UTAH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES | DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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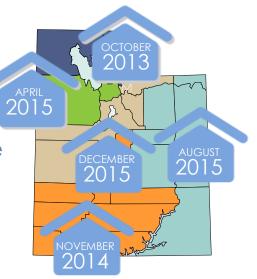
HomeWorks

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The goal of HomeWorks is to enhance parents' capacity to safely care for their children in their home and safely reduce the need for foster care in Utah.

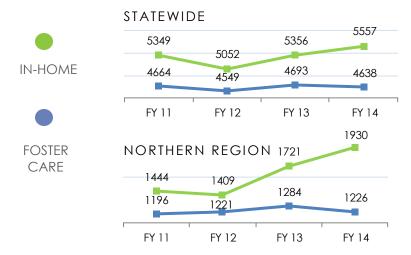
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home, and foster care



SHORT-TERM More engage use evidence-**OUTCOMES** effective family families to based assessments create working strategies partnerships Improved Increased Increased wellbeing for availability of capacity of **INTERMEDIATE** children and community parents to care families resources to OUTCOMES for and protect support families receiving intheir children home services in their home Reduced Reduced need LONGTERM Reduced use of recurrences of for DCFS OUTCOMES foster care child abuse intervention and neglect Fewer cases from in-home to foster care LONGTERM Fewer foster care days by reduced new cases OUTCOME or shorter stays in care **SUCCESS** Fewer repeat cases for families in CPS, in-**MEASUREMENTS**

UTAH CHILDREN SERVED IN THEIR HOME AND IN FOSTER CARE - YEARLY



FIRST YEAR DATA

- 2,185 children and family clients
- 468 completed evidenced-based assessments
- 439 clients referred to the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) program

YEARLY COST OF CARE COMPARISON (AVERAGE COST PER CHILD OR FAMILY)

\$83.700 RESIDENTIAL CARE (PER CHILD)

FAMILIES SERVED IN THEIR HOME FOR THE COST OF ONE CHILD

\$27,300 = HOME - BASED FOSTER CARE (PER CHILD)

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\$2,400 FAMILY SERVED IN THEIR HOME (PER FAMILY



INDEPENDENT EVALUATION STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

- Significant increase in caseworker confidence
- Better understanding of family strengths and needs
- Strong belief that it is more effective to work on parenting skills with parents while children are in the home
- Consensus that HomeWorks aligns with Utah policy and values
- Belief that Investing in families up-front is better than "picking up the pieces" later on

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