Joanna Onorato, Outreach Coordinator for the MVMC, and Audrey Graham, Developmental Specialist for the South East Early Intervention Program.

The South East Early Intervention Program was recently honored as the Community Partner of the Year by the Moab Valley Multicultural Center (MVMCC) for its efforts in “building bridges across language and culture through family support, community collaboration, and education.” The program, which began in 2011, is a home-based program serving children from birth to 3 who are at risk of having developmental delays, or are diagnosed with a disability. Services include early identification and developmental services in Emery, Carbon, and Grand counties in Utah. Janeal Dugmore, Program Coordinator, explains their partnership with the MVMCC, “Specifically, we use the interpretation services of MVMC with every Spanish speaking family we serve, and MVMC helps us with understanding cultural differences in beliefs and practices with these families. We also have MVMC translate our materials and parent communication for us, so that all families feel welcome and at home using our services. We truly value our collaboration with the MVMC as we improve the lives of many young children each year and help Moab be a safe and inclusive place to live.”