

USU Utah Women & Leadership Project Sponsors Online Childcare Symposium

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The Utah State University Utah Women & Leadership Project (UWLP) sponsors a free childcare symposium held Tuesday, January 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. The Childcare Symposium: Practices, Policies, & Strategies to Move Utah Forward, will be held via Zoom and is for anyone interested in understanding and finding solutions for the complexities of childcare.

The symposium will include three panel topics with four panelists each. Topics include: “Childcare is a Business Issue,” “Public Policy Progress on Childcare,” and “Childcare Challenges, Strategies, and Solutions.”

According to Susan Madsen, founding director of the UWLP, Utah families and a growing number of employers often name access to high-quality, affordable childcare as a key barrier to prosperity in our state, especially for low- and moderate-income families.

“We need to have conversations that can help increase childcare access and affordability in Utah so our families and workplaces can thrive,” Madsen said. “We hope this symposium will provide the environment for these conversations.”

Madsen also noted the release today of a report, “The Complex Childcare Landscape: Public Policy Solutions for Utah,” by Erin Jemison, public policy consultant and

former director of public policy at YWCA Utah, and Marin Christensen, associate director for the UWLP and co-founder of the Utah Child Care Cooperative. The report details the complexity of the childcare situation as well as recommendations for Utah. [Click here](#) to read the report.

To register for the online symposium, [click here](#). For more information, visit the UWLP website at utwomen.org.

The symposium is co-sponsored by USU’s Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, USU Extension and the Utah Education Network.

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