

NEWSLETTER

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Simple Healthy Summer
Desserts

(click link below)

Reminder!

Attention Early Intervention Families If you have a parent fee, please remember to pay it each month.

Your bill will come by the method you selected. Either in an email from no_reply@utah.gov or as a letter.

We love serving you and your family!



Spotlight

The Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships program partners with six great child care centers throughout the Salt Lake Valley. These centers have dedicated Early Head Start classrooms where the children in our program can grow, socialize and learn.



Our infant room at Smart Kids Salt Lake has two amazing teachers: Safiya and Angela!

Safiya is from East Africa and has worked at Smart Kids for 11 years in the infant room. She obtained her Child Development Associate (CDA) in February 2023 and continues to study Child Development. Safiya is very patient and loving with the infants in her care. Her teacher-child interactions are very positive and effective. She is consistent with using the curriculum and individualizing activities for each child.

Angela is from Mexico and has worked at Smart Kids for 3 years. Angela is currently working on obtaining her CDA. She is taking classes and will be ready to start her portfolio soon. She has a goal to obtain her CDA by November 2025. Angela is very patient and loving with the infants in her care. She is bilingual which is helpful for communicating with the parents or children that are Spanish speaking. She has familiarized herself with the curriculum and individualization for each child and improved with consistency.

The infant classroom at Smart Kids has been utilizing the resources for the Pyramid Model to improve the structure and classroom environment. The use of resources for social-emotional development has been part of their daily routine. The environment is responsive and supports children's learning and development.

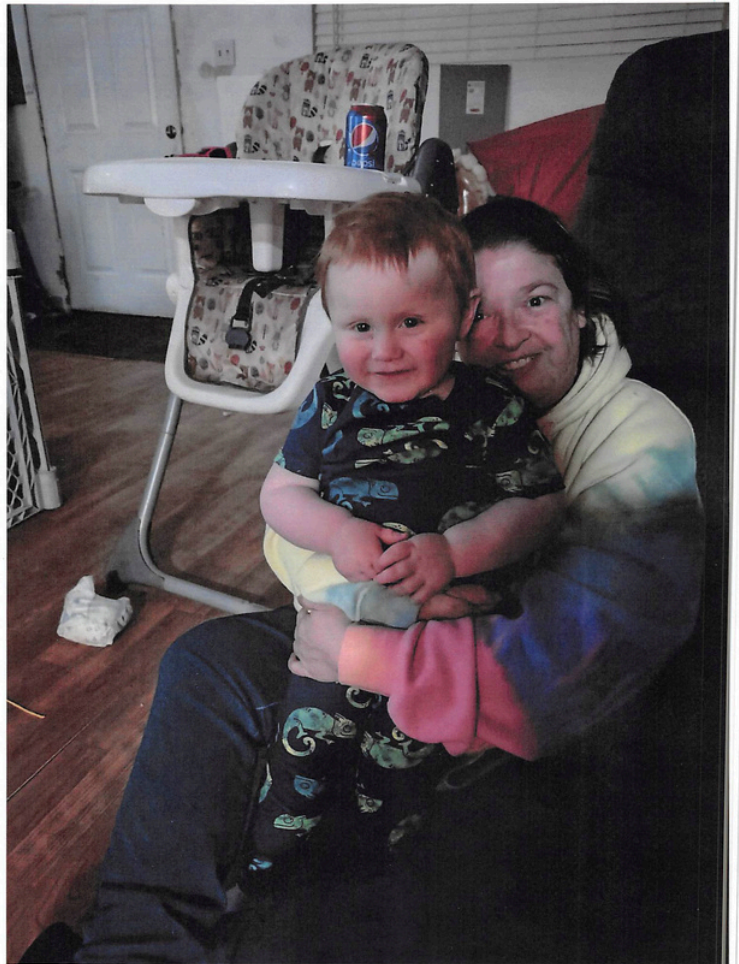
Family Story

I was a first time foster mom with a new born and I was very overwhelmed. I just love the support and love given to me, my wonderful child and our family. I could call and talk to our providers anytime and anywhere to help me with anything.

I have a smart wonderful boy who enjoys life and learning. He loves the books he received and his behaviors are easier to handle.

I know that I will always have love and support from his providers.

-An Early Head Start Family--



211 Of Utah

211 Utah is the state's leading resource network connecting Utahns in need with local health and human services. Supported by United Ways of Utah, this vital service is free and confidential.

The Office of Head Start

The Office of Head Start (OHS) helps young children from low-income families prepare to succeed in school through local programs. Head Start and Early Head Start programs promote children's development through services that support early learning, health, and family well-being.

Baby Watch Early Intervention Program - Utah Department of Health

Baby Watch enhances early growth and development in infants and toddlers, who have developmental delays or disabilities, by providing individualized support and services to the child and their family. DDI Vantage partners with Baby Watch to provide Early Intervention (EI) services through a family coaching model that focuses on helping children meet goals in all areas of development.

Help Me Grow Utah - Utah Department of Health

Help Me Grow Utah is a free information and referral helpline that provides parents, physicians, and community partners all across Utah with resources to make a difference in the lives of pregnant parents and families with children 8 and under.

People Helping People

This unique nonprofit organization seeks to help children living in poverty by teaching and mentoring low-income women, especially single mothers, on how to find stable employment and earn enough money to live on and support their kids.

DSPD - Utah Department of Health

The Adult and Youth Services programs are funded primarily through the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) to provide services that help persons with disabilities strengthen their self-esteem through success and independence on the job, in the home, and in the community.

Utah Poison Control

The Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) is a 24-hour resource for poison information and educational resources. We serve the state of Utah with immediate phone support in a poisoning crisis. The UPCC also serves health care professionals, pre-hospital providers, public health officials, and law enforcement. Our call center is staffed by certified, highly educated specialists to help you prevent poisonings and recover from poison related accidents.

Utah Parent Center

The mission of the Utah Parent Center (UPC or Center) is to help parents help their children, youth, and young adults with all disabilities to live included, productive lives as members of the community.

Community Resources

DDI Vantage In The Community

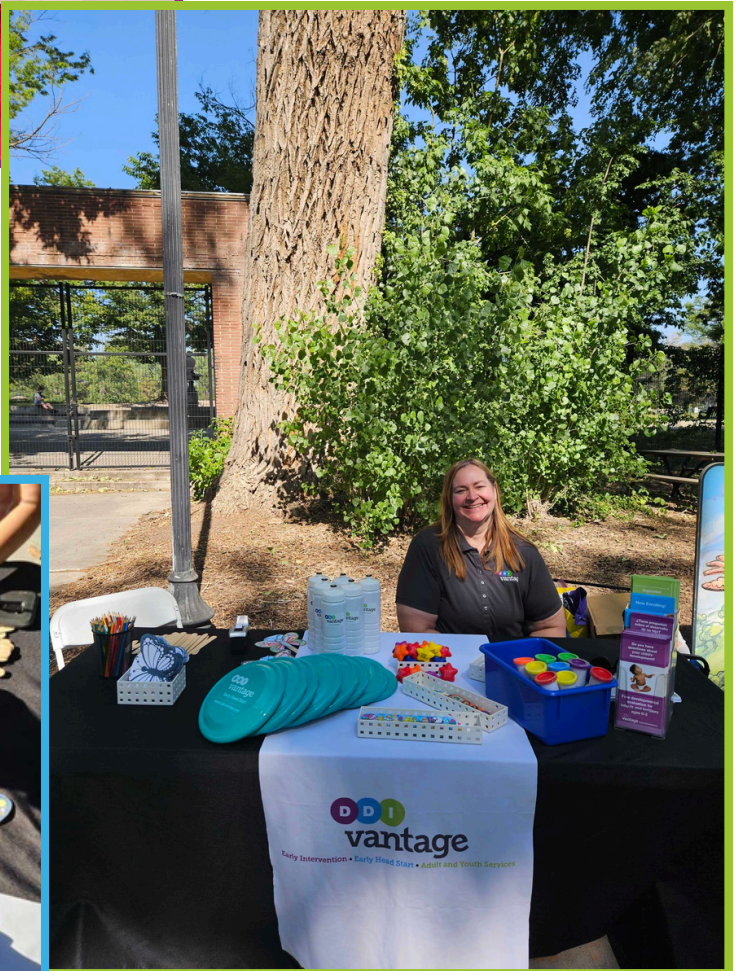


Junior League
Community
Assistance
and Resource
Event (CARE)



Fair

Utah Parent
Center
Family
Festival at
Tracy Aviary



DID YOU KNOW...



July 24th is National Tell an Old Joke Day

What did the ocean say to the shore?

Nothing, it just waved.

Did you hear about the fire at the circus?

It was in tents.

What do you call fake spaghetti?

An impasta!

What did the janitor say when he
jumped out of the closet?

Supplies!

Why did the bicycle fall over?

Because it was two tired!

If April showers bring May flowers,
what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims

How do you get a squirrel to like you?

Act like a nut!

Why don't eggs tell jokes?

They'd crack each other up.

What did one hat say to the other?

Stay here! I'm going on ahead.

