## **Utah Child Care Affordability Calculator**

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In Utah, raising a family with children is expensive. Whether or not a family can afford child care depends on income remaining after paying basic household expenses.

To help policymakers understand these challenges, we're introducing the <u>Utah Child Care Affordability Calculator</u>. Developed by the Committee for Economic Development in collaboration with Voices for Utah Children, Promise Partnership Utah, and Utah Community Builders, this tool helps illustrate a clearer picture of the finances of everyday Utah families.

The Utah Child Care Affordability Calculator isn't for families choosing child care. Instead, it's a policy tool. It helps policymakers understand how families' finances intersect with child care costs. By selecting a county, users can see if families, based on median income, can afford licensed child care after covering basic expenses.

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This tool highlights the hurdles families face in affording child care and accessing the Child Care Assistance Program. It's a call to action for policymakers to address child care affordability.

Access the Child Care Affordability Calculator Here