

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

"Caring is Our Business"

Quick Facts:

- Over 4,000 employees statewide
- In the 65+ population, Utah is the 6th fastest growing state in the U.S, with over 13,000 turning 65 in 2013
- Self-neglect is the most common referral received by DAAS
- Received 35,738 complaints of child abuse
- Substance abuse was a contributing factor in 60% of children entering foster care
- 38% of Utah's youth will have some contact with the juvenile justice system
- 72% of youth in care are between 15-17 years old
- 2,980 people with disabilities received in-home services
- Approximately 1,953 people with disabilities are waiting for services
- 216 Utahns live at USDC

Utah Department of Human Services (DHS) provides direct and contracted services to our most vulnerable children, families and adults.

SOME OF OUR SERVICES

Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

- Offers various home and community-based services to individuals, 60 years of age and older, to allow them to remain independent
- Investigates abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and vulnerable adults

Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

- Offers domestic violence counseling, shelters, crisis intervention, sex abuse treatment, mental health therapy and parent education
- Provides foster care and adoption services
- Investigates child abuse and neglect

Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS)

- Intervenes, supervises and rehabilitates juvenile offenders
- Offers 24-hour crisis counseling to runaway, homeless, ungovernable youth and their families
- Provides early intervention, community based and secure care programs

Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD)

- Provides long-term services to people with disabilities
- Offers parenting help, job training, job coaching, life skills training and case management
- Operates Utah State Developmental Center (USDC), a 24-hour residential facility for people with developmental disabilities

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Our Services (cont.)

Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH)

- Ensures substance abuse and mental health prevention and treatment services are available statewide
- Monitors outpatient and residential treatment programs
- Provides inpatient care, at Utah State Hospital (USH), for persons with severe mental illness

Office of Licensing (OL)

- Licenses and monitors services such as adult day care, foster care, adoption agencies, therapeutic schools, domestic violence shelters and youth treatment programs
- Conducts initial and annual background screening of licensed facilities or individuals who have direct access to children or vulnerable adults

Office of Public Guardian (OPG)

- Offers information, referral and education about guardianship
- Conducts assessments and petitions Courts for guardianship
- Provides guardianship and conservatorship to incapacitated adults who have no one else to help them

Office of Recovery Services (ORS)

- Establishes paternity, child support and medical support
- Collects child support and medical support
- Provides parent locate and collects support/payment for children in State care
- Ensures reimbursement for Medicaid costs incurred by children receiving child support or in State care

Quick Facts:

- Alcohol continues to be the most commonly abused substance in Utah
- Over 80,000 adults and youth are in need of, but not receiving, substance abuse treatment services
- 43,662 Utahns received mental health services from community mental health centers
- 740 Utahns received mental health treatment at Utah State Hospital
- Approximately 67% of individuals in need of mental health services do not receive treatment
- Over 2,000 homes and facilities were licensed and monitored
- OPG serves as the legal guardian for more than 200 Utahns
- Over 148,000 children are served by child support services
- ORS collected \$216 million; \$4.4 million was returned to the State General Fund

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