

Online Cameras Give Parents Extra Eye on Kids at Day Care

More centers installing surveillance systems

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(06-12) 04:00 PDT Salt Lake City -- Deanna Grange likes to check on her two children at their day care center in Sandy, Utah.



But Grange, who recruits physicians for a staffing company, no longer has to leave her office to see daughter Casey, 8, and son Dillan, 18 months. Last week, day care provider Pam Gomez, owner of Excel Academy, installed nearly two dozen security cameras that track the activity of the 70 children in her care.

For an extra \$25 a month, parents can log on to a password-protected Web site and see live images of their children throughout the day.

"I feel like I'm more a part of their day now," said Grange as she watched Casey romp around from her office several miles away. "I can track what they're doing from room to room."

Excel is among a growing number of day care centers using high-tech surveillance systems to allow parents to check on their children.

A number of child-care centers in Utah are considering adding surveillance systems, said LaRonda Blakeley, training specialist with Child Care Resource and Referral North in Ogden. "Much of the interest has occurred really only in the last year or so," she said.

One of those adding a Web-based surveillance system is Old Fire House Child Care in Eden, where owners Chris and Becky Daugaard are installing a camera system.

"For us, such a system offers liability protection," Chris Daugaard said. "Parents can always see what is going on."

Blakeley of Child Care Resource and Referral North in Ogden said Web systems raise a security concern for some parents who fear pedophiles or other criminals may be able to access the images. But all such systems require passwords and none divulge where children are located.

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