

Adoption of Utah's hardest-to-place children

This request will provide additional funding for evidence-based adoption support to Utah's hardest-to-place children receiving services in the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

\$1,000,000
One-time FY27 General Fund

Evidence-based adoption support

DHHS is committed to support youth most likely to exit care without a permanent, loving home.

- Wendy's Wonderful Kids program is supported by Raise the Future through a financial partnership with DCFS and the Dave Thomas Foundation.
- Specialized youth connection advocates work closely with DCFS staff to provide intensive, child-specific recruitment for those at high risk of exiting the foster care system without a family.
- If not fully funded, the list of children waiting to receive this service will continue to grow.
- Community and financial partnership between DCFS, Dave Thomas Foundation Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) program and Raise the Future.

