



Children's Service Society of Utah

Kinship Care • Adoption • Caregiver Support

**2019
ANNUAL REPORT**

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Creating lasting change for Utah's families

Recently, during a visit with my granddaughter, she asked me if I could blow bubbles for her. She explained to me that she needed to practice her “karate skills and moves”. Needless to say, she has never participated in any formal karate training or classes, but she felt it was important for her to perfect her skills. We went out to the backyard and for thirty minutes I blew bubbles to the delight of this little girl who would



kick and chop at the bubbles nonstop. As we played, I relished in her passion and zest for life. Her giggles and fighting sounds made me smile. Her world was comprised of the breeze in her hair, the sun in her face, the floating bubbles, and one patient grandma. What a small, safe, caring and beautiful world!

Unfortunately, many of the children we work with live in a world tainted by child abuse, drug misuse, mental health challenges and adult issues that prevent them from truly being children. They are forced to grow up too early and too fast. Children's Service Society of Utah has been committed to supporting adults to provide loving and caring environments for the children in their care since 1884. For over 135 years, we have set our goals high to ensure our families and children have the tools they need to be successful. At CSS Utah, we know that a healthy, safe, and loved child becomes a resilient adult who will be a contributing citizen. As Dr. Sam Goldstein writes in his book *Raising Resilient Children* (2002), “If we want to raise resilient children, we must not concentrate all of our energy on changing the world around us, but rather, we must begin by changing what we do with our children”. We might not be able to solve all of the problems in our communities, but by supporting our families, parents and caregivers we can create a better future.

From my desk, I humbly extend my gratitude to all of our donors, funders, supporters and friends, who through financial and in-kind contributions, allow us to build a better childhood for our children. As I practiced my blowing bubble skills, I know my granddaughter learned that this is a safe world where she can grow, learn and thrive. Let's give that opportunity to all children!

Encarni Gallardo
Executive Director

We believe that all children deserve a nurturing and safe environment where they can grow and thrive. By supporting the whole family, we not only influence the lives of children, but we have the potential to build stronger communities.



MISSION

To empower families, caregivers, and professionals through services supporting the safety and well-being of children.

Our services are designed to prevent child abuse and neglect through four main programs: Adoption, Care About Childcare, Grandfamilies, and Home Visitation.

Adoption

Adoptive Families/Individuals Served: 590
Adult Adoptees Served: 51
Birth Parents/Expectant Parents Served: 48
Support Group Individuals Served: 61
Counseling Sessions: 50

Care About Childcare

Number of Childcare Referrals Given: 333
Times Technical Assistance Provided: 10,895
Program Whole Record Updates: 604
Fingerprints Completed: 1,622
Over 1,600 Hours of Training Offered

Grandfamilies

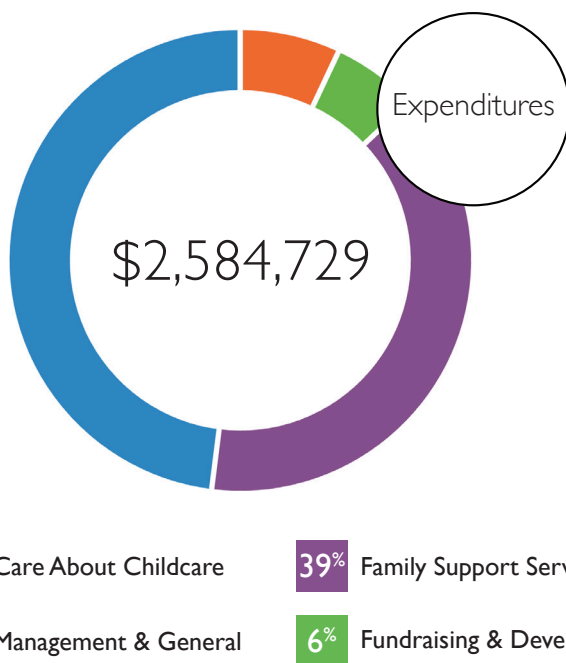
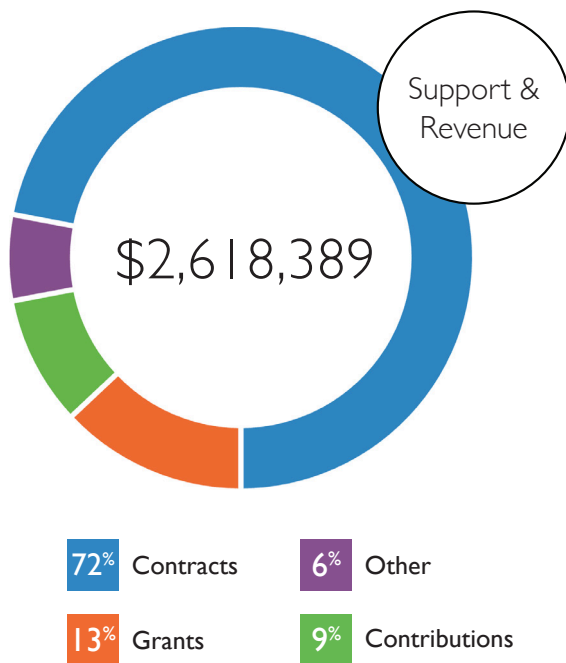
New Families Served: 255
Assisted With Guardianship Process: 190
Total New Client Intakes: 860
Individuals Attended Support Groups: 210
Attended a Friend to Friend Event: 2,692

Home Visitation

Total Number of Visits: 522
Number of Adults Served: 54
Number of Children Served: 65
Total Families Served: 35
Assessments/Screenings Completed: 136

FINANCIALS

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2019



NET ASSETS

Beginning
of the year
\$1,317,239

End
of the year
\$1,350,899

NET CHANGE

\$33,660

Our complete 2019 donor list
and financials can be found on
our website at cssutah.org

Thank You! Our hearts are full from the generosity of our community!
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