



## **Service Capacity Statement**

Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy (UCCD) is an independent, non-partisan non-profit dedicated to connecting the world to Utah as an economic, cultural, and innovation hub. Its full-time staff, fellows and interns, Board of Directors, and hundreds of volunteers work seamlessly together to promote respect and understanding between the people of Utah and other nations, using the guiding principle of *Citizen Diplomacy*. This is the concept that everyone has the right and responsibility to shape foreign relations “one handshake at a time.”

UCCD, an official partner of the U.S. State Department, has planned and implemented all aspects of numerous State Department-sponsored professional and youth exchange programs for more than 50 years. Welcoming more than 12,000 leaders who represent the top public, private, and civil sectors from more than 200 countries, UCCD offers programs and services throughout the state of Utah, working closely with its partners that represent various industries.

Our flagship program is the International Visitor Leadership Program (1967 - present), with themes ranging from Government Accountability & Transparency, Rule of Law, NGO Management & Civic Engagement, Volunteerism, Interfaith Dialogue, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Education, Immigration and Refugee Integration, Combating Human Trafficking, Addressing Gender-based Violence, Journalism, and Renewable Energy.

Additional hosted exchange programs include:

- Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (2012 – present)
- Open World program (2019 – present)
- Global Connect (2012 – present)
- Fulbright Student Home Dinners (2018 – present)
- Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (2016 – present)

Many of these programs included arranging overnight homestays, professional development meetings, tours, volunteer projects, and cultural activities. All programs were successful in our community and well-reviewed by the participants, their host families, and the local resources.

Please check out UCCD’s events, youth, and resource center for a comprehensive picture of the work performed services provided throughout Utah.