

# Residential Treatment Center (RTC) Special Education \$84,230 (Program Monitoring Fees)

# **Historical Funding Levels and Purpose**

### **Current (SFY 2021) funding level:**

\$100,000 (Education Fund)

**Funding Level in SFY 2020:** \$100,000

Purpose of the program:

Ensures RTC special education programs that enroll students from CA and IL meet Utah program compliance requirements. Fee schedule request replaces the \$100,000 ongoing appropriation, allowing the \$100,000 to be repurposed to other USBE funding requests.

### **Projected Outcomes/Results**

- RTCs will self-fund their certification program.
- Ensures RTC special education programs:
  - Meet all Utah compliance requirements;
  - Provide instruction and service from educators/providers licensed in Utah; and
  - Implement the services and supports on each enrolled student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

#### **Problems to Address**

- CA and IL state law requires that if students with disabilities are placed in out-of-state RTCs for purposes of special education services, the special education programs within those RTCs must be certified by the state in which they operate.
- Creating a fee schedule makes the RTC certification program self-funded based on actual monitoring and certification costs.

#### **Impact if not Funded**

- State funds would continue to be needed to conduct RTC certifications.
- CA and IL will not send students to Utah RTCs if USBE is unable to certify RTC special education programs.

## Can this funding be scaled?

There are 26 RTCs that send students from CA and IL; Utah could choose to certify fewer RTCs, decreasing the cost.