

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Let's Invest in Early Education!

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Local education authorities, the state Office of Education, and the Office of Child Care have received hundreds of millions of dollars that can and should be spent to invest in what is best for Utah's children.


We must work together to put these investment dollars to use with creative, community-supported solutions that help all Utah families with young children.

Let's rise to the occasion and build quality early care and education plans and programs that work best for Utah kids!

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2021 FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION IN UTAH

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE & RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CRRSA) FUNDING


- Approved by Congress in December 2020, funding released to states in February 2021.
- Amounts received in Utah:



\$67.8 million - to Utah State Board of Education
\$108.9 million - to the Office of Child Care

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDING

- Approved by Congress in March 2021, funding released to states in April 2021.
- Funds can be used through September 2024.
- Amounts recieved in Utah:



\$615.5 million - to Local Education Authorities
\$163.4 million - to the Office of Child Care

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE BOLD PLANS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Here are some ways that American Rescue Plan funding can be used in your community to support early childhood care and education:

- Free summer enrichment programs for families in need of academic support as well as child care!
- Expanded full-day kindergarten opportunities to ensure all kids in your community can get caught up and start first grade on par with their peers!
- On-line and in-person home visiting support for families with young children

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who want and need extra guidance regarding child development, safety and nutrition, and family financial stability.

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