

Assessment of Post-Adoption Resources in Kane County 2007

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Adoption Exchange has a toll free number and website for information and resources about post-adoption information and services throughout the state of Utah. The information gathered during the assessment of post-adoption resources for each region of Utah will be available on the Adoption Exchange website. They can be reached at 1-866-872-7212 or www.utdcfsadopt.org/.
- Adoption Connection Newsletter is sent to all DCFS adoptive families receiving subsidy. The newsletter is designed to have current Utah specific information regarding resources and adoption issues.
- Utah Cares at www.utahcares.utah.gov has many human service resources throughout Utah. To contact them by telephone call 211.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cluster Groups

GAP: There are no known cluster or adoption support groups in Kane County.

Specialized Groups

- DCFS offers Love and Logic classes as needed. They are working towards a parent support group.
- Family Council has a support group for parents who have children who have Down's Syndrome or any disability. The group meets monthly and provides information, education, and support. Julie Brown at 435-865-1422 is the contact person.
- Kane County residents seek help from their church members and neighbors. If they need more help than that they turn to the DCFS office. The DCFS office can be reached at 435-644-4530.
- DCFS staff will go into the home of a family with a difficult teenager and provide specific help. The DCFS office can be reached at 435-644-4530.

Children's Support Groups

- Children's Activity Groups are offered after school at Kanab elementary school. The program is for children in Kindergarten - fourth grades. Volunteer leaders provide physical activities and help the children with their school work.
- "I Can Read" program is offered for 1 hour after school at Orderville Elementary School. It is designed to help children ages 6 - 12 years old with reading skills.
- Any teenager who has community service hours to serve may help in the kitchen at the local hospital under the supervision of a long-term foster parent, Rose Huntington.

Chat Rooms

- Adoption Exchange has links to nationally based chat rooms for adoptive parents at www.utdcfsadopt.org/.

Culture Groups

- Families for African American Awareness meet several times a year. The contact person is Stacy Farmer at 801-299-0673.
- India support group is comprised of parents who have adopted children from India. They meet for potluck dinners or picnics several times a year. Contact Joan Auger at 801-547-0852.
- Korean Culture Camp has an organized camp once a year for children adopted from Korea. Families meet another time for a potluck dinner. Contact Gary or Beth Beutler at 801-280-6559.
- Russian Adoption Support meets quarterly for educational classes and family activities. Contact Jenny Davis at 801-222-8897.

- South American Culture Group meets twice a year for family activities. Contact Keith or Kathy Syndergaard at 801-756-5656.

RESPITE CARE

1 - 4 Hour Scheduled Respite

- Informal supports such as relatives, friends, or church members are most often used for respite care in Kane County.
- Common activities such as scouts, sports, and church activities can provide regular breaks for parents while their children are involved in the programs. A list of many local groups and activities as well as child care resources may be obtained through the Western Region Child Care Resource and Referral service at 1-888-344-4896.
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Day Breaks

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Overnight Breaks - Weekend Breaks

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- The Family Support Center in Cedar City or St. George will schedule respite care at their facility for children who are infant - 11 years old. Respite care is available based on space at the time of the request. A parent can schedule from 1 - 72 hours. It is a 1½ hour drive to either city. Call 435-674-4111 for St. George and 435-586-0791 for Cedar City.

Parent - to - Parent

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- There are no cluster groups in Kane County.

Immediate Crisis Respite

- Family Support Centers were established to provide immediate crisis respite care for up to 72 hours for children infant - 11 years old. The closest Family Support Centers are in either St. George or Cedar City. Both cities are about a 1½ hour drive. Call 435-674-4111 for St. George and 435-586-0791 for Cedar City.
- Iron County Youth Center in Cedar City can provide immediate crisis respite for youth 8 - 18 years old. The services can provide respite up to 28 days in extreme cases. Call 435-865-5607.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Counselors who Specialize in Adoption

- DCFS Post-Adoption worker, John Worthington, works exclusively with adoption related family issues in the Southwest Region. He can provide family counseling for any adoptive family who adopted through DCFS or he can provide the Family Preservation focus for those who are considering disrupting or dissolving their adoption.

- Southwest Center for Behavioral Health, the Medicaid provider in Kanab, would be open to receive training in adoption related issues if the training was available in the Southwest Region of the state.

Note: The DCFS Post-Adoption worker would be very open to working with an adoptive parent as an adoptive parent mentor for a Response Team Model.

Family Focused Treatment

- Southwest Center for Behavioral Health, the Medicaid provider in Kanab, provides family focused counseling. They use a Functional Family Therapy model, which involves the whole family. Contact them at 435-644-4520.
- Private practice mental health providers are also used.
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Home-Based

- Southwest Center for Behavioral Health, the Medicaid provider in Kanab, provides home-based counseling as needed.
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Respond Within 24 Hours to Crisis

- DCFS Post-Adoption unit can respond within 24 hours.
- Southwest Center for Behavioral Health - the Medicaid provider - has a 24-hour crisis response line for families. The number directs the family to call the local Sheriff's office and that office will try to reach a therapist for the adoptive family.

Family Preservation

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After School and School Treatment Programs

- Southwest Center for Behavioral Health in Kanab provides social skills groups, which includes anger management in the elementary schools.
- Southwest Center for Behavioral Health has a substance abuse prevention program in the high school. Jan Aston is the counselor who conducts the groups.
- Southwest Center in Kanab has an adolescent Substance Abuse treatment group for youth 13 - 17 years old.

Residential Treatment

- There are no residential treatment programs paid through Medicaid in Kane or surrounding counties. If a child is a threat to self or others they may be admitted to a hospital until he or she is considered stabilized.
- There are residential treatment programs for private payment in surrounding counties. Medicaid carve-out may apply to qualifying private treatment programs for adopted youth.