kids on the move

empowering families, one kid at a time
Thanks to the support of the many people in the community who support and care about Kids On The Move (KOTM), our organization stands as ready as ever to help families, one kid at a time (as our tagline states!)

Most people think of Kids On The Move if there is a young child who is experiencing difficulties with typical growth and development—a baby born with Down Syndrome, a two year old who isn’t speaking, a premature baby getting ready to leave the hospital, or a four year old with behavior difficulties or Autism. It’s true, the majority of children we have served over the years have come to us because they are having a hard time achieving typical developmental milestones on time.

However, KOTM has much more to offer our clients and the community. Our Early Head Start program focuses on helping families with young children face the challenges of poverty and develop self-sufficiency skills. Our Step Families classes help families develop new skills so that they can be successful as a family while living and growing together. Our Infant Toddler Specialist helps child care centers around the state improve care for hundreds of children.

In this time of uncertainty, KOTM will be here to continue fulfilling our mission of supporting the healthy development of young children and families in our Utah County community.

Eileen A. Chamberland, Executive Director
1,865 children challenged by developmental delays, poverty, and autism were helped by Kids On The Move in 2012.

Kids On The Move (KOTM) exists to support the development of young children and their families in our community. We fulfilled this mission in 2012 by providing innovative, high quality, direct services to families through our major service programs:

- Early Head Start
- Early Intervention
- Bridges
- Parent Education and Support

In addition, Kids On The Move contributes time and resources to create and sustain community wide networks of support.

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You probably know a child under age five living in poverty...there are 6,426 in Utah County.

Kids On The Move Early Head Start is unable to serve every family in Utah County that lives in poverty. Our goal is to serve families facing significant challenges, such as teen or single parents, parents who have not yet received adequate education for the job market, and other significant factors which interfere with providing for the health and learning of their infant or toddler.

Through Early Head Start, parents learn the importance of playing with and teaching their babies – and they learn to plan and practice activities to do so. They learn why well-baby visits are important, how to make nutritious meals, and how to set and achieve goals for family self-sufficiency. Parents learn leadership by participating on the Parent Committee or Policy Council, where they have a hand in planning the EHS family activities and take a role in program governance.

Last year, 281 children in Early Head Start received their first books and spent time reading with Mom or Dad. They are now three times more likely to receive consistent health care, and 140% more likely to be fully immunized.

| Percentage of children with a medical home | 96.5% |
| Percentage of children up to date on well child visits | 76.3% |
| Percentage of children up to date on immunizations | 94.1% |
| Percentage of children with a dental home | 66% |
| Percentage of children who have received dental exams | 66% |
| Percentage of children with disabilities served | 24% |
Tehya, Tash, Taeryn and Trinity’s Story

Like many parents, Tabitha believes her kids are getting too big, too fast. She enjoys them so much when they are little. She also wants to know she and husband, Tony, are raising the kids well. For that and more, they turned to Kids On The Move for help.

Tabitha learned about the Early Head Start program from a pregnancy resource center. Ever since, the family has been involved with Kids On The Move and she has relied on Tiffany, as their in-home family educator, for help.

Through the program, Tabitha’s four children (daughter Tehya, seven years old; son Tash, four years; and daughter Taeryn, 29 months; daughter Trinity seven months) have all displayed more confidence, and the family really works together. As often as they can, they attend family night and the discovery group at Kids On The Move.

“Kids On The Move really helps us be okay with how our kids are doing,” states Tabitha. “While they play in the ball room or go outside, it’s nice for us to be around other adults and just listen. It has given me ideas about parenting and about things to eat at home, including new menu items.”

“I always want to make sure the kids are caught up or are ahead in school. And whatever they want to do, we will support them. Kids On The Move has given me all the confidence in the world.”

~Tony and Tabitha Newbreast
85% of brain development occurs by age three. Early Intervention enhances development and reduces the impact of disabilities and developmental delays for infants and toddlers birth to three years of age.

Last year, 1510 infants and toddlers received Early Intervention Services at Kids on the Move. Early Intervention provides services such as speech, physical and occupational therapy, family training, nursing and social work to children aged birth to three with a full range of developmental delays or medical conditions. The program is funded through the Utah Department of Health Baby Watch Early Intervention Program and serves children in the Alpine School District boundaries.

In 2012, 989 children were referred for services. The most common reasons for referral are delays in expressive language, gross motor skills and lack of self help skills. Regardless of the child’s delay or disability, Early Intervention services can change the trajectory of development and help a child’s development come closer to their typically developing peers.

Of the 582 children exiting the program in 2012, 18% exited prior to age three because they demonstrated age-appropriate functioning. And, 20% exited prior to age three because parents were satisfied with their progress in the program. For children receiving at least 6 months of services, 78% acquired skills consistent with their typical peers.

Kids On The Move believes that parents are the experts and families play a crucial role in optimizing their child’s development. During 2012, Early Intervention staff provided over 16,500 home visits and families received the support necessary to help their child learn and adapt. 93% of parents with children enrolled in the program, state that services helped their child develop and learn.
Wyatt’s Story

My son, Wyatt, just turned one year old. At seven months we found out that he suffered a prenatal stroke causing hemiplegia. The right side of his body has been affected and does not respond or work as well as his left side. His stroke has also affected the learning and speech parts of his brain.

We immediately were referred to the Baby Watch Early Intervention Program and have since been able to get help through a gross motor physical therapist (Nicole Poland) and an occupational therapist (Gary Robinson). These therapists come to my home and assist me with Wyatt’s development. With their help, Wyatt is vastly improving. When we first started therapy, Wyatt could not even roll over. Now, six months later, he is almost sitting up all by himself, is very close to crawling, and is working on standing on his own. These tasks seemed nearly impossible just a few short months ago.

Early Intervention gives me hope and helps me know how to help my little son so that he can hopefully get on track with other kids his age. Wyatt is adored by his big brother, Colton, his big sister, Presley, and of course by his parents. He is a joy in our family and we are so grateful for how the Kids On The Move program has impacted our family.

~Katie and Eric Marsing
Autism Spectrum Disorder is now at epidemic proportion. Utah has the highest rate of autism in the nation... 1 in 47 children in Utah will be diagnosed with autism.

Our Bridges Program is growing in leaps and bounds too. In 2012, Bridges served over 200 children ages two through seven and their families. Bridges has added a new ABA Therapy Center in Orem and services are offered simultaneously.

Another expansion for Bridges came in October 2012, Bridges was awarded funding through the Utah Autism Treatment Account grant. This provided the opportunity to serve children through ABA services and extend our therapy to rural communities. We are now serving children in Sevier County and are expanding to into more Utah rural areas. We also recently became a recognized sponsor of the Medicaid Autism Waiver Program.

Bridges provides quality, affordable services to families who have no public funding for services, and helps families get the services they need, not just the services they can afford, through the Nellesen Scholarship Fund.
Ellie’s Story

When Ellie turned two, we noticed her verbal skills were not increasing. She could speak two to three words and could not pick up new words. She did not want to be around anyone other than immediate family. It was difficult to engage her socially.

We told our doctor about some of the problems we saw in Ellie and he referred us to Kids On The Move. When Ellie turned three she was no longer eligible for KOTM. As the months went by Ellie began to face new challenges and difficulties and we did not know how best to help her. We were informed that KOTM was starting a new program that would extend services to children Ellie’s age.

After a thorough evaluation, which allowed us to see Ellie’s strengths and weaknesses, an individual plan was developed to help Ellie through her challenges and to continue to move her forward. We knew the Bridges Program was the right program for us because they did not have a cookie cutter approach to their program. They were not trying to stuff Ellie into some pre-existing steps. Their program was to help Ellie as a person. They cared about our child more than anything else.

As a result of their intervention, Ellie’s transformation has been nothing short of incredible. Her language and social skills have increased to the point where some people can’t even tell she has ever had problems. We are so grateful to the work of the Bridges Program and thank God for their work.

~Jennifer and Wes Hodges
"I always felt like my child was loved, adored and safe at the Kids On The Move Child Care Center."

The Child Care Center is fully licensed by the Utah Department of Child Care. It provides nurturing, stimulating care for children from two months to six years old. We accept community children for full-time and part-time (as available) child care slots at competitive rates.
To support families and help them cope with challenges, Kids On The Move held more than 132 parent seminars and support activities this year.

Seminar topics included child development, behavior management, depression recovery, strengthening marriage, how to facilitate child development through play, and more! Kids On The Move is unique among many programs for its attention to the needs of the entire family. We devote time and resources to the siblings of children with special needs. For parents accessing Early Intervention services at our center, siblings can get special attention and have tons of fun in our child care center. Older siblings (ages 7-13 years of age) can come monthly to the SibShops support group, where they participate in great activities and talk with other kids their age who also have a sibling with special challenges.

Through a grant from Utah State University, we also have a free class for step families. This year there have been over 55 families that have attended classes. These parents all talk about how the applied principles from the Stepfamilies class are changing their lives. In just six weeks, we already begin to see a change in these families.

The Noorda Family Resource Library at our Orem center has an in-depth collection of books and media on parenting, child development, childhood disability, and parent advocacy. Our toy library helps enrolled parents access high quality, developmentally beneficial toys. More than 2381 items were check out of or library last year.
This year community volunteers donated over 15,000 hours of free labor and 48 Eagle Scouts completed projects for us.

Some of the volunteer projects included:

- Providing free child care for parent seminars
- Maintenance on our grounds
- Cleaning our building
- Helping with office work
- Painting walls
- Laying tile
- Making toys
- Installing fencing

Local businesses had a lot of fun and raised money for kids through the Corporate Sports Challenge. They also provided discounts on services and donated materials. We were also the beneficiary of several community charity events in 2012, including the Kida 5K Race, Under the Blue Moon 5K Race and the Woman of Steel Triathlon.

Kids On The Move has received support from all sectors of the Utah County community, including governments, businesses, foundations, and individuals both young and old. While maintaining our focus on our primary mission, in 2012 we also gave back to the community as follows:

- Fridays Kids Respite Care provides weekly respite care at KOTM Orem and Lehi buildings
- Canary Garden meets every Monday evening at KOTM to provide child grief support services.
- KOTM licensed therapists provide clinical practicum experiences for multiple students from local universities.
- KOTM is a provider of free Step Families Training through a grant from Utah State University.
- School aged children receive professional tutoring from the Dyslexia Center of Utah in our buildings.
- Hosted free tax preparation series (VITA) at Orem and Lehi locations.
In 2012 our government grants were reduced, resulting in a decreased annual revenue budget. In spite of the budget cut, Kids On The Move actually served more children in 2012 than ever before. Finances are audited annually and the reports are available online.
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Great things happen at Kids On The Move because of the generous support of the community.
Dexter and Dexter
“In-Kind Donor of the Year”

For sharing their support of Kids On The Move year round on their electronic sign.

Cabela’s
“Volunteers of the Year”

For sponsoring our annual alumni reunion... a grand fishing party where they stocked the pond with fish, gave away fishing poles, gave some children their first taste of fresh cooked fish, and even manned the bounce house.

Utah Valley University
Department of Behavioral Science
“Community Partners of the Year”

For their development of college curriculum on autism for students going into the helping professions, including a pending Autism Certification program.
Local artist, Sarah Richards Samuelson, donates an original painting to KOTM inspired by “A Trip to Holland” a story of how life changes when a child with special challenges enters a family.

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**Lifetime Legacy Recognition**
- Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation
- City of Orem
- Intermountain Healthcare
- Nellesen Family Foundation

**Lifetime Platinum Recognition**
- Ashton Family Foundation
- Carter Construction
- George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation
- Humana of Utah
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