

Save the Date!

- Board meeting— all members welcome June 11th
- Fall Conference November 7, 2015 Mesquite Nevada
- Fall NAC Class, watch website for date!
- First ever lunch and learn! Watch the website for more information

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Directors Decree

Patrick Marino Executive Director

Time flies when you are having fun. We have been busy with Utah Private Child Care Association business and boy has it been fun. We did get legislation passed during this last session that makes legally exempt programs go through a proper background check procedure just like we have to every year. Legally exempt programs operate without the same regulations that licensed centers have to follow. This is a first step to leveling the playing field for all providers. More is needed.

We have people who advocate on our behalf who are in the legislature and board members who speak on our behalf as an industry to the legislature. Every victory has happened because someone was speaking on your behalf.

We also have a board member holding the chairperson position on the Child Care licensing board as well as members that speak to the licensing board is shaping the regulations that oversee our industry.

As an association we are implementing plans to better improve our organization so that we can represent you. We are looking at ways to help you improve how you do business

so that you can be in the best position possible as changes come into the industry.

We offer you two conferences a year for ongoing NAC hours, we are implementing lunch and Learns that will also give you NAC hours, we offer discounts to association members to all our events

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Legislative Update Johnny Anderson, Board Member

This year's legislative session was a good one for licensed child care providers. After two years of hard work by the Utah Private Child Care Association, SB12 was passed. This important bill will require all unlicensed providers to submit to background checks on care providers and allow licensing inspections for any complaints. It will also require these providers to post in a conspicuous place a notice prepared by the licensing bureau stating that they are exempt from licensure and providing contact information for complaints.

This bill will help to ensure that children are in safer environments even when they are placed with a license exempt provider by making sure that they meet the same level of background screening as licensed providers. It will also ensure that a third party

will conduct any complaint investigations.

Licensed facilities did not face any fee increases or increased licensing or background screening requirements so we should not see any hikes in our licensing fees. UPCCA Executive Director, Pat Marino and board member, Ed Dieringer both testified in front of legislative committees to help ensure the bill's passage. The Utah Private Child Care Association is, without

question, the most influential voice on capitol hill for our industry. However, the UPCCA is only as influential as its membership is strong. Your member-

ship matters!



Licensing Update Debbie Tilley, Board Member

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, The Latest updates from The Child Care Licensing Board is that we are trying to work together as A Child Care Board and Licensing to become more proactive. We are looking at the violations

Centers are most cited for and looking at what different facilities are doing that help them avoid being written up and passing it on to help those with problems.

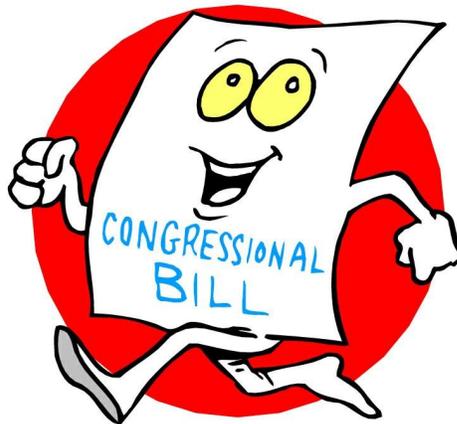
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The Passing of Senate Bill 12.... Or....Why I Am a Member of the Utah Professional Child Care Association

Ed Dieringer, Board Member

Each of us, no matter the size of our child care center, is only a single voice in a crowd of voices expressing opinions and concerns about child care in Utah. Unfortunately, some with loud voices and large platforms have little practical knowledge of our industry's daily struggles with regulatory compliance demands that often compete with efforts to promote and provide high quality child care and programming. Licensed centers are at a disadvantage. We find it difficult to participate in quality educational opportunities, to keep current with legislative proposals and changes, to hold those making rules about our industry accountable, and to spend time with our peers to influence positive changes in the child care profession. Addressing these complex issues is the reason the Utah Professional Child Care Association (UPCCA) exists, offering each of us opportunities for **Education, Networking, and Advocacy**.

UPCCA offers us reasonably-priced educational events, networking both locally and nationally to learn from and compare ourselves to our peers, and a collective, unified, *louder* voice to advocate for consistent protection of ALL children across the varied child care settings in Utah. It helped shape the creation of the new State Child Care Licensing Committee, and contributes expert and practical knowledge



here. It offers educational opportunities including National Accreditation Commission CEUs. It participates at Office of Child Care meetings and in grant processes. In addition, UPCCA joins with other organizations to shape policies and laws important to Utah's children, families, and our professions.

As important as all of these activities are, UPCCA's participation in creating and passing Senate Bill 12 this last legislative session is an excellent example of the effectiveness of this organization and why your involvement is so critical. Senate Bill 12, Child Care Amendments (SB 12), is a critical step in advocating for our industry and protecting Utah's children, particularly those in license-exempt child care settings.

SB 12, sponsored by Senator Allan Christensen and Representative Paul Ray (who deserve our thanks and support) sets new standards to help Utah families (including legislators!) better understand the differences and ramifications between the child care settings in our state. To summarize, SB 12 protects ALL children in Utah child care settings by:

- Requiring license-exempt settings to apply for license-exempt status with the Department of Health (DOH), and to provide data to the DOH on the number of children in their care. State and federal entities asked the DOH to produce this data each year. But, previous to the

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including NAC training.

It takes a big dog to win a dogfight. We need you. If you are not a member of the Utah Private Child Care Association, we encourage you to sign up today. With a bigger voice we will be able to affect the changes being made in our industry. If you are already a member, consider joining the board, we are looking to expand our board with 4-5 fresh new faces. There is no better place to gain new perspective and to influence changes in our industry.

Who is UPCCA? We were created to support owners and directors. We are a non-profit professional collaboration of those who own and operate licensed Child Care Centers throughout Utah. Our goal is to further the professional interests and provide for the needs of these busy and dedicated professionals. We have the joy and responsibility of caring for children as well as running a business.

We want to know how we can help you.

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If you have a problem please contact me at tilleytimechildcare@gmail.com or if you have an idea to help another provider please let us know. While we are in competition with each other, our first concern is the health and safety of the children. Additionally Child Care gets a bad reputation because of "competition". There are more than enough children to fill every Licensed Facility. One way to increase overall enrollment across the State is to improve reputations of Child Care.

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passage of SB 12, the DOH had no actual authority to collect the data, so it could not accurately provide these or any other statistics on license-exempt centers. SB 12 remedies this.

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- Requiring license-exempt settings to notify parents of attendees of their non-licensed status.
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- Establishing DOH authority to investigate and track complaints in license-exempt settings.
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- Assuring that employees and owners in license-exempt settings pass the same level of background checks as employees and owners in licensed centers.

This monumental step happened because of the collective voices of the **UPCCA** and **UAEYC**. I am grateful for **UPCCA** Board's diligence in this, and many other critical issues, that support what we know to be important for ALL children in Utah. I invite you, our members, to take the opportunity to participate in **UPCCA's** Board and give even greater voice to promote a positive difference in Utah's children's lives.

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UPCCA:
Utah Private Child Care Association

The Utah Child Care Association is the professional organization for the owners and directors of licensed child care centers throughout the state. Our mission is to support you and your business. The newsletter is produced 4 times a year.

We offer:

- **NAC Training**
- **Continuing education with NAC credits**
- **Legislative interaction and guidance**
- **Licensing interaction and guidance**
- **2 conferences a year with a focus on owners/ directors**
- **Lunch and learns**

Name The Newsletter And Win!

Our newsletter comes out 4 times a year, is full of great information just for you, and is currently named "The Newsletter"

There must be some creative soul who can come up with a better name. Ideally it should incorporate what we love about UPCCA. It should be catchy, not too long, and something you won't hide when friends or family come over.

If you have an idea, please let us know and you will have a chance to win! The person who submits the winning name will not only get to see their name 4 times a year, get bragging rights, but receive one conference registration, that can be used for either

the upcoming fall retreat or next years spring conference.

You can enter as many different names as you can come up with, the only limit is your imagination! The winner will be determined by the UPCCA Board.

To enter, send your suggestions to

The winner will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter to come out in early fall.

We are also open to article submissions. If you have something to say, don't hesitate to share. Articles can be submitted any time to



mirindas@ymail.com. Please title your email "Name the Newsletter" Deadline for submission is August 5, 2015.

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Good Luck!