utah department of human services

Child and Family Services

Quick Facts:

- 36,837 complaints of child abuse were received.
- 20,649 complaints were investigated; 8,492 were found to have some merit.
- The most common complaints involve children who witness domestic violence and children who are sexually abused.
- Neglect accounts for 40% of children in custody.
- 1,976 kids entered foster care.
- Substance abuse was a factor in 57% of children entering foster care.
- 17,500 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, Mike Bolz, 801-578-3898

Foster Care Foundation, 1-877-505-KIDS (5205), www.utahfostercare.org

Utah Commission on Volunteers, 1-888-755-UTAH (8824), 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
Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-678-9399 (Statewide), 801-281-5151 (Salt Lake County), 801-544-1298 (Davis County)
Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-897-LINK (5465)

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