

Building Bridges of Understanding



Utah PTA Commissions

Commissions Create Connections



- Support at the local level
- Amazing National, State, & Community Resources
- Opportunities to be involved beyond the local PTA units
- Support for all families: Utah PTA Board Specialists in the areas of Diversity and Inclusion, Special Needs, Male Engagement, Family Engagement, Military Families, Digital Citizenship, and Reflections.

Commissioner Newsletter



We are here to help!! Please reach out to us for any of your needs.

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Utah PTA Commissioners Newsletter

March 2021

**Utah PTA –
Building Bridges of Understanding**

A Combined Effort - Each One of US!!
 The year is almost done...
 But we are still here to help you!

We are still here waiting to help you! We can come to a meeting or talk to you on the phone!
 We have many resources to share with you and your school community!

Let us know how we can help make the end of the year, one to remember!

Do you want to do programs and events but don't know how to get one started!

- Utah PTA Commissioners are here to help!
- We can come to you and present a program or help you work out the details to get a program or event started
- Or we can connect you with some of our great outside resources to help you put on some fantastic programs!
- Contact one of us! Our info is at the end of this newsletter!

Things to not forget these last few months of the school year:

ORGANIZE YOUR PTA FILES AND STORAGE
 This is a great time to go through your files and purge unnecessary items. Get rid of mangled decorations, boxes of old school directories, unwanted supplies, posters that announce activities your group hasn't sponsored in ages, and piles of unneeded files. After you clean out the cabinet, file drawers, or closet, write an inventory list of the major items in each place and tape it to the inside of the door or drawer.

COLLECT PROJECT/COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS
 To avoid the loss of important PTA leader binders, collect the binders before school lets out. It's easier to track down the fundraising chairperson and those files now than it will be in the fall when your new chairperson is trying to get

Student Leadership



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



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Utah PTA Student Events:

- Student Leadership Committee – Students and PTSA Leaders welcome (monthly)
- Battle of the Bands (9th to 12th grade): State competition April 24, 2021
- Student Leadership Conference Oct. 9, 2021
- PTSA Day at the Capitol February 8, 2022

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SAFETY



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Run Your PTA Advocacy Family Resources Events Programs About PTA

In This Section

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 - Injury Prevention and Sports Safety
 - School Safety
 - Teen Driver Safety

Home / Family Resources / Safety

Digital Safety

Talk with your child about making smarter, safer online decisions to prevent some of the negative consequences that can occur in cyberspace.
[Read More →](#)

Injury Prevention/Sports Safety

Unintentional injury is the leading killer of children between age one and 14. See how you can keep your child safe.
[Read More →](#)

School Safety

National PTA has compiled a list of violence prevention and advocacy resources to help you keep your school community safe.
[Read More →](#)

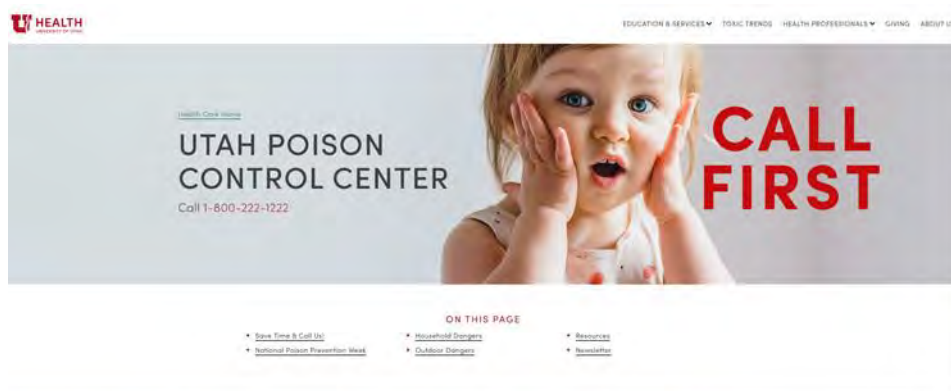
Teen Driver Safety

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in America. See what you can do to keep your teen driver safe.
[Read More →](#)

<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/safety>



<https://protectnow.org/resources/human-trafficking-news/utah/#>



<https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/>



**Join the American Red Cross of Utah to
Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.**

(Para español, visite [ActivaTuAlarma.org](https://www.redcross.org/local/utah/activatu alarma))

The Home Fire Campaign helps save lives by installing free smoke alarms in homes that don't have them, and by educating people about home fire safety.

<https://www.redcross.org/local/utah/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign.html>



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Home Walk & Roll Assembly School Mapping Crossing Guards Education & Funding For Grades 7 & 8

Get Your Kids on the Path to Safety

Safe Routes Utah is replacing SNAP (Student Neighborhood Access Program). The goal of Safe Routes Utah is to help children get to and from school safely while motivating children to experience the benefits of walking or biking to school.

Find Your School's Safe Routes Map

Benefits of Walking & Biking to School

WALK & ROLL CHALLENGE

Walk or bike to school. Win Sweet Prizes Every Month.

Enter to Win

See the Winners

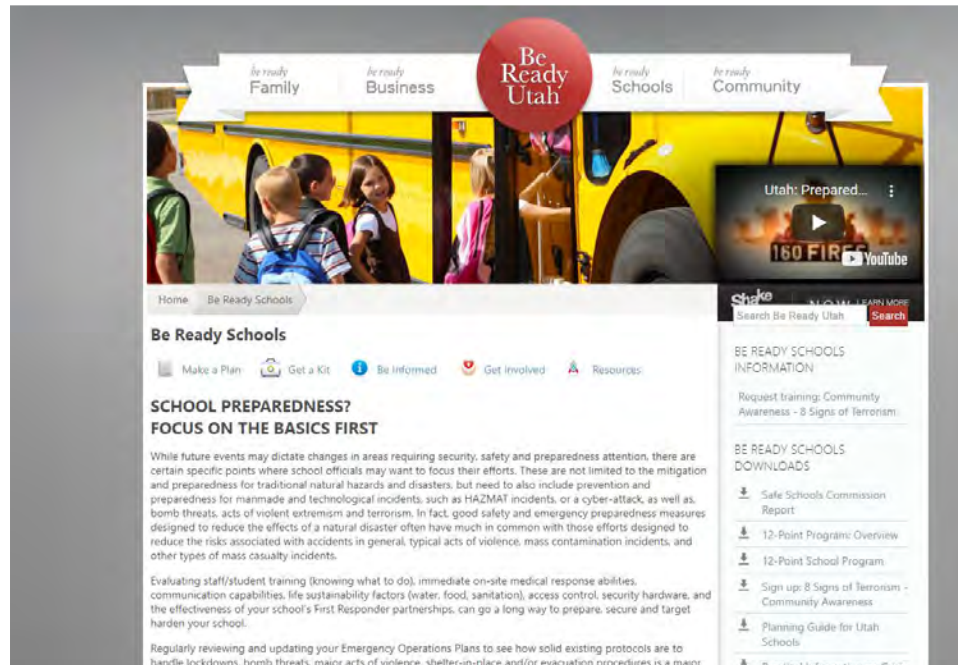
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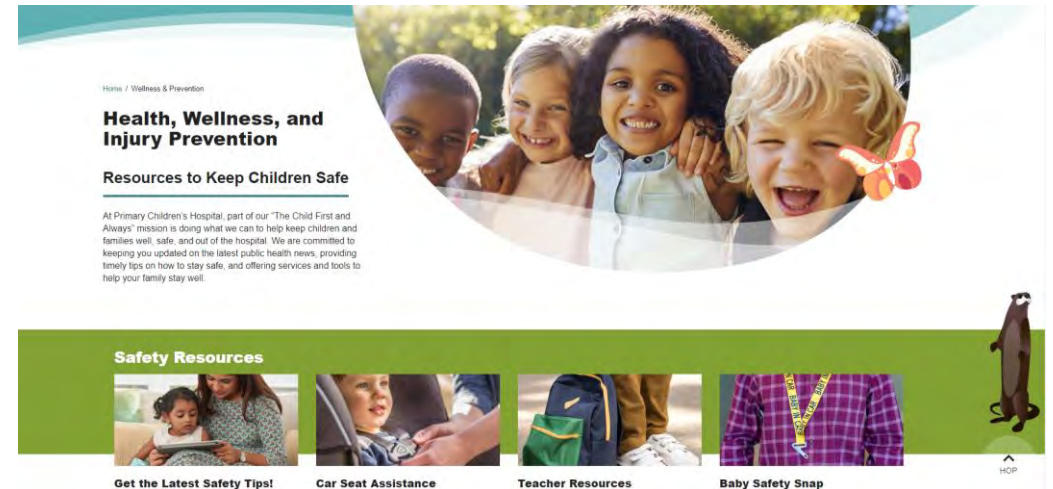
- Talk with a Cop
- Teen Titans
- Missing and Exploited Children Poster Contest

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<https://www.utah.gov/beready/school/>



<https://intermountainhealthcare.org/primary-childrens/wellness-prevention>

Safety

With millions of kids at home, we must make sure firearms are stored securely.

The COVID-19 crisis has created new challenges for parents. Kids are out of school and spending more time at home. The boredom and isolation they may be feeling pose additional risks to their safety. Securing all guns in the home—storing them locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition—can save your child's life.

[Learn More](#)

What is Be SMART?

The Be SMART framework is designed to help parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions that can prevent child gun deaths and injuries.

Secure
all guns in
your home and
vehicles

Model
responsible
behavior
around guns

Ask
about the
presence
of unsecured
guns in other
homes

Recognize
the role
of guns in
suicide

Tell
your
peers to
be SMART



Utah State Board of Education

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Welcome to Safe and Healthy Schools

Overview

The Utah State Board of Education, in coordination with all stakeholders, has made Safe and Healthy Schools a board priority. The Utah Framework for school safety includes 8 Conditions that schools may follow to create comprehensive safe and healthy school policies, plans, protocols and partnerships. The information included in this website has been a result of intensive collaboration with multiple state agencies, research from national organizations, input from Utah educators, parents, and students.

Programs

- Project AWARE
- School-based Mental Health (SBMH)
- Behavior Support Program
- School Counseling Programs
- School Nursing and Wellness
- School Safety Center (SSC)

Resources

- Events and Trainings
- Grant Opportunities
- Laws and Ethics
- UteServ
- Newsletter

<https://besmartforkids.org/>

<https://schools.utah.gov/safehealthy/schools>

Individual Development



INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

<https://www.utahpta.org/individual-development-commissioner>



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The mission of the Utah PTA Individual Development Commission is:

1. To assist parents, teachers and PTA leaders in building future leaders, through art and music education, character development and programs that build self-esteem for all children.
2. To take positive action to further the purpose of PTA in promoting the welfare of children and youth at home and at school.
3. To promote programs which benefit and strengthen arts and cultural education through parental involvement.

Related Pages



Utah Arts Education and Supplies Grants Awardees

A list by year of PTAs and PTSA who have been awarded an Art Grant from Utah PTA.



Reflections

Get information about the Reflections program.



Individual Development Links

Links with helpful information for Individual Development Commissioners including Character Development, Ethics, Community of Caring, Kind Kids Blog, Reports, etc.



Art Competitions

Information on Art Competitions: My BeUTAHful Community Student Art Competition, Poetry Out Loud, Utah State Senate Visual Arts Scholarship Competition



HEALTH



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Suicide Prevention Toolkit

An evidence-based toolkit created by prevention specialists to help every child in Utah



Coronavirus and COVID-19 Resources

Helpful links and information on COVID-19



Utah PTA Views Physical and Mental Health as Key to Student Success

Utah PTA believes the health and well-being of the whole child is just as important as student learning and academic benchmarks



What Does A Health Commissioner Do?

Your job as Health Commissioner is to work with your School and PTA Board and determine what are your greatest needs and focus on that.



Health Foundations and Protective Factors of Healthy Self

Explanation of Risk and Protective Factors that help parents and school staff promote healthy behaviors.



Mental and Emotional Health

Helping Children and Families advocate for better mental and emotional health services



Safety and Disease Prevention

We can help children understand their role in protecting themselves and others from unintentional danger, risk, injury, or disease.

<https://www.utahpta.org/health-commissioner>



Check out the Utah PTA Health Commission Website for these important program toolkits.



Red Ribbon Week

Toolkit for Implementation

Created in partnership with:

Utah PTA, Utah County Health Department, Provo School District, Alpine School District, Centro Hispano, Utah State Extension, Utah County Department of Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment, Utah County Communities That Care Coalitions



Suicide Prevention Toolkit for Implementation

Created in partnership with:

Utah PTA, Weber State University Department of Social Work and Gerontology, Utah Suicide Prevention Coalition, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Utah Department of Human Services- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Hope4Utah, Big Life Journal, Primary Children's Hospital, Utah State Board of Education and National Alliance on Mental Illness

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FAMILY LIFE



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The goal of the Family Life Commission is to promote healthy family relationships, thus resulting in success of children in all aspects of their lives. Utah PTA believes that the first and most important teacher throughout a child's life is the parent. The Family Life Commissioner aims to provide information and resources for parents and families as they encounter different stages and challenges of life. Specifically this includes early childhood, [Military Families](#), [Digital Citizenship](#), [Family Engagement](#), family relationships and so much more related to the family life.

Related Pages



[The Harms of Heavy and Binge Drinking](#)



[Souper Bowl of Caring](#)



[Engaging Families! Now that's what I'm talkin' about](#)



[Military Families](#)



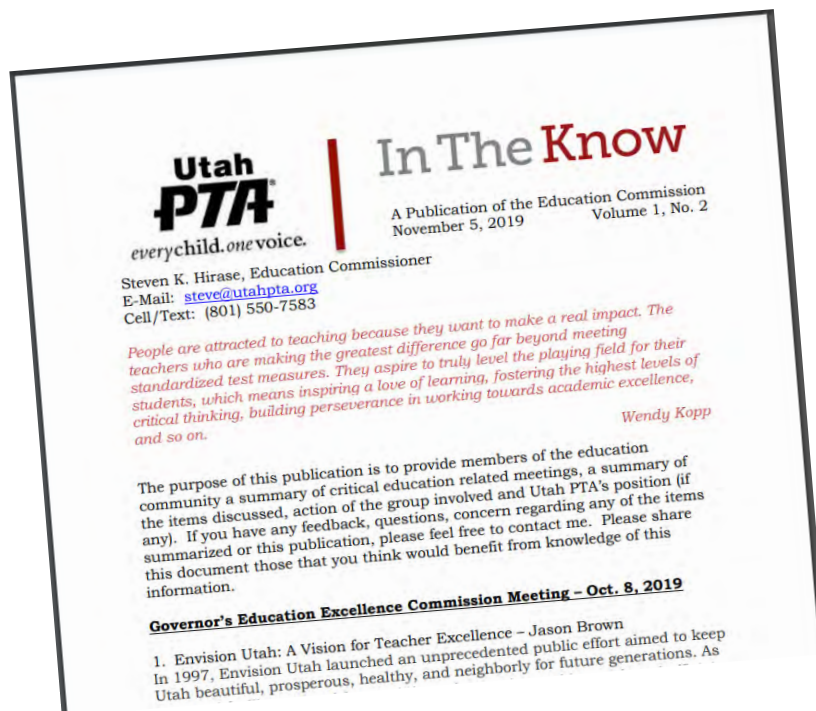
[Military Family Board Specialist](#)










[Technology Safeguards](#)



<https://www.utahpta.org/education-commissioner>



Related Pages	
	Areas of Focus of the Education Commission
	STEM Education
	Secondary Programs -- Post-High School and Vocational Information
	Social Studies and Other Academic Areas
	Advocating for Education for Every Child
	Utah Core Standards Parent Guides
	In the Know Newsletters
	A Publication of the Education Commission that informs us of those issues that impact our schools and most importantly, our children.

Community Engagement



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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- Education Foundations
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- Lifelong Education/Community Education
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- Volunteer Coordination
- Volunteer Appreciation

Community Engagement



Volunteering

All things Volunteers - Recruiting, Training, Retaining and Thanking



Appreciating Your Volunteers with Awards

Do you have the best volunteers in the State? Nominate them today!



Teacher Appreciation Week

It's more than just a week! All kinds of ideas are shared here



Sponsorships and Partnerships and Donations

Forming relationships with your community



Come Play with PTA

Discount events for Utah PTA members



Community Engagement Resolutions

Resolutions guide the advocacy work that we do. What resolutions fall under Community Engagement?



Head Start

Virtual Conference FREE Jan 11-14 Helpful ideas to help your child succeed in school



Why PTA

Why join PTA information



Come Play with PTA

Another BENEFIT to MEMBERSHIP!

Visit www.utahpta.org/come-play-events or email kris@utahpta.org

Find the most up-to-date offers!

When families play together they build relationships!

This sheet is designed to help local PTA leaders set up their own events with our COME PLAY WITH PTA Partners.



For Jazz, Stars, Bees and Vivint Smart Home Arena tickets,
Contact Mike Bingham, Senior Group Sales Account Executive,
mbingham@utahjazz.com or 801-325-7221



Utah Grizzlies: Contact Craig Handy to purchase tickets in advance.
Make sure to mention Utah PTA. 801-988-8026 - or - chandy@utahgrizzlies.com
Offer CANNOT be redeemed at the box office.



Real Salt Lake (Sandy) and Real Monarchs (Herriman): Contact Scott Reynolds, Director of ticket sales and services. sreynolds@rsl.com Office 385-434-3126, Cell 801-259-6753. 20% Off Match Tickets



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<http://www.orlandoemployeediscounts.com/member-login/?username=utahpta>



All matches will be held at Zions Bank Stadium: 14787 Academy Pkwy., Herriman, UT 84096.

To purchase tickets please call or text Jesse Sanchez at 801.953.5537 or email with questions at jesse.sanchez@warriorsrugby.com.

For more info on the Utah Warriors please visit:
<https://www.warriorsrugby.com/>

Got an idea for a Discount to bring families together???? Give a shout out to kris@utahpta.org

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Community Engagement



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Commissions

Community Engagement Commissioner

The Community Engagement Commission will involve all members of the community, business, religious, and government entities in improving the quality of life and education of all children. Working together opens new horizons of possibilities for our future.

It involves:

- Students
- Parents
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Businesses
- Community Leaders
- Community Organization

Community Engagement Focuses

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Attachment

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Board Member



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Groups you can join:

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- Utah PTA Super Secondary
- Utah PTA Excellent Elementary
- Utah PTA Treasurers
- Utah PTA Reflections
- Utah School Community Councils



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