Facts About Children in Foster Care in Utah

Total Population: 2,678 children were in the foster care system in Utah on September 30, 2007. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:

- Average Age: 10 years (September 30, 2007)
- 7% < 1 year
- 23% 1-5 years
- 16% 6-10 years
- 29% 11-15 years
- 24% 16-18 years
- 1% > 19 years

Gender:

- Male: 55%
- Female: 45%

Race and Ethnicity:

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>In out-of-home care</th>
<th>In state child population</th>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>2 or More Races</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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Length of Stay:

- The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2007 was 18 months.

Reunified:

- 36% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2007 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes:

- On September 30, 2007, there were a total of 1259 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Utah.
- On September 30, 2007, 15% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Adoption:

- Of children adopted from foster care in FY 2007, 76% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 24% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Utah, please call 1-877-505-KID or visit http://www.utahfostercare.org/

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at 1-800-557-5238 or visit www.nfpainc.org

Sources:

1 Utah Division of Child and Family Services. SACWIS system as of February 1, 2008