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Grandfamilies Kinship Care at Children's Service Society

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24,000 children in Utah has a grandparent
as a primary caregiver.

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

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

\$5,000 and **\$20,000** per child,
per year.

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

\$1,500 per child, per year.

\$409

MILLION IN SAVINGS

each year

**For every 1 child in kinship foster care
20 children are not receiving services.**

"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%
of caregivers
say...

the child I care
for is
Emotionally
better-off

84%
of caregivers
say...

the child I care
for is
doing better in
School

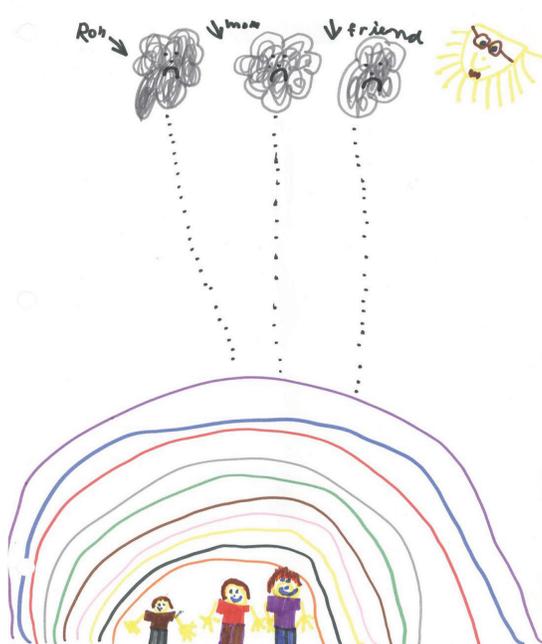
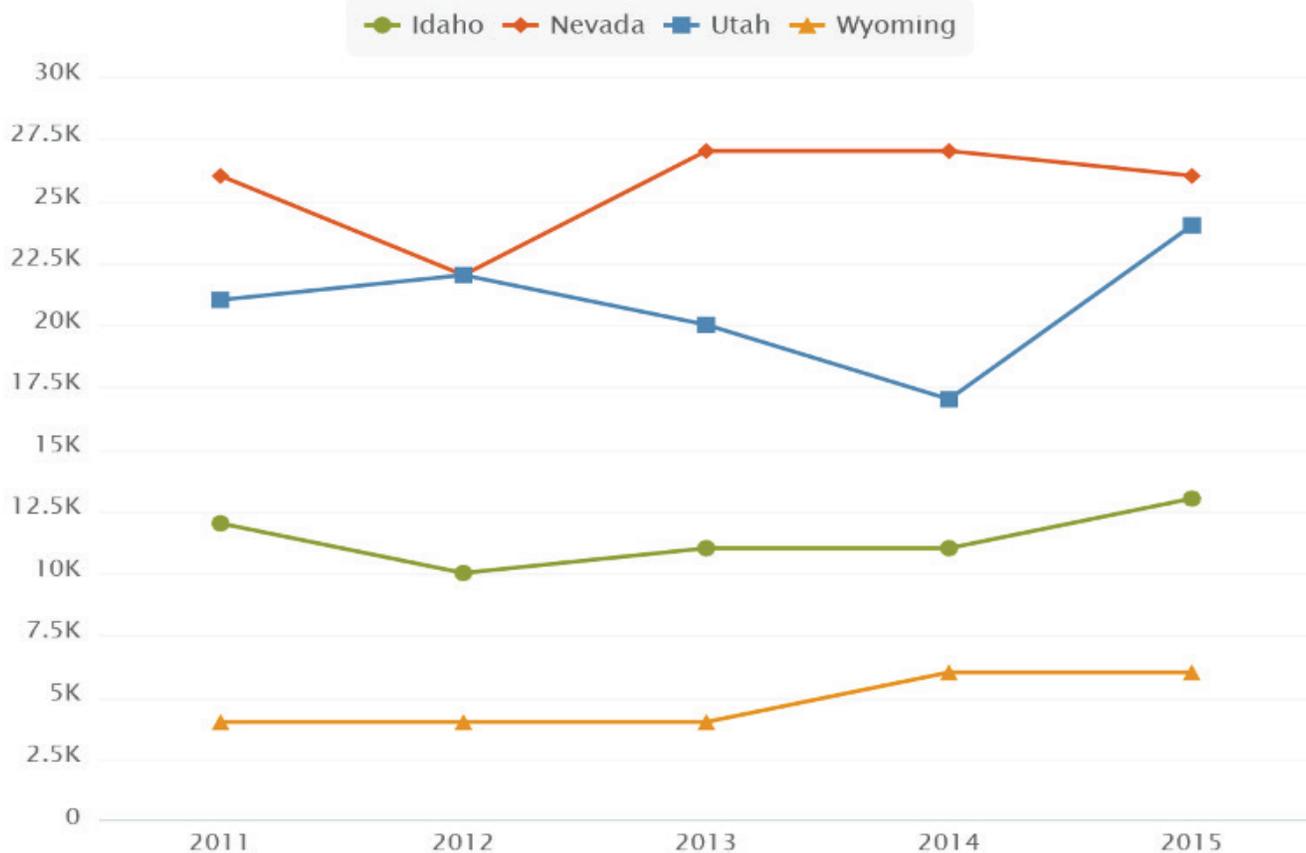
Because of the improved outcomes of children that are raised by loving relatives, it is Grandfamilies' goal for every relative caregiver in Utah to have access to the support that the program provides.

Opioid Epidemic Increasing Numbers in Kinship Care

Children In The Care Of Grandparents

Year(s): 5 selected | Data Type: Number

Data Provided by: National KIDS COUNT



This drawing was crafted by Tommy, a child participating in Grandfamilies. 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. 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.

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This is a short report to provide information about the status of the Grandfamilies Program in the state of Utah.

Grandfamilies started to serve grandparents and/or relatives charged with the care of children whose parents were affected by drug addiction. The program started in 2001 in response to the needs of the community and has exponentially grown since then.

Grandfamilies provides services in Salt Lake, Davis, Weber and Cache Counties. The funding for our program comes mostly from private grants and donations, along with a small contract through DCFS and the Salt Lake Substance Abuse Prevention Fund. We also provide services in Utah County through a collaboration agreement with Wasatch Mental Health.

In FY 2014 Grandfamilies was awarded a one-time \$600,000 to spread over three years to expand our services to Weber and Cache Counties. During these three years we have served well over 1,000 individuals and have supported family members in creating safe environments for children who otherwise would have entered the foster care system. CSS has run with the expenses of serving families during FY17, but we find ourselves unable to provide these services without further support. Just in FY2017 we have provided services to 364 unduplicated individuals. The price of these services are a small fraction of what the cost would be if these children were to enter the state system.

Through a research provided by Utah Valley University, we know that when we keep children with their families, they perform better in school, they are more likely to graduate and to go on to college and be productive citizens. It only costs an average of \$1,500 a year to provide these families with the skills necessary to deal with the adult involved in the opioid epidemic; as well as the tools to work with children who, in many cases, are severely abused. By helping them to cope with the hurt and trauma, we can stabilize the environment and help children bond with their caregivers. If we do not receive any support, we will have to close our services in Weber and Cache Counties.

CSS Grandfamilies Program was just filmed for a special production with 60 Minutes as our program is unique in the country, and provides valuable services to families suffering the consequences of the opioid epidemic.

The request of \$500,000 will allow us to keep our services going during a time when families need them the most. Our prevention component will also help break the cycle of drug abuse these children are exposed to.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the wellbeing of Utah children and families.

Encarni Gallardo

Performance Measures and Effectiveness



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Description of how the project's effectiveness will be evaluated

The following tools evaluate the program's effectiveness for adult caregivers:

1. The Global Assessment is administered at the initial intake to kinship caregivers who register for psycho educational groups and after the ten-week psycho educational groups to measure children's safety, stability, and accessibility to resources.
2. The Relatives as Parents Survey is administered to kinship caregivers before and after the 10-week psycho educational groups which measures children's safety, stability and accessibility to resources.
3. The Grandfamilies Protective Factors Survey is administered to kinship caregivers before and after ten-week psycho educational groups which measures the increase in protective factors for children's safety, stability, and accessibility to resources.
4. In children's groups, pre- and post-tests are administered before and after the ten-week psycho educational groups to measure the knowledge gained and behavior skills learned.

This tool has two sections:

- One-on-one interview section that the Grandfamilies clinical social worker uses to assess each child's knowledge regarding substance abuse;
- Observable behavior section that the Grandfamilies clinical social worker uses to observe each child's social interactions within the group.

Our goal is to achieve the following outcomes for those children and family members that participate in our program:

- Stable home environment
- Secure attachment with caregivers
- Social and emotional skills to establish sound communication, future problem solving and preventing drug addiction



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Grandfamilies Kinship Care at Children's Service Society FY17 Report

Grandfamilies Program served **548** new children and **513** new caregivers in **209 families**

Grandfamilies completed **15 support groups** for caregivers and **16 support groups** for children and adolescents

Grandfamilies held a total of **46 Friend 2 Friend activities** attended by over **4200 kinship family members**

Family Advocate assisted kinship families in over **175** guardianships

Family Advocates educated **100%** of new intakes on **Medicaid eligibility** and **behavioral health options**

Grandfamilies clinical staff and interns completed over **175** clinical counseling hours with **at risk youth** and caregivers

**Grandfamilies Weber County
BUDGET PROJECTION FY 2017**

Contractor Name: Children's Service Society

Budget Period: FY 18

I. Personnel

A.	Salaries	\$	136,646.44
B.	Benefits	\$	29,383.41
Total Personnel			166,029.85

II. Staff related costs

Licensing and Training	Amount
Licenses renewal	300.00
Training s	1,000.00
CEU Credits (required)	1,000.00
Total	2,300.00

III. Yearly Program Cost Adult and children Suport Group

Supplies per group	1,500.00
Total	15,000.00

IV. Yearly Program Costs- F2F Support Activities

F2F General supplies	1,700.00
Quarterly Activities	6,000.00
Total	7,700.00

Program Expenses	Amount
Admin	0
Building Costs	12,000.00
Mileage	6,500.00
Office Supplies	6,500.00
Postage	750.00
Printing	1,500.00
Program Costs	31,250.00
Telephone	2,750.00
Total Current Expense	61,250.00

Total All Categories	227,279.85
with Admin	250,007.84

**Grandfamilies Cache County
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