

# Child Care Amendments

HB 15

# Child Care in Utah

Research shows that the Child Care providers do an excellent job, but the capacity does not meet the need in Utah.

Many families find it difficult to find a child care option that meets the needs of their family.

Child care choices could include:

- Child care centers,
- Child care centers located within businesses,
- In home residential care,
- Family, Friends and Relatives,
- Flexible work schedules.
- One parent at home

This bill seeks to increase the child care capacity and options for Utah families.



# Many Businesses Seek to Provide Child Care

Many large businesses in Utah are now providing Child Care Centers within their businesses for employees. Many small businesses, schools and school districts, municipalities, etc. would like to provide child care facilities but cannot do it alone.

## HB 15

- Allows a community reinvestment agency to use its housing allocation to pay for the expansion of child care facilities.
- Requires the Office of Child Care to use COVID-19 relief funds to provide grants to providers that contract with businesses.
- Requires that a proposal for a housing and transit reinvestment zone promote “increasing access to child care” as an objective in creating the zone.





## Additional Policies to increase capacity and options

Options are limited in rural Utah and many families in rural Utah cannot find Child Care. Additional ways HB15 increases capacity for families in both rural and urban Utah:

- Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules allowing for a provider to provide “after school” care to additional qualifying children.
- Increases, from 4 to 6, the number of “qualifying children” that a residential provider may care for without obtaining a certificate from the Department of Health. The total number of qualifying children and relatives cannot exceed 12.



In addition, HB15:

- Clarifies the licensing authority between the Department of Health and cities and counties.
- Requires the Office of Child Care to report information about the office's use of COVID-19 relief funds.
- Removes provisions in statute limiting the number of infants and toddlers that a certified residential provider may care for.

# Other policies being worked on by the Department of Child Care

- Scholarships for child care workers increased to gain additional training.
- The Department of Child Care currently offers training to child care workers who are not licensed.
- Increased coordination with LEAs to provide programs that train child care workers.
- Additional COVID relief funding provided to child care programs.
- The Utah State Board of Education allows child care employment to count toward a recertification of an education license.



Thank you  
Questions?

