

UNIT 3:
CONCEPTION,
REPRODUCTION
, BIRTH,
PARENTING &
ADOPTION
(UTAH SAFE
HAVEN LAW)

Health Services Department



The Cost of Raising a Child:

\$233,610



Not including
the annual cost
of college!

\$45,370
Private

\$20,090
Public

**Includes room
and board.*



Where does the money go?

18%
Food

29%
Housing

15%
Transportation

9%
Health Care

6%
Clothing

16%
Child Care
& Education

7%
Misc.

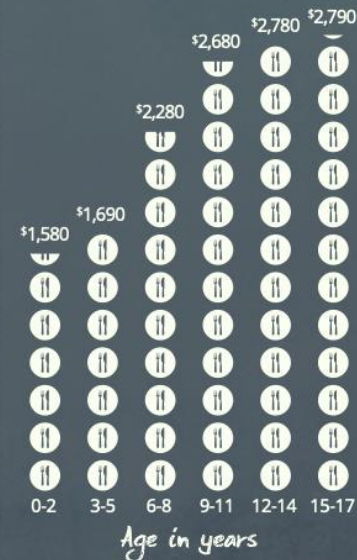
Annual Housing Cost
per Child

Urban
\$3,900

VS

Rural
\$2,400

Annual Food Costs by Age



Cost by Region



VS



*U.S. average for middle-income, married-couple families. Total costs are from birth through age 17.
Source: Expenditures on Children by Families, 2015.
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Misc. Pub. No. 1528-2015.

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IN AN IDEAL
WORLD...

All pregnancies would be planned and wanted;

Newborns would be welcomed into the home; and

They would be raised in a safe and loving household.

WHY A PREGNANCY MAY NOT BE WELCOMED

- A person may not want to admit or believe that there is a pregnancy due to:
 - Sexual assault;
 - Fear of telling parents;
 - Fear family will be disappointed; or
 - Fear of death.



CONSEQUENCES OF HIDING A PREGNANCY

If a person hides a pregnancy, she may not get:

- Prenatal care;

- Mental health counseling and services;

- Information about adoption and other resources.



MORE CONSEQUENCES

- The woman may have delivered the baby on her own and may need medical care.
- The parents of the newborn may panic and leave the baby in an unsafe place.
- The woman or the infant – or both – may die.



“BABY DROP OFF” LAW

The law allows a birth mother or any other person to leave a newborn at a Utah hospital emergency room...

NO Questions Asked

NO Police

NO Judgment



WHAT IS A “NEWBORN BABY” DEFINED AS?

A Newborn Baby defined under the Utah
Newborn Safe Haven Law:

**A baby 3 days old (72 hours) or
younger.**



WHAT TO DO?

- Don't be afraid to call 9-1-1.
- Emergency staff know about the Utah Newborn Safe Haven Law and how to take care of baby and mom.
- After arriving at the emergency room, the doctors and nurses will make sure both mom and the baby are healthy.



PRIVACY IS THE LAW!

Mom does not have to give any information to the emergency or hospital staff.

Privacy is important and it is the law.

But, if mom *does* have medical information about the health of the newborn, or knows of a serious disease that runs in the family, it will be helpful to tell the emergency or hospital staff.



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE NEWBORN?

- After the newborn is checked by a doctor, hospital staff contact the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).
- DCFS gives the baby to trained foster parents who will care for him or her until adopted.





QUESTIONS?