

Our Vision: Safe Children, Strengthened Families

Children must be protected from the trauma of abuse and neglect. When safe to do so, we must also protect them from the compounding trauma of removal from their families by effectively utilizing in-home services.

The HomeWorks Program

- HomeWorks is our enhanced in-home services program. It is a set of evidence-based services, strategies, and tools that best support the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and the strengthening of their family.
- The HomeWorks program is being developed with the support of policymakers, with funding from and collaboration with Utah's Federal Title IV-E waiver child welfare demonstration project, and Casey Family Programs.



Child welfare is evolving from its original purpose of "saving" children from abuse and neglect into a system in which the achievement of permanency through family is an outcome equivalent to that of safety.

- Casey Family Programs

Key Components of HomeWorks

SDM

Includes evidence-based child safety and risk assessments.

Guides frequency of professional client contacts and operationalizes our Safety Model.

Funded by CIP and developed in collaboration with the National Council on Crime & Delinquency's Research Center.

UFACET

An evidence-based child and family assessment.

Expedites and guides our identification of family needs and services.

Developed with the PRAED Foundation, based on the Child & Family Needs & Strengths (CANS) assessment.

Advanced Professional Approach

Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework developed with the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the National Resource Center for In-Home Services

Trauma prevention and response developed with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Community Resources

Peer parenting service using the evidence-based Systematic Training for Effective Parenting.

Service inventory and gap assessment guiding future service development.

Forthcoming online child welfare community resource directory.

The Goal of HomeWorks is to:

Reduce child abuse and neglect, strengthen families, and promote optimal child development.

Maximize the capacity of parents to protect and care for their children

Safely reduce the need for foster care.

The Practice Model = The Foundation of HomeWorks

Future Regional Launches of UFACET and Advanced Caseworker Training:

April 2014: Clearfield, Bountiful, Brigham City

November 2014: Southwest Region

2015-2016: Salt Lake, Western, and Eastern Regions

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