

## "Caring is Our Business"

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

- Over 5,000 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
- 36,447 complaints of child abuse were received last year
- Substance abuse was a contributing factor in 56% of new foster care cases
- 38% of Utah's youth will have some contact with the juvenile justice system
- 70% of youth in care are between 15-17 years old
- Over 5,000 people with disabilities received in-home and community-based services
- Approximately 1,700 people with disabilities are waiting for services
- 235 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 85,600 adults need substance abuse treatment, yet there are only 16,320 available slots
- 40,427 Utahns received mental health services from community mental health centers
- 773 Utahns received treatment at Utah State Hospital
- Approximately 52% 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
- 130,000 children are served by child support services
- ORS collected \$211.4 million (FY2008); \$5.4 million was returned to the State General Fund

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