

# TRANSPLANTING

## Utah's Prevention System

utah department of  
**human  
services**

CHILD AND FAMILY  
SERVICES

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### Remove Plant from Pot

- ✧ New Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Services Administrator hired in December 2019
- ✧ 15 years child welfare experience including in-home, foster care, post-adoptions, clinical, delinquency, and court liaison
- ✧ New environments: macro level practice, administration, prevention sciences, working from home during a pandemic

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### Inspect Roots · Tease & Loosen

- ✧ Statewide tour & interviews with Grantees
- ✧ Review prevention scope of work
- ✧ Begin to understand how prevention can be integrated with child welfare system
- ✧ New partners: Office of Home Visiting, Utah Coalition for Protecting Childhood, Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health, Prevent Child Abuse Utah, Utah Association of Family Support Centers, Utah Family Strengthening Network, early childhood systems, DCFS Admin Team, Court Improvement Program



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### Place in Prepared Hole

- ✧ Finalized *interim* scope of work — 2.5 years to further assess, prepare and be intentional
- ✧ Provided flexibility for each grantee to “start where they are”
- ✧ Increased training & support for grantees
- ✧ Increased capacity of Utah Family Strengthening Network (acquired by PCA Utah)
- ✧ Explored braiding funds with MIECHV
- ✧ Formed DHS Prevention Collaboration

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### Firm Soil & Water Well

- ✧ Dept of Health & Human Services realignment in 2022
- ✧ Community needs assessment & strategic plan
- ✧ Distribute America Rescue Plan dollars
- ✧ Child welfare integration / FFPSA involvement
- ✧ New scope of work coming in 2023
- ✧ Integration of faith leader prevention workgroups
- ✧ Trauma-Informed Utah
- ✧ Public service campaign — shift the messaging



### Expect Weeds!

- ✧ COVID!
- ✧ Declining birth rates & Trust Fund balance
- ✧ New state leadership / agency realignment
- ✧ Multiple roles of Child Welfare Improvement Council — CRP, General Oversight, *and* Trust Fund Advisory Board



### Connect Our Roots



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