



# Child and Family Services

## **Quick Facts:**

- 37,350 complaints of child abuse were received.
- 19,282 complaints were investigated; 7,532 were found to have some merit.
- The most common complaints involve children who witness domestic violence and children who are physically abused.
- Neglect accounts for 46% of children in custody.
- 1,926 kids entered foster care.
- Substance abuse was a factor in 63% of children entering foster care.
- 16,537 clients received home-based 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, Britany Brundage, 801-574-1472  
[www.UtahCASA.org](http://www.UtahCASA.org)

Foster Care Foundation, 1-877-505-KIDS (5205),  
[www.utahfostercare.org](http://www.utahfostercare.org)

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

**Foster Care Foundation**  
1-877-505-KIDS (5205), [www.utahfostercare.org](http://www.utahfostercare.org)

**Child Abuse Hotline**  
1-855-323-3237 (Statewide)

**Domestic Violence Hotline**  
1-800-897-LINK (5465)

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