



Children's Service
Society of Utah



2023
ANNUAL REPORT



LET'S DO MORE

As I sit down to write a message of thankfulness for the generosity of our donors, the support of our friends, and the dedication of CSS staff to their jobs and to the families we serve, many feelings and emotions fill my heart. I am so grateful, a resounding truth. I am so thankful that my heart struggles to contain this feeling.

I have been the Executive Director of Children's Service Society of Utah for ten years. I look back and wonder at all we have accomplished and, most of all, I wonder at all the good CSS has done for so many families and children. We have grown in size, having now a staff of 75 members. We have grown our space, not only in Salt Lake City, but with the addition of new offices, now reaching the population of eight counties. We have grown our services, providing mental health support through our clinical program. We have upgraded the benefits for our staff members so they feel appreciated and cared for. But we have also grown in responsibilities and obligations. We have worked so hard.

I am proud of us and our work, and I am grateful for your support and dedication. And yet there are moments when I think: what else can we be doing? When I put aside all these feelings of love, pride, gratitude, and awe, I get this sensation in the pit of my stomach that there is so much more to do. Why can't I be just content with what we are doing?

I want you to join me on a quest to do more and to do better. To each ask ourselves, how can I help? Out there, somewhere, there are children trapped in unthinkable situations, sustaining pain and trauma that will go with them for the rest of their lives. I want us to be the light that shows a better path, smiles, and brings warmth into their lives.

Our work is not done. We have not stopped growing. There are many families needing support and many children craving a peaceful childhood. There are many needing a helping hand, many needing to hear that we care. Let's put down whatever it is that is distracting us from creating a better community for all of us.

Thank you for all you do for Children's Service Society of Utah. Without you, we couldn't do what we are set to do: ensure that children are with loving, caring adults.

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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 five main programs: **Adoption**, **Building Blocks**, **Care About Childcare**, **GRANDfamilies**, and **Home Visitation**.

What's Next for CSS Programs?

In the **Adoption Program**, the focus remains on building strong relationships with, and providing on-going adoption education for, community partners and contacts who work with birth mothers. We expect that this will increase referrals, allowing us to further provide ethical adoptions services and on-going supports to birth parents in Utah. Additionally, we aim to increase the number of post-adoption support services that CSS delivers, including support groups, parenting education, and therapy sessions.

Building Blocks Childcare Center intends to become certified as a 'High Quality' center under CCQS. We also continually aim to reach full enrollment capacity, accommodating 41 children at the center.

In the coming year, in addition to continuing to support building quality, the focus within the **Care About Childcare Program** will be continuing to provide resources, training, and funds to the childcare community through the CCQS initiative. We also aim to identify and engage with 20 prospective providers, fostering the expansion of child care services in our region. The first crucial step involves connecting with parents and providers through our annual needs assessment to find out how to best support our community overall.

The **Grandfamilies Program** is set to implement the Arizona kinship model and secure Title IV-E funding match through DHHS. The ultimate goal is to achieve recognition as an "Exemplary Program" from the Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network. Additionally, we hope to open a new location in Uintah County, expanding our reach and impact in supporting grandfamilies in need.

The **Home Visitation Program** has a goal to increase the amount of attendance for our Group Connections to allow more families to engage with each other while having fun. We also aim to connect families to at least one community resource every month.



35 ADOPTIVE
PARENTS SERVED



2 ADOPTIVE PARENTS
MATCHED



2 FINALIZED
ADOPTIONS



32 SUPPORT GROUP
ATTENDEES



16 POST-ADOPTION
CLIENTS SERVED



13 HOME STUDIES
AND UPDATES
COMPLETED

For over 135 years, Children's Service Society of Utah has provided adoption services to thousands of birthparents, adoptive families, and their children. We pride ourselves in providing ethical adoption services. In 2018, Children's Service Society of Utah's received the "Utah Ethical Leadership Award" as the leading provider in supportive

community services and nonprofit leadership.

ADOPTION



650 PROGRAMS SERVED



3683 CARE GIVERS SERVED



239 REFERRALS TO FAMILIES



61 GRANTS AWARDED (START-UP & KIC)



18 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EVENTS



161 CLASSES TAUGHT



124 CDA'S AWARDED



437 CAREER LADDER INCENTIVES

The mission of Care About Childcare is to promote quality environments for all children through education and support.

Childcare is much more than simply caring for children. Childcare

CARE is a family issue, a business issue, an employment issue, an education issue, and a community issue.

ABOUT CHILDCARE



32 FAMILIES SERVED



11 GROUP
CONNECTION
EVENTS



36 HEALTH REVIEWS



340 HOME VISITS
COMPLETED



66 DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENINGS



158 RESOURCE
CONNECTIONS

Home Visitation was created to assist low-income and high-risk families with children 0-5 years through personal in home

HOME VISITATION

support, screenings, and education. CSS educates families about how to prepare their children for success in school and in life.



GRANDFAMILIES

GRANDfamilies was created in 2002 in direct response to community need for kinship care resources. It is a support, advocacy, educational and crisis intervention program designed to provide information and support to kinship families so that the needs of safety and permanency for the children can be met.

179 NEW FAMILIES SERVED



19 PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL 10-WEEK COURSES



131 PSYCHO-ED ATTENDEES



66 FRIEND 2 FRIEND EVENTS



2,004 FRIEND 2 FRIEND ATTENDEES



109 OUTREACH HOURS



3,000 CASE MANAGEMENT HOURS



65 CHILDREN SERVED
SINCE OPENING



32 CURRENT
STUDENTS ENROLLED



10 CSS CHILDREN
ENROLLED



4 SUBSIDY CHILDREN

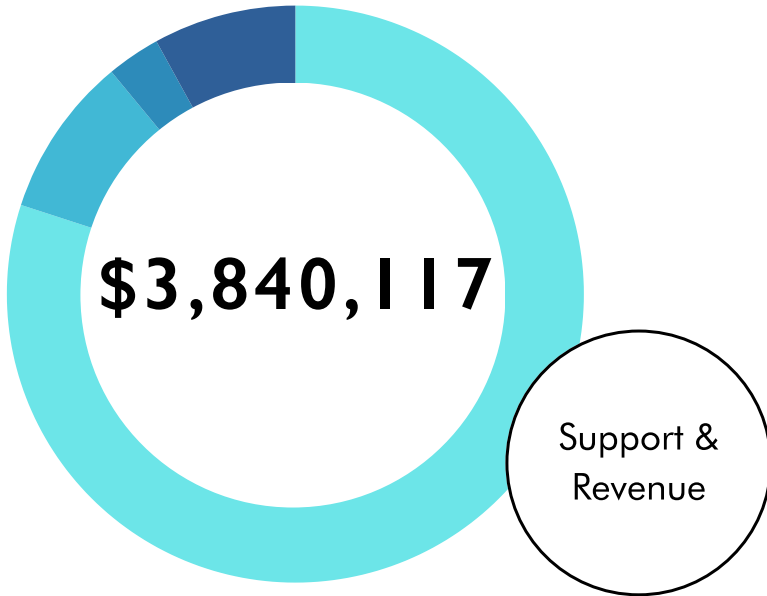
BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Childcare Center in Taylorsville, Utah was purchased by Children's Service Society (CSS) in November 2021 to provide preschool and childcare for underserved families. The center has been recently remodeled to create a safe, healthy, and high-quality learning environment.

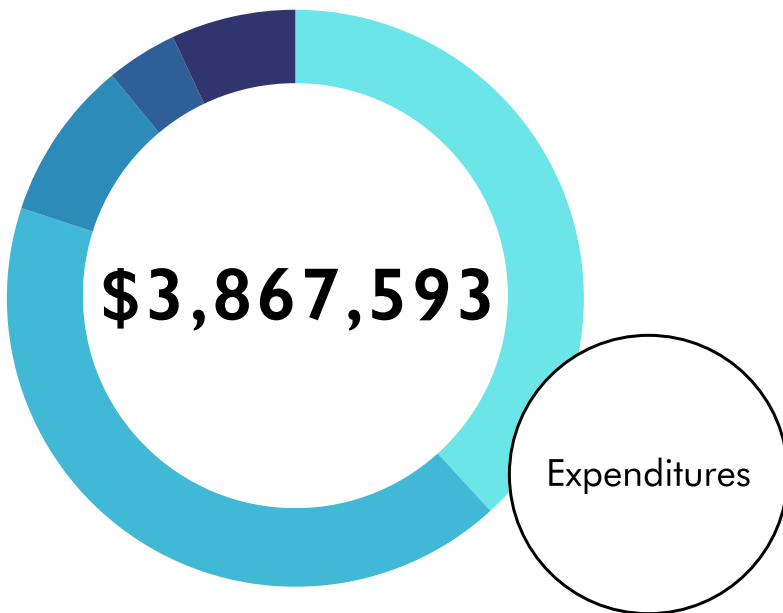
FINANCIALS

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

- Contracts - 80%
- Grants - 9%
- Contributions - 3%
- Other - 8%



- Care About Childcare - 38%
- Family Support Services - 42%
- Building Blocks - 9%
- Fundraising - 4%
- Management and General - 7%



NET ASSETS

Beginning
of the year

\$1,328,531

End
of the year

\$1,301,055

NET CHANGE

-\$27,476

Our complete 2023 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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