



Statewide Facts: Latino/Hispanic Children in Foster Care

- There are some 2300 Utah children in foster care at any given time and 24% of them are Latino/Hispanic.
- There are approximately 1,200 licensed foster parents in Utah and 7% of them are Latino/Hispanic.
- In the Salt Lake Valley area, 247 children in foster care are Latino/Hispanic and there are 42 Latino/Hispanic foster parents.
- Latino/Hispanic children are over represented in the foster care system in Utah. Culturally sensitive placements can help to ease some of the trauma experienced by children who are removed from their homes and placed in foster care.
- All foster/adoptive families must be permanent legal U.S. residents.
- Children in foster care come from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds and they need families who are able to help them maintain their cultural identities.
- There is a particular need for Latino/Hispanic families who are fluent in both Spanish and English.