DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

The work we do at the Division of Child and Family Services is not just important to the children and families we serve directly—it is important to all Utahns. We are continually working to fulfill our mission of “Safe Children, Strengthened Families” and build a foundation that is reflective of the innovative, pioneering spirit of our great state.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about DCFS, and for your continued support of the children and families of our state.

Brent Platt, L.C.S.W.
Director, Utah Division of Child and Family Services

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Parental Resilience
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
Concrete Support in Times in Need
Social Connections
Social and Emotional Competence of Children

PREVENTION SERVICES

Child and Family Services provides nearly $3 million annually to support community partners with child abuse and neglect prevention. This support is dedicated to programs like Crisis Respite Nurseries. Each nursery is designed to provide a safe, homelike environment where caregivers can bring their children during times of stress. Learn more about our Prevention Services here.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Child Protective Services (CPS) is a resource for potential abuse, neglect or dependency of children in the community. Individuals can report allegations of abuse or neglect 24/7 by dialing 855-323-3237. Learn more about Child Protective Services here.

In FY2016, DCFS received 38,979 referrals investigated 21,093 cases of suspected abuse and/or neglect.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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NUMBER OF VICTIMS

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During FY 2016, neglect, which includes child-endangerment, non-supervision, and deprivation of necessities, was the most frequently confirmed allegation. The “other” category includes allegations of safe relinquishment of a newborn child, dependency, and failure to protect. Note that one case may have more than one supported allegation, therefore, the percentages in the chart below add up to more than 100%.
In-Home Services is an array of supports and interventions to ensure the safety and well-being of children in their homes. In-Home Services not only helps children remain home rather than coming into foster care, but they can also help expedite a child's safe return from foster care. In-Home Services can also be provided to relatives who have temporary custody of a child. Learn more about In-Home Services here.

Domestic Violence Services

DCFS provides funding to help support Domestic Violence shelters, treatment services, education, and other resources including the state’s domestic violence hotline: 1-800-897-LINK (5465).

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<td><strong>Women</strong></td>
<td>1,758</td>
<td>1,526</td>
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<td><strong>Men</strong></td>
<td>33</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>79% OF FAMILIES WHO HAD A SUPPORTED CASE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT WERE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.</td>
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<td>18% Child victims who received in-home services</td>
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Learn more about In-Home Services [here](#).
**KINSHIP SERVICES**

If a child cannot remain safely in their home, with their parents due to the threat of further abuse or neglect, kinship caregivers can provide a temporary or permanent home.

If kinship caregivers become foster parents and attend training, they can receive the same resources available to all licensed foster parents. Learn more about our Kinship Program here.

**Relationship of Kinship Caregiver to the Child**

- 49% Grandparent
- 37% Aunt or Uncle
- 16% Other*
- 3% Non-Custodial Parent
- 3% Sibling

*Other includes first cousins, in-laws, or family friends.

**ADOLESCENT SERVICES**

The Transition to Adult Living (TAL) program offers a continuum of services for youth ages 14 and up. In FY15, 1360 youth received TAL services like career preparation, financial assistance for higher education, budget and financial management education, and vocational training. Learn more about our Adolescent Services Program here.
FOSTER CARE SERVICES

To ensure that children are placed in an environment that best meets their needs, DCFS maintains a number of foster care placements that offer an increasing intensity of services. Learn more about our Foster Care Program here.

Placement Types of Children in Foster Care

- Family foster home: 81%
- Residential Support or Treatment: 10%
- Individualized Residential Care for Physical Disabilities and severe emotional disorders: 8%
- Runaway or Unknown: 1%

Children in Foster Care by Age

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<td>11-13</td>
<td>278</td>
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<td>14-17</td>
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<td>18+</td>
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Children Who Received Foster Care Services

- 948 Children: 36% ages 0-5
- 517 Children: 19% ages 6-10
- 517 Children: 10% ages 11-13
- 278 Children: 28% ages 14-17
- 169 Children: 6% age 18+

Reason for Exiting Children Exited Foster Care

- Reunification with Parents/Primary Caregiver: 39%
- Adoption by non-relative: 20%
- Adoption by relative: 10%
- Custody & Guardianship to Relative: 18%
- Age of majority/emancipation: 8%
- Child Ran Away: 1%
- Custody to Juvenile Justice Services: 2%
- Custody/guardianship to Foster Parent: 2%
- Referred Outside DCFS: 1%

Learn more about our Foster Care Program here.
ADOPTION SERVICES

The adoption program's purpose is to assure every child and teenager has a permanent and supportive family. During the adoption process, the caseworker helps the adoptive parents assess what services the child may need, then identify and connect them to the community resources that may be helpful. Learn more about our Adoption Services here.

![Diagram of adoption services]

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- **Children Adopted from Foster Care & In-Home Services**
  - FY12: 550
  - FY13: 424
  - FY14: 424
  - FY15: 424
  - FY16: 424

- **Adoptions to Non-Relative from Foster Care**
  - FY12: 166
  - FY13: 188
  - FY14: 359
  - FY15: 355
  - FY16: 355

- **Adoptions to Relative from Foster Care**
  - FY12: 357
  - FY13: 355
  - FY14: 369
  - FY15: 369
  - FY16: 369

- **Non-Foster Care Relative Adoptions**
  - FY12: 99
  - FY13: 183
  - FY14: 369
  - FY15: 369
  - FY16: 369

- **Children Adopted from Foster Care by Age**
  - 0-2: 221 children (36%)
  - 3-5: 24% (150 children)
  - 6-8: 18% (111 children)
  - 9-11: 9% (55 children)
  - 12-15: 8% (51 children)
  - 16+: 5% (27 children)