GRAND FAMILIES

Children’s Service Society

Grandfamilies
Relatives as Parents
Children’s Service Society is the Oldest Non Profit in the State of Utah

Children’s Service Society was originally founded in 1884 as a day nursery, later as a home for orphaned children, foster care, and then adoption. Help with child care, parenting, and kinship family support has always part of the services that Children’s Service Society has provided.
CHILDREN'S SERVICE SOCIETY

SUPPORT SERVICES
- HOME VISITATION
- GRANDFAMILIES
- ADOPTIONS

CARE ABOUT CHILDCARE
- QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
- CHILD CARE REFERRAL
According to the Child Welfare Information Gateway, kinship care is defined as "the full-time care, nurturing, and protection of a child by relatives, members of their Tribe or clan, godparents, stepparents, or other adults who have a family relationship to a child." The relationship should be respected on the basis of the family's cultural values and emotional ties.
Benefits of Kinship Care

- Siblings
- Behavioral Health
- Cultural Identity
- Permanency
- Safety
- Mental Health
- Connection
- Belonging
- Stability to Parents
Grandfamilies Program

- Adult support groups
- Children’s support groups
- Friend 2 Friend
- Crisis Intervention
- Kinship Navigator
- Family Problem Resolutions
- Counseling Services
Adult Support Group

- Grandfamilies Program Overview and What is Kinship Care?
- Do I Have Rights?
- Loss and Grief Issues of Children in Kinship Care
- Why Can’t We Be A Family Again?
- Dynamics of Kinship Families
- Parenting Two Generations
- Parenting the At Risk Child
- Substance Abuse and Addiction
- Risk and Protective Factors for Children in Kinship Care
- What About Me?
Children’s and Teens Support Groups

- Introduction to interpersonal skills
- Developing a healthy self-esteem
- Identifying and expressing feelings
- Identifying and managing feelings
- Kinship family dynamics
- Learning healthy coping skills
- Overview of the effects of drugs and alcohol
- Handling peer pressure
- Anger management techniques
- Social skills and termination
Purpose is to provide prosocial activities for children and teens as well as a space for family bonding and attachment to continue to develop. Examples include: Halloween Parties, Holiday Parties, Summer BBQ's, Guest Speakers, Community Resources, Art Therapy, Tickets to Local Events.