

## Program Creator

**Ready! Set! School!** is a program of the Utah Family Partnership Network and Children's Services Society of Utah with the goal of providing tools and resources for parents of pre-school age children. Both CSS Utah and UFPN work to provide information and resources to enrich the family environment, promote academic success, raise healthy children, and strengthen communities.

For additional information about the Utah Family Partnership Network, go to their website at [www.ufpn.org](http://www.ufpn.org), or for more information about Children's Services Society of Utah, visit their website at [www.cssutah.org](http://www.cssutah.org).

## Program Objectives

**Ready! Set! School!** is a research-based curriculum providing parents with a toolkit designed to engage their preschool child. We seek to empower every parent to be their child's first, best teacher by doing the following:

- Create engaging materials that will provide access to all Utah parents with a toolkit to empower them to teach. These materials will include web-based training modules, website resources, DVD lessons, and lesson cards with activities and ideas for adapting to each child's level.
- Provide a network of resources, including a directory of organizations, a statewide calendar of activities and events, and a listing of online resources to assist parents in expanding and enhancing their child's every day experiences.
- Ensure that all parents can access the tools by providing well designed and culturally appropriate high-tech, low-tech, and no-tech components for each lesson, provided in both English and Spanish. Lessons use many common household objects to enhance learning.
- Align lessons and activities to the recently approved Utah Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines by the Utah State Board of Education.

## Needs Addressed & Population Served

There are approximately 93,000 3-5 year old pre-school children throughout the state of Utah. **Ready! Set! School!** will serve and be accessible to all Utah parents, including working parents, stay-at-home

parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and preschool teachers. In addition, this project will assist those who may have fewer resources, less access to formal pre-school programs, and live in more rural areas.

### **Anticipated Results**

**Ready! Set! School!** will add to the tools that parents already use to prepare their children for kindergarten. By providing easy access to essential information, resources, and modeled teaching methodology, the Utah Family Partnership Network hopes to empower every parent to help prepare his or her child for the demanding academic, physical, emotional, social skills needed to do well in school, and in life. This will help Utah children to reach their highest potential with parents being their first, best teacher.