



Benefits of Prevention

Child maltreatment is not just a personal problem. It comes at a high financial cost to our state, and weakens our community.



Cut Costs to the State: Each substantiated case of child maltreatment costs an estimated \$830,928 over the victim's lifetime.



Improve Mental Health: 80% of child maltreatment victims met the criteria for at least one psychological disorder by age 21.



Improve Academic Performance: Victims of child maltreatment are 25% more likely to experience low academic achievement.



Reduce Teen Pregnancy: Child maltreatment victims are 25% more likely to become pregnant during their teenage years.



Create a Safer Utah: Victims of child maltreatment are 30% more likely to commit violent crime.

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“Children are one third of our population and all of our future.”

Select Panel for the
Promotion of Child Health, 1981



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Essentials for Childhood

Utah Coalition for
Protecting Childhood



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Each year **Utah** experiences

Nearly
10,000
substantiated cases
of child maltreatment

10.6 victims per 1,000 children
(higher than the national average)

11 DEATHS

from child
maltreatment

2x

higher rates of child
maltreatment among
children younger than
1 year old,
**African Americans, &
American Indians**



State Plan Strategies



Strengthen Economic Support to Families

Financial problems were identified as a risk factor in 21% of Utah's child maltreatment cases.



Change Social Norms to Support Positive Parenting

41% of Utah parents seldom or never seek help with caring for children when needed.



Provide Quality Care & Education Early in Life

57% of Utah children (ages 3-4) aren't enrolled in any kind of school.



Enhance Parenting Skills to Promote Child Development

30% of Utah parents seldom or never help their child express themselves with words when they are angry or frustrated.

6% of Utah parents use physical discipline daily or almost daily.



Intervene to Reduce Harm & Prevent Future Risk

26% of child maltreatment cases in Utah involved the child's caretaker using alcohol.

32% of Utah child maltreatment cases identified domestic violence as a risk factor.



To ensure safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children, we must create conditions where parents and caregivers can successfully meet the basic physical and psychological needs of the family.