



Children's Service Society of Utah

Kinship Care • Adoption • Caregiver Support

**2021
ANNUAL REPORT**

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Serving families through the “Human Touch”

Children’s Service Society of Utah has provided safe places for children in our community, since 1884. Several years ago, the University of Chicago released a research study showing for every \$1 invested in child welfare, society receives \$17 back. That’s not a bad investment! When we invest in early childhood, ensuring children are in safe places where they can develop properly, there’s a decline in other welfare spending. We know by investing in children, they are more successful in school, less likely to be in the justice system, and become more productive citizens. CSS understood this from inception, and continues to help our communities thrive.



At CSS, we feel the stories we experience, link us together. From the viewpoint of a staff member, or the stories from families receiving services, we’re connected. You have your own story and there’s a reason you’re reading this today. You might be linked to CSS through your personal story, or for your desire to better the lives of others. Whatever your story is, we share a passion for others.

Recently I met an incredibly young person, less than a day old. She was abandoned at the hospital, and placed in the state’s custody. For her first week of life, there was no one to hold her, kiss her, or talk to her. The first days of life are crucial in developing the brain, creating connection to others, and building trust. When placed with a foster mother, she was overwhelmed when held, talked to, or touched. She needed to be slowly introduced to what we call the “human touch.”

A human touch goes beyond a service because it says that someone is there for us, that someone cares, that someone will help us, and the world is a safe place. That is what Children’s Service Society has provided for 137 years. A connection to others that help keep children safe, and provide the opportunity to thrive.

You are part of our story, and help extend our touch to those in need. We are drawn to give by our fabric to ensure children in our community are loved, and cared for. Because of your generosity, no matter what comes our way, we will continue to provide that human touch to those served at Children’s Service Society of Utah.

Thank you for being part of CSS’s story!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Encarni Gallardo'.

Encarni Gallardo
Executive Director

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MISSION

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

Our services are designed to support family preservation through four main programs: Adoption, Care About Childcare, GRANDfamilies, and Home Visitation.

Adoption

Expectant Parent Inquiries: 9
Adoptive Families on Wait-list: 21
Connection Inquiries (Past Adoptees): 31
Number of Home Studies Completed: 34
Post Placement Visits: 26

Care About Childcare

Number of Childcare Referrals Given: 312
Times Technical Assistance Provided: 563
Program Whole Record Updates: 620
Fingerprints Completed: 442
of COVID-19 Safety Checks: 1,024

GRANDfamilies

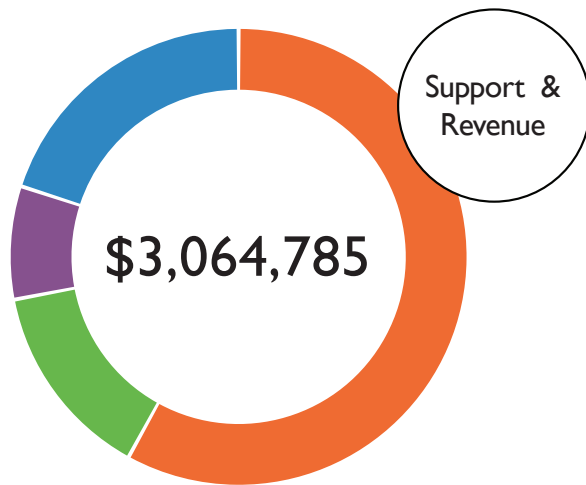
New Families Served: 191
Assisted With Guardianship Process: 152
Total New Client Intakes: 552
Individuals Attended Support Groups: 112
Attended a Friend to Friend Event: 973

Home Visitation

Total Number of Visits: 604
Number of Adults Served: 45
Number of Children Served: 63
New Families Enrolled Into Program: 21
Total Families Served: 41

FINANCIALS

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

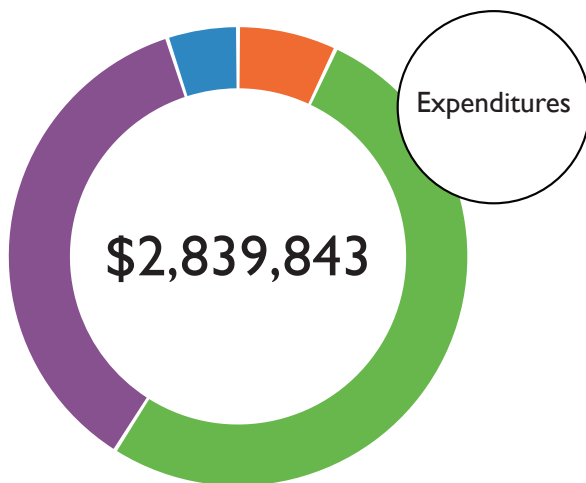


58% Contracts

8% Contributions

14% Grants

20% Other



36% Care About Childcare

52% Family Support Services

7% Management & General

5% Fundraising & Development

NET ASSETS

Beginning
of the year
\$1,186,217

End
of the year
\$1,411,149

NET CHANGE
+ \$224,942

Our complete 2021 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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