



A Message from Our Executive Director

RiteCare of Utah's mission says it all: we are dedicated to helping children become more successful in their home and school settings by empowering them to reach their full educational and social potential.

As one parent said, "if services such as these were more readily offered to the public, our society would be dramatically improved for those in need of this vital resource." Many of our families are coming to us at a time of desperate need. They have recently been to a parent teacher conference and learned their child is drastically behind in language skills, been told their child doesn't play well with others or been newly diagnosed with autism. This is when families turn to RiteCare of Utah for help.

We are currently the only program in the state that offers speech-language and reading therapy at no cost to the family. The relief this brings families, as they learn they are going to get the much-needed help for their child and still be able afford groceries, is tremendous. Our therapists remain committed to being a constant source of support, knowledge and love for the families that walk through our doors.

Sarah Farr, MS, CCC-SLP Executive Director

Who We Serve



Total Students



of Visits

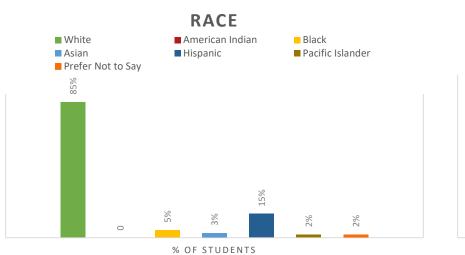


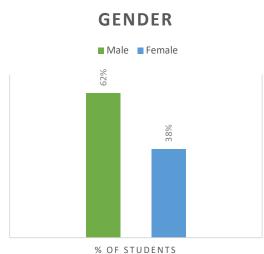
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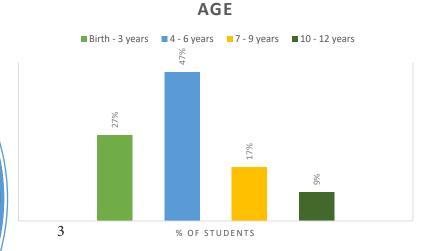
Total Discharges

This year, RiteCare of Utah served over 3,500 children with more than 100 of those being children taken off the wait list.

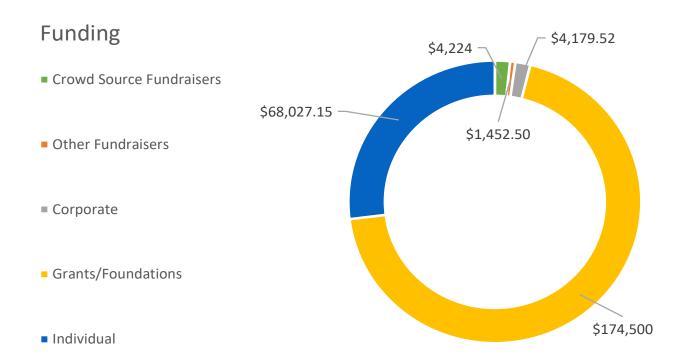




15% of our students come from homes at or below the federal poverty level for a family of five.



RiteCare by the Numbers





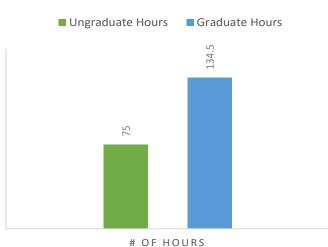
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Office Staff 2

Reading Therapists 7

Speech Pathologists





Volunteers saved RiteCare of Utah over \$6,500!

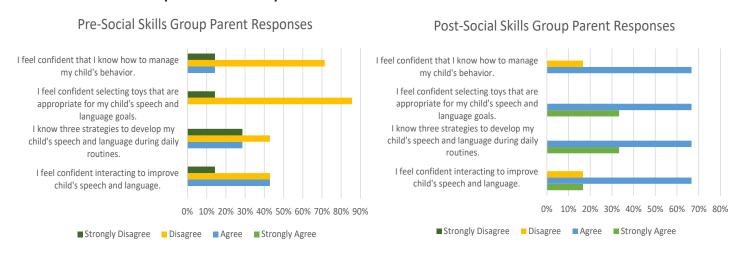


Summer Groups

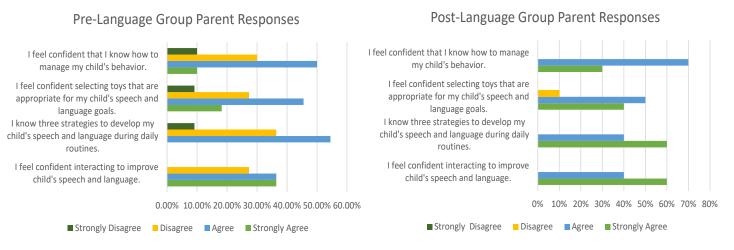
2019 was another successful year for RiteCare's summer groups. This year, we offered group services for children demonstrating language delay, speech delay as well as children on the autism spectrum who are struggling with social skills.



Social Skills Group Parent Responses



Language Group Parent Responses



Community Support

We partnered with individuals and other organizations in our community to help bring awareness to RiteCare of Utah and support our mission to provide speech, language and reading therapy to children who need it most.





University of Utah Health raised \$1,153 during their bake sale for RiteCare of Utah.



The Other Side Academy donated over 1,000 items of clothing to RiteCare families during their clothing drive.

Matina Kehl has volunteered with RiteCare of Utah for 2 years. During which, she noticed a need for books that children could take home. So, she started a project to collect books for kids who attend reading or speech therapy at RiteCare of Utah.

She collected and donated over 600 books! Our kids will now have the opportunity to take home a book they love and foster a love for reading.



Reading Program

Did you know that by 4th grade nearly 20% of Utah students are below proficiency in reading? A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they allow children to access the entirety of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. In addition, research shows that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well in school, rather than their social or economic background!

Last year RiteCare of Utah provided 1,167 visits to nearly 60 children in our reading program. Our two part-time therapists see kids who have phonological deficits, processing speed deficits and comprehension deficits. This may mean they don't understand how letters make sounds, they can read words but not quickly, or they can read words and not understand what they are reading. RiteCare of Utah has an unparalleled success rate. In 2019, 87% of our students were discharged from services reading within normal limits for their age. Our average time spent in therapy was 15.3 months! These gains are HUGE and due to the inventive way our therapists



Parent Testimony

My son has always struggled with reading. He really wanted to read, but just couldn't. He'd start books, get frustrated and give up.

Two months ago started we coming to reading therapy, with Esther. In that time, his ability to read has grown so much. He's gone from reading 85 words per minute, to 185 words per minute! His ability to decode has substantially improved.

Mostly though, he loves to read now. He just finished reading his first fiction novel and was so proud of himself. That, to me, has made the whole experience invaluable.

Thank you for having this available.

Karli Hymas



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Thank you forr supporting our mission to provide speech, language and reading therapy to children.

-Everyone at <u>RiteCare of</u> Utah

