



**funshine**

**child care &  
learning center**



**frequently asked questions**



## What are the center's hours?

Funshine Child Care & Learning Center is open Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 6 PM.

## What are your rates? What do the costs of childcare usually cover?

Age	Rates Per Month
Infants (0-24 months)	\$875
2-year-olds	\$800
3-year-olds	\$775
4 and 5-year-olds	\$750
*Part time (2 days/week)	\$475

\*Part-time unavailable in infant classrooms due to high demand

Pricing includes all meals while your child is in attendance, formula and age-appropriate foods for infants under one year, age-appropriate learning materials for each classroom, preschool supplies, preschool fees, fair wages for staff, and continued program enhancement.

We work tirelessly to provide a quality program with high-quality and well-educated staff who provide quality care. Teachers are well paid, which creates less turnover and more stability for the children in our care. We provide an optimal setup and a hands-on program unlike any other in town.

A lot goes back into our program to both ensure and guarantee its quality status. All these factors are reflected in the cost of care.

## **How do you communicate with parents?**

Funshine uses a software program called PROCARE that is used for most parent communication. All meals, diaper changes, bottles, and important notices are updated through the PROCARE app. This is also where admin and teachers can message parents directly. Weekly menus are posted to the app, and all events are posted there as well.

Upon enrollment, parents are sent an email to sign up for the PROCARE app. From that email, you can set up your account and download the app to your phone. Each parent will be given a code for each child, which will be used to clock their children in and out of their classrooms.

Admin are always present at the front desk during business hours to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We also have a hotline that can be used to contact us directly anytime during business hours.





## **What will cause the center to be closed? Do you close for inclement weather?**

We are closed all major holidays. You will be given a list of closures for the entire year upon enrollment, and that list will be updated every January. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, we will be closed the Friday before. If it falls on a Sunday, we will be closed the Monday after.

We do not close for inclement weather as the surrounding schools do—however, there may be delays in operation should the weather be extreme on any given day. A delay has never happened before, but is always a possibility. You will always receive updates through our PROCARE app should this ever become an issue.

## **Do you provide evaluations for the children in your care?**

We provide regular developmental screenings using a tool called Ages and Stages. Ages and Stages provides accurate and reliable developmental and social-emotional screenings for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 6 years. Parents will be informed of the results of their child's evaluation each time they're evaluated. Each parent will also be given a list of resources if they feel they would like to participate in other programs that will aid in their child's development, such as Early Intervention and Head Start.

We also provide quarterly preschool evaluations to determine which concepts your child has mastered over time. This helps us better meet their specific needs when working with them one-on-one in the classroom. These forms will also be sent home with your children.

## **Do you follow the required child-to-teacher ratios as defined by the state of Utah?**

Funshine Childcare & Learning Center is dedicated to following all state required regulations, including ratios by age. We use our ratio guarantee to ensure our quality of care.


## **On average, how long have your teachers been teaching? What are the requirements to be a teacher?**

All our lead teachers have several years of experience. Others may have less, but all our teachers are required to have at least one year of experience. All teachers are required to do 20 hours of training annually to ensure quality of learning. They are also required to take annual childcare courses through Care About Childcare. Each teacher must complete at least two courses annually to remain in the classroom.

We also provide opportunities for our teachers to earn their CDA (Child Development Associate) and NAC (National Administrator Credential) credentials. Several of our teachers have also obtained a bachelor's degree or are currently enrolled in a program to obtain their bachelor's degree.

## **Are there any other requirements that must be obtained by teachers in order to ensure quality/safety?**

All staff are required to pass a background check through childcare licensing. They must also have a current CPR and first aid license, as well as a current food handler's permit.



Each staff member takes part in our Funshine Quality Training Program – a quarterly training specific to our facility which helps ensure quality of care.

## **Do you accept state assistance through DWS?**

Yes, we accept state assistance! Co-pays do apply. You can contact the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) for more information on how to start the process.

## **Do you welcome parent involvement?**

Yes! Funshine has several opportunities for parent involvement! We ask for and encourage parent volunteers during party days to help with activities and treats on the indoor playground, as well as volunteers to help with our community week and Read Across America week. We will always have updates and sign-ups on PROCARE app for these events!

## **What types of activities do you provide for infants and toddlers?**

We provide age-appropriate activities both inside the classroom and on the playground. We have mud kitchens, water tables, and scoops and funnels to encourage fine motor and spatial reasoning.

We have low-to-the-ground balance beams for gross motor skills. Items like mirrors, magnet boards, and dramatic play spaces are provided to encourage social development.

We also provide daily sensory activities for hands-on learning, open-ended toys to encourage learning through problem solving and curiosity, and one-on-one reading is a must as well. Our infants and toddlers have several opportunities for learning each day and remain busy when they are here.


## **Do you provide preschool?**

Yes! We have an amazing preschool program!

We take a very different approach than most programs by incorporating both Reggio and Montessori-inspired concepts, and we keep everything hands on. The kids grow a garden, hatch and raise chickens (which are donated to Miss JJ's family farm once they are old enough to transport), grow caterpillars to butterflies and release them in the garden to pollinate, and the list goes on.

We have a great outdoor setup that creates the perfect atmosphere for nature exploration. We have outdoor ball and water ramps, mud kitchens, sand boxes, and plenty of trees full of bird families for the kids to observe. There are flower gardens, tree stump walkabouts, tuff trays, fountains, balance beams, and a fort building area! All of these encourage hands-on learning and exploration so learning is happening everywhere.

Inside the classroom, children learn through our unique learning centers, including interactive science and sensory stations, light tables, loose part stations, and a weekly baking class! We do process art classes twice a week and all learning materials are theme based according to the children's interests.



Each classroom has a guided learning area, reading and writing area, blocks and ramps area, dramatic play area, manipulatives and STEM area, and a sensory area.

You can check us out on Facebook and Instagram for better insight or check out our website and Google reviews. All these resources provide a better look into our program! You can find the links at the bottom of the FAQ.

## **How often do you clean and sanitize classrooms and toys?**

All of our rooms have daily cleaning schedules, and different teachers are responsible for different areas of the room. If a teacher sees a child cough on, sneeze on, or put a toy in their mouth, the toy goes straight into the “yuck bucket” for sanitizing during quiet time or upon closing (depending on the time of day). Changing tables are disinfected after every use, and bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized during quiet time and again upon closing the room.

## **Who is allowed to pick up/drop off my child?**

Upon enrollment, you will be given an enrollment form for us to keep on file. There is a section where you can add the names and contact numbers of anyone you would like to grant access for pick up/drop off. You may add or take away from this list at any time by contacting an admin at least 24 hours in advance. However, if you try to remove the biological parent of a child, a court ordered document must be provided stating they are not allowed to pick up or drop off anymore.



We are not legally permitted to hold children from their biological parent without the proper documentation. If we have never met the individual who is picking up or dropping off, they will be required to provide their ID and we will be required to make a copy of it to add to your child's file.

All visitors (other than legal guardians) will be required to sign-in at the front desk and log their names, the date, and the time of entering the building. They will be required to do this each and every time they come to pick up or drop off.

## **What security measures are in place to protect my child?**

Our outdoor area is completely fenced in with a 6-foot fence, and all outdoor entrances require the admins at the front desk to buzz them in. Upon entry, all visitors are required to sign in at the front desk. Anyone who cannot verify who they are or their reason for entering will not be permitted on the premises.

## **Do you provide meals and snacks?**

Funshine provides four meals and snacks each day. Every classroom is served breakfast, a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Meals are served family style and each meal requires a certain amount of components (this is explained further upon enrollment). Infants (0-12 months) have their own feeding schedules and all formula, baby foods, and cereals are provided for them. If your infant requires a different formula from the one we provide, you will be required to provide it.



## **My child has food allergies. How do you ensure their safety?**

If a child has allergies, their meals are prepared and served separately from the rest. Different utensils, prep equipment, and serving dishes are used in a specially designated space in our kitchen.

All staff are trained on allergies and safety protocol. If your child is required to be on a specific diet, you will be responsible for providing any required substitutions to meet their dietary needs as set by the state food program.

## **What will my child need on their first day?**

All children will need an extra change of clothes to keep on-site, a blanket to keep in their cubby for quiet time, and if your child is not potty trained, diapers, wipes, and cream.

## Does my child have to nap during quiet time?

Children are not forced to nap. However, the state of Utah does require a 2-hour quiet time for older classrooms (ages 3-5). During this time, all the children are required to lay quietly on their mats for a short time so children who want to nap can settle in and fall asleep. If your child does not nap, they will be given a quiet time activity to occupy their time while their friends are napping. These activities include sensory tubes or bottles, quiet bins, books, sorting activities, or coloring pages. Just as we are not able to force a child to nap, we are also not able to force them to stay awake. Our 0-2 years age group does have a daily nap routine. Infants 0-18 months are on their own schedules and nap as needed. Children 18 months-2 years have a daily scheduled nap time. Specific nap times vary by classroom. You will be given a daily schedule for your child's classroom upon enrollment.

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## Links and Resources



**Our Website**



**Facebook**



**Instagram**

