



Children's Service Society

Safe Children, Caring Families, Strong Communities Since 1884

82,820 children in Utah are raised by a grandparent or extended family member. This is

10% of all children in the State.

If each of these children required foster care, the state of Utah would pay

\$33,000 per child, per year.

The Grandfamilies program offered through The Children's Service Society provides Utah's kinship caregivers with resources that cost only

\$3,000 per child, per year.

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By keeping these children out of the foster care system, Grandfamilies could offer Utah up to

\$ 2.9

**BILLION
IN SAVINGS**

each year

A child's safety plan should **never** be "find a new place to hide"

"Caregivers in the Grandfamilies program say..."

88% Feel that their caregiver burden is now easier

93% Gained access to community resources not previously known

82% Gained specific skills in interacting with the children's parents

85% Feel that their family is more stable than it was before

Statistics from an Independent Study of Grandfamilies conducted by **Utah Valley University**

85%
of caregivers
say...

the child I care
for is

Safer

88%
say...

the child I care
for is

Emotionally
better-off

84%
say...

the child I care
for is
doing better in

School

Because of the improved outcomes of children that are raised by loving relatives, it is **Grandfamilies' goal** for **every** relative caregiver in Utah to have **access** to the support that the program provides.



Children in Kinship Care by Region & County

Salt Lake Valley Region

Salt Lake County	35,466
Tooele County	1,836

TOTAL 37,302

Western Region

Utah County	13,480
Wasatch County	652
Juab County	290
Millard County	340
Summit County	613

TOTAL 18,375

Northern Region

Box Elder County	1,437
Cache County	2,082
Rich County	30
Weber County	7,692
Morgan County	228
Davis County	7,800

TOTAL 19,263

Southwestern Region

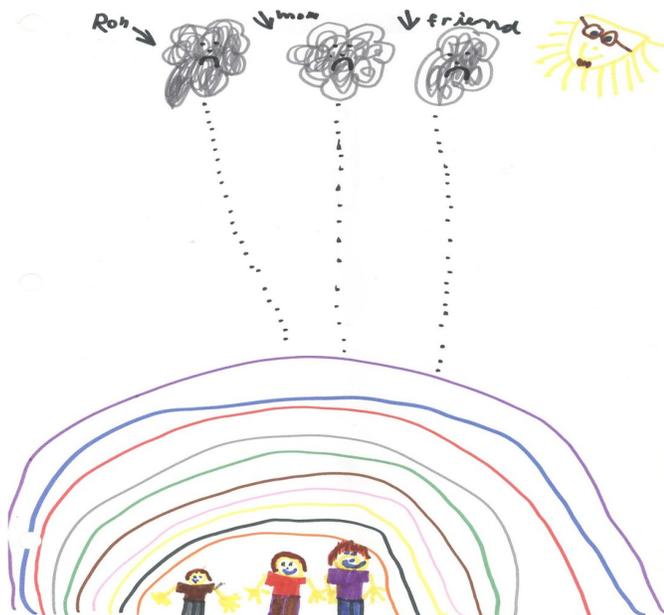
Iron County	1,121
Beaver County	184
Piute County	24
Wayne County	35
Garfield County	89
Kane County	136
Washington County	3,950
Sevier County	454
Sanpete County	757

TOTAL 6,750

Eastern Region

Duchesne County	638
Daggett County	19
Uinta County	1,322
Carbon County	733
Emery County	330
Grand County	200
San Juan County	882

TOTAL 4,124



The drawing to the left was crafted by Tommy, a child participating in the Grandfamilies Program. The first time Tommy came to the Grandfamilies office, he had just been removed from his parent's home to be cared for by his grandparents. He was malnourished, physically ill, and selectively mute. Because of his reluctance to talk about his family and past, he agreed to draw. After creating this picture, he began explaining what he had drawn. Pointing to the clouds, he said, "This is my mom, dad, and their friend that hurt me." He then pointed to the figures under the rainbow and said, "this is my sister, me and my grandma. Grandma has put a rainbow over us and now they can't hurt us— we are safe". Because Tommy's grandma took him and his sister into her home, she faced many challenges and

obstacles that she would have been unprepared for without the help of the Grandfamilies program. In addition to offering legal support and connections to resources & financial assistance, Grandfamilies gave Tommy's grandmother the guidance and encouragement she needed to love Tommy and his sister through their recovery from the anxiety, trauma, depression and attachment disorders they developed while living with their parents.