. Also, the name of the Child Care Professional Development Institute (CCPDI) is being changed to Utah Registry for Professional Development (URPD). In addition, the Professional Development Award (PDA) name is changing to the Professional Development Incentive (PDI).

Thank you again for your feedback. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions you can email [occ@utah.gov](mailto:occ@utah.gov), subject line: Feedback.

Sincerely,

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