

DIFFERENT KINDS OF DAY CARES (Power Point Summary & Key to Handout)

FAMILY DAY CARE

- DESCRIPTION: Child care within a family residence that provides care for 4 or more children but no more than 6, except for school age.
- ADVANTAGES: Homelike, low ratios (1-7 including own children)
- DISADVANTAGES: Not structured, they can go about their daily jobs, and not have total thought to your child. Difficult to enforce licensing and credentials of caregiver.
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Many homes

DAY CARE CENTERS

- DESCRIPTION: 13 or more children ages 4 weeks to 13 years. License required. Informal play
- ADVANTAGES: Cares for basic needs of child, they have concern for the child only.
- DISADVANTAGES: Crowded and commercialized. Ratios high
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Kindercare, Small World

MONTESSORI SCHOOLS

- DESCRIPTION: Learn by doing and on their own by playing with Montessori toys. Use concrete objects and 5 senses
- ADVANTAGES: Skill based, teaches self motivation and basic life skills
- DISADVANTAGES: Low teacher interaction, High noise, for profit
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: LaPetite, Montessori

HEAD START

- DESCRIPTION: Help low-income child enter Kindergarten at a higher level.
- ADVANTAGES: Meals, shots, health care, professional staff, gov. funded, transportation, counseling provided.
- DISADVANTAGES: Children may have emotional problems
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Copperview Community Center, Alta View Elem, etc.

NURSERY SCHOOL

- DESCRIPTION: Kindergarten prep, intellectual development
- ADVANTAGES: Developmentally planned program for overall growth
- DISADVANTAGES: High cost (\$90-140/month)
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Challenger, Newcastle

LATCH KEY PROGRAMS

- DESCRIPTION: Care for school-age child before & after school
- ADVANTAGES: Fun activities, safe
- DISADVANTAGES: Sponsors to fund program
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Copperview C. C., Alta Canyon, many day cares

PARENT COOPERATIVES

- DESCRIPTION: Parents involved and work as aides.
- ADVANTAGES: Less costs. Parents know what child is learning & make decisions, collect fees
- DISADVANTAGES: Lack of control on teachers, lack of continuity and consistency or rules.
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Jewish community Ctr., Joy School

LAB SCHOOLS

- DESCRIPTION: #1 goal is to teach student teachers, not the child
- ADVANTAGES: Ratios low, curriculum checked by a professional
- DISADVANTAGES: It is a lab to train students, not teach the child
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Alta, W. Jordan, SLCC, U of U, BYU, UVSC

ON-SITE DAY CARE

- DESCRIPTION: Parents can work near child and drop in during the day
- ADVANTAGES: Promotes families, sick child care provided, parent has less sick days
- DISADVANTAGES: Child has a longer drive
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Jordan High, Bingham High, Copper Hills High, Riverton High, U of U Medical Center and various businesses

PLAY GROUPS

- DESCRIPTION: Parents take turns caring for each others children
- ADVANTAGES: Trade instead of pay money
- DISADVANTAGES: May not be fair unless a system has a way to control
- LOCAL PROGRAMS: Individual homes

