

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Child and Family Services

Our goal is to have communities where children grow up safe from abuse, neglect and dependency, where adults are protected from domestic violence, and where parents can be strengthened in their capacity to keep their family safe.

SOME OF OUR SERVICES

- Families and children may receive parent education, budgeting help, crisis intervention, sex abuse treatment and mental health therapy
- When necessary and possible (subject to appropriate background checks), children are placed in the care of relatives
- Adoption services are available for children who cannot be returned to their biological parents
- Foster children who transition out of our care at 18 years of age may participate in the Transition to Adult Living program—designed to promote self-sufficiency
- Domestic violence services—from counseling to shelters

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CASA, Mike Bolz, 801-578-3898

Utah Foster Care Foundation, 1-877-505-KIDS (5205),
www.utahfostercare.org

Utah Commission on Volunteers, 1-888-755-UTAH (8824),
www.volunteers.utah.gov

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION

Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

801-538-4100

DCFS Constituent Services

801-538-4439

Utah Foster Care Foundation

1-877-505-KIDS (5205), www.utahfostercare.org

Utah Adoption Exchange

801-265-0444, www.utdcfsadopt.org

Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-678-9399 (Statewide)

Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-897-LINK (5465)

Office of Child Protection Ombudsman

801-538-4589 or 1-800-868-6413, www.ocpo.utah.gov

For additional information, visit www.dcfh.utah.gov

Quick Facts:

- Received 35,738 complaints of child abuse
- 19,808 complaints were investigated; 8,342 were found to have some merit
- The most common complaints involve children who witness domestic violence and children who are physical abused
- Neglect accounted for 43% of children served in custody
- 2,021 kids entered foster care
- Substance abuse was a contributing factor in 60% of children entering foster care
- 16,788 clients received home-based services