

# UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

## Licensing Services

### ***Quick Facts:***

- 24 Licensing Specialists license all Human Services statewide
- An average of 600 new foster homes are licensed each year
- Approximately 1,400 foster homes are reviewed, inspected, monitored and home studies updated annually
- Approximately 40 private child adoption agencies are licensed each year
- 6 staff screen over 40,000 background check applications
- Approximately 1,000 treatment programs (including residential, outpatient, day, etc.) are licensed annually

We are responsible for licensing foster care, private adoption agencies, treatment programs and conducting background screening of persons who have “direct access” to children and vulnerable adults.

### **SOME OF OUR SERVICES**

- Foster care licensing statewide—to include reviewing and inspecting
- Treatment program (public and private) licensing
- Background screening that includes a review of criminal background, SAFE Child abuse/neglect history, adult abuse database and a National Criminal Background screen
- Conduct surveys and inspections
- Review major incidents
- Investigate complaints regarding any licensee or human services program
- Enforce 62A-2-106
- Impose sanctions on licensee programs that are not in compliance with rules

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Utah Commission on Volunteers, 1-888-755-UTAH (8824), [www.volunteers.utah.gov](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov)

### **IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION**

**Office of Licensing**  
801-538-4242

**For information regarding the licensure of health care or child daycare facilities, please contact the respective agency at Utah Department of Health:**

**Bureau of Health Facility Licensing, Certification and Resident Assessment**

801-538-6158 or 1-800-662-4157, [www.health.utah.gov/hflcra/](http://www.health.utah.gov/hflcra/)

**The Bureau of Child Care Licensing**

801-273-6617, [www.health.utah.gov/licensing/](http://www.health.utah.gov/licensing/)

*For additional information, visit [www.hslic.utah.gov](http://www.hslic.utah.gov)*