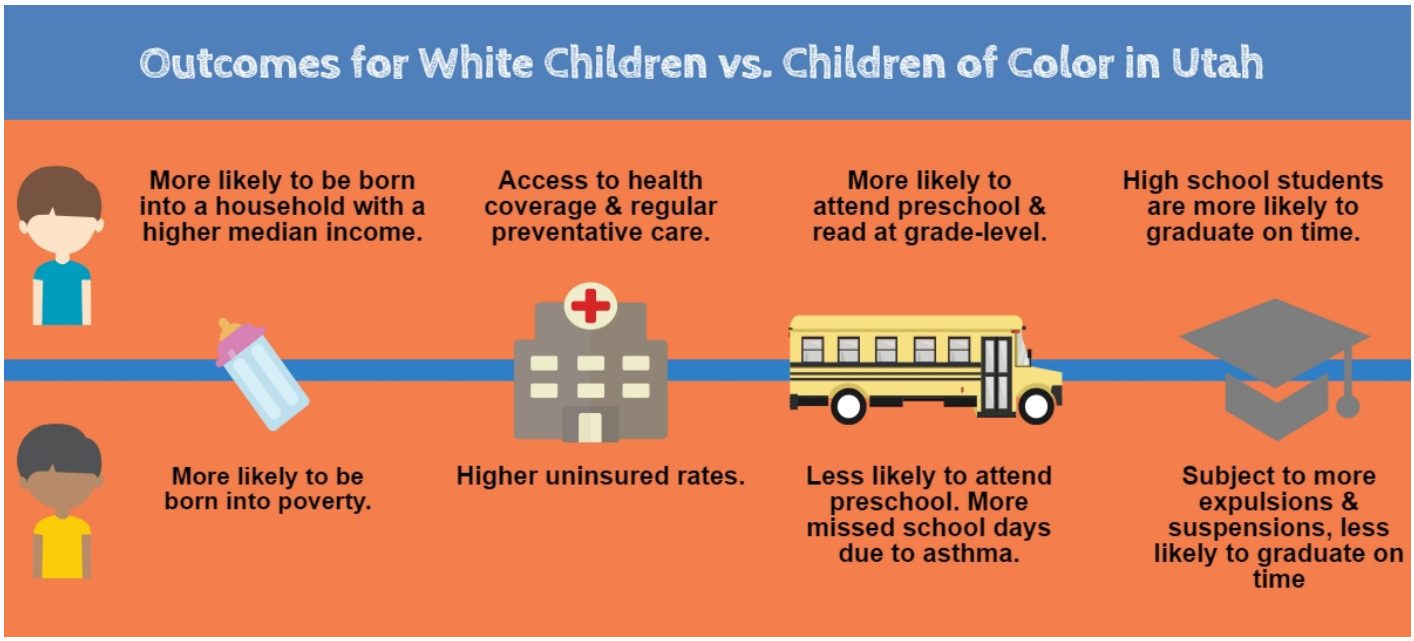
Racial and Ethnic Equity for Children in Utah

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A Look at the 2017 Legislative Session and What It Means for the Year Ahead

• Children of color and immigrant children in Utah face more poverty compared to White children. As Utah becomes a more diverse state, these growing racial and ethnic disparities threaten to hinder our state's future success.

• This year, the Legislature took several positive steps in the areas of children's education, access to health care, school safety, and juvenile justice.

• Despite our steps forward, we can expect to see children's disparities widen due to new barriers and missed opportunities to adequately fund juvenile justice reform, expand health coverage for all low-income families and lift more working families out of poverty.

• Our Legislature, Governor and state agencies should review the impact of their

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actions on children of color and immigrant children, so all families have the opportunity to move out of poverty.

• In order to correct growing disparities and invest in Utah's diverse future, state leaders need data disaggregated by race and ethnicity and must work with affected communities when advancing policy.

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For 30 years now, Voices for Utah Children has called on our state, federal and local leaders to put children's needs first. But the work is not done. The children of 30 years ago now have children of their own. Too many of these children are growing up in poverty, without access to healthcare or quality educational opportunities.

How can you be involved?

Make a tax-deductible donation to Voices for Utah Children—or join our Network with a monthly donation of $20 or more. Network membership includes complimentary admission to Network events with food, socializing, and opportunity to meet child advocacy experts. And don't forget to join our listserv to stay informed!

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