



Annual Report

ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Despite the trying times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah has continued to provide services as an essential part of our communities. We have worked hard to fulfill our mission of strengthening families, protecting children and promoting healthy relationships with our two Crisis/Respite Nurseries, Parenting Education Classes, In-Home Parenting Support, Post Adoption Services and Youth Mentoring. We also provide a 24 Hour crisis hotline, visitation exchanges, and collaborate with many other community partners to provide resources and referrals to families.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES BY SUPPORTING UTAH FAMILIES

The Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah provides services for children and families throughout Southern Utah. Below are the numbers of children and families helped during our last fiscal year (July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021):

- 632 Children ages 0-11 received crisis or respite childcare which totaled 224 families throughout Southern Utah
- 17,320 hours of free childcare provided so parents could utilize other resources or supports to strengthen their families
- 44 children in state custody used the Family Support Center as Emergency Shelter while awaiting safe home placements
- In-home support and respite services provided to 75 youth adopted from foster care
- 1,363 hours of in-home parenting support for families in crisis
- 1,172 Parenting Class education hours
- 203 Visitation Exchanges
- In-home parenting support and advocacy for 19 families



CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

I am a single mom to a young foster child who has survived severe neglect and sexual abuse. The requirements of her care are enormous, beyond what most if any parents could sustain without support. The Family Support Center has been nothing short of a lifeline. Their team has provided me the only opportunity I've had for once to twice monthly crisis care and respite. These brief overnights have been great fun for my daughter and mission-critical for me. The staff is professional, well-trained, courteous, hard-working, and experienced. They provide a safe and enriching "camp-like" environment for the children. My daughter looks forward to going each time she has the chance, and readies her backpack in excitement the night before. I gratefully drive roundtrip from Kanab to Cedar City to access the support.

2020 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR



After two months of nominations and voting by the community, the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the 70th annual "Best of Cedar City" awards. Winners received their awards and recognition at the gala on Thursday, March 18, 2021. There were 14 different awards honoring citizens and businesses for encouraging and promoting a positive and vital economy and preserving those unique qualities that make the Cedar City area a very special place to live, work, and visit. Many times, people & businesses do things to better our community without getting recognized, and this was our opportunity to do so. The Family Support Center of Southwestern Utah was recognized as 2020 Organization of the Year for the services and support they provide to families in the community.

NEW YOUTH MENTOR PROGRAM

Despite the challenges of COVID, our new Youth Mentor Program is up and running! We have 24 matches of SUU students who meet regularly with at risk youth between the ages of 8 and 18 to form healthy relationships and enjoy recreational activities together.

In May we had a large group activity up at Brianhead Ski Resort doing all of their summer activities. We hope to be able to reach our goal of 40 matches this next year and to keep providing this mentoring opportunity for both the SUU students and the youth they are forming friendships with.



VOLUNTEERS

The Family Support Center is grateful for the amazing volunteers that provide quality care for our clients and bring an enormous amount of positive energy to our organization. This year we had **1479 volunteer hours** provided by SUU students, Easter Seals, and amazing members of our community.



960 Nursery Volunteer Hours
519 Mentor Volunteer Hours

FSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Family Support Center is governed by an amazing Board of Directors:

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Superheroes live in the hearts of small children fighting big battles.

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