



## Intergenerational Poverty 2016 Promising Practices

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### Promising Practices Featured in 2016 Report

**High-Quality Preschool in Rural Utah** – In 2016, the Utah Legislature approved an appropriation of \$11 million dollars from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to expand access to high-quality preschool for low-income children. As a result of these funds, an additional 375 children in rural counties with high rates of children at risk of remaining in poverty, which include Iron, Sevier and Washington, will be served in high-quality preschools.

**Home Visitation Services** – TANF resources were targeted to provide home visitation services including to the Central Utah Health Department and several rural counties targeted by the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission. The state’s evidence-based home visitation models include Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and Parents As Teachers, which are designed for parents with young children to obtain strong parenting skills that promote children’s healthy development.

**Piute School District** – Piute School District established five professional learning communities (PLC) to address student learning gaps, utilizing data, and ongoing communication. Piute School District also partners with Snow College to provide students with access to college advisors. This approach is allowing Piute School District to increase its graduation rates and increase post-secondary enrollments among its students.

**Adult Education in San Juan County** – San Juan School District partnered with Utah State University Eastern-Blanding to administer an adult education program at a college campus. The program connects students to supportive services such as onsite child care, tutoring, financial aid resources, counseling and developmental courses. In 2015, the Native American students, who made up 70 percent of the program, comprised 78 percent of the graduates.

**Promoting Self-Reliance in Weber County** – The SparkPoint Center helps low-income families escape poverty and achieve long-term financial stability. SparkPoint participants, many of whom experience intergenerational poverty, have opened individual bank accounts, increased credit scores and increased monthly income through employment.

**Promoting Positive Community Outcomes in Carbon County** – Carbon County, in partnership with the Utah Division of Substance and Mental Health, formed the CARE Coalition to provide a safe environment for youth. Although in its infancy, the CARE Coalition is well on its way to developing a comprehensive community-needs assessment and strategic plan to reduce intergenerational poverty.

**School-Based Behavioral Health** – The availability of School-Based Behavioral Health (SBBH) is important to the health development of children exposed to toxic stress and adverse childhood experiences. The timing of providing mental health services to students is critically important, given that the onset of half of all lifetime mental illnesses takes place by age 14. In 2015, the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission began evaluating whether schools with high rates of students in intergenerational poverty participated in the SBBH program.