



**Utah Domestic Violence Council**  
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## **Biennial Report 2005-2006**

Mission statement:

To lead a collaborative, statewide, effort to eliminate domestic violence.

### **Letter from the Chair**

Dear UDVC Members, Staff and Community

Over the past few years UDVC has worked hard to examine its governance structure and assess how we can be more effective as a statewide group to achieve our mission *to lead a collaborative statewide effort to eliminate domestic violence in Utah*. We have shifted some of the essential business functions to the Executive Committee and opened up time in the meetings for our membership and the community to discuss cutting edge issues that will help forward the domestic violence movement and identify and develop new, innovative approaches to do so.

In the 29 years it has been in existence, UDVC has been blessed with passionate, engaged members from all disciplines who serve on our council and committees, and equally committed and passionate staff who do the daily work of UDVC.

Next year, with our continued work on a strategic plan we hope to bring our efforts to a more clear focus. Thanks to all of you who make UDVC the success it is.

Sincerely,

Asha Parekh, LCSW  
UDVC Chair

### **Letter from the Executive Director**

Dear UDVC Members and Community Members,

The Utah Domestic Violence Council (UDVC) members, committee members and staff continue to do remarkable work with limited resources. If you take a long view of the past two years, UDVC with its governance restructuring has increased credibility in public awareness, education and training activities. The committees and staff have developed effective and innovative approaches including the following:

- create an annual press event to bring notice to the fact that people die as a result of domestic violence;
- educate the media and journalism students on appropriate media coverage of domestic violence;
- support the shelters with training, books for children and survivors, and other materials to enhance their libraries;
- provide annual conferences with new and helpful ideas for service providers;
- educate state legislators about legislation impacting victims of domestic violence;
- standardize the domestic violence curriculum for training;
- continuously work towards cultural competency in all of our endeavors;
- support the creative and essential work of local domestic violence coalitions;
- coordinate the highly recognized and effective 24 hour daily information and referral LINKLine;

Today as this letter is written, I am mindful of the news report of the woman in Afghanistan who set herself on fire to escape the daily abuse by her husband. We know that people in Utah suffer silently every day in their own homes from domestic abuse. UDVC works to end this abuse. We can do this together with awareness, education, accountability, and resources.

Sincerely,

Judy Kasten Bell  
Executive Director



## UDVC Members, Staff, and Committee Members

The UDVC is comprised of 36 Council members and five staff. Nine members of the council represent domestic violence shelter programs in the state due to its status as the state DV coalition. Five positions on the Council are specifically for Ex-Officio members representing the Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake City, Utah Legal Services, the Utah Prosecution Council, the statewide Domestic Violence Coordinator at CCJJ, and the Division of Child and Family Services State Domestic Violence Program Manager. The remaining UDVC positions are filled by members, recommended by the Membership Committee and voted on by the Council's members, to reflect the political, geographic, economic, cultural, and philosophical diversity of the state of Utah, as well as the variety of professional disciplines needed to help eliminate domestic violence. Some UDVC members represent more than one field of expertise and cover a large geographic area.

The UDVC currently has five staff positions: Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Diversity Coordinator, Training Coordinator, and Domestic Violence LINKLine Coordinator. These five people staff the Council and its 12 committees and perform a variety of other functions. Thanks to additional funding and the need for both positions to advance the mission of the Council, the Domestic Violence LINKLine joined UDVC in the fall of 2004 and Training Coordinator position began June of 2004.

As of the end of September 2006, UDVC has 12 working committees. The Committees of UDVC are comprised of one or more council member and one or more community members with an average of 10 members each. UDVC currently has the following committees: Shelter, Treatment, Government Affairs, Public Awareness, Membership, Justice, Interfaith leaders, Health Care, Family Violence, Training, Domestic Violence Related Deaths, and Executive. The Executive Committee acts as the Board of Directors for UDVC. It is made up of 11 members of the council that meets monthly and has responsibility for the budget, by-laws and oversight of the Executive Director. Throughout the year, UDVC has also had three ad-hoc committees as well: the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Data Collection Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee.

## Local coalition work

There are currently 22 local domestic violence coalitions across the state of Utah comprised of representatives from community responders to domestic violence including: domestic violence shelters, victim advocates, Division of Child & Family Services domestic violence coordinators and staff, prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, health care providers, domestic violence treatment providers, educators, faith community, and adult probation and parole officers. Throughout the year UDVC collaborates with, supports, and helps coordinate events with these local domestic violence coalitions. The local coalitions work to serve all counties in Utah and provide local public awareness campaigns. They also work on the coordination of services and prevention initiatives. The 22 coalitions work to empower their local communities and educate their local leaders so that the needs surrounding the elimination of domestic violence are met more effectively.

UDVC supports Utah's 22 local coalitions in many other ways as well. UDVC acts as an information liaison between the coalitions and the domestic violence movement statewide; providing a monthly statewide events calendar, informative emails, training events and coordinating contact information about each coalition with the "Utah Domestic Violence Coalitions Directory". UDVC staff and its members also participate directly with the coalitions. Through visiting the local coalitions and providing an Annual Diversity Training, the UDVC Diversity Outreach Coordinator has established a strong relationship with the local coalitions. This partnership enhances services to underserved and unserved populations in Utah. Most of UDVC's members participate in their local coalitions as community members and/or in their professional capacity- some serve as Chair or Co-Chair of their local coalition.

One of the ways UDVC has responded to these 22 local coalitions' needs is through providing a limited amount of funding through a UDVC Request for Proposal (RFP). Each fiscal year the local coalitions requesting funding from UDVC receive the RFP and respond with a full report of the previous years activities and a list of activities planned for the upcoming year. During the fiscal year end 9/30/06 UDVC awarded \$34,695.00 to coalitions who responded with an RFP. Below is an abbreviated list of some of the activities funded by UDVC RFP's.

## Local Coalitions

Salt Lake County, Tooele/Wendover Counties, Beaver County, Garfield County, Iron County, Kane County, Sanpete County, Tri-County (Sevier, Piute, and Wayne), Washington County, Juab County, Millard County, Utah County, Wasatch/Summit Counties, Box Elder County, Cache/Rich Counties, Davis County, Weber County, Carbon County, Emery County, Grand County, Uintah/Duchesne/Daggett Counties, San Juan County (new)

## Coalition Activities for 2005/2006

\*Flags displayed representing victims of DV \*Candlelight vigils \*Dating Violence Toolkit \*Dating Violence Awareness films \*Peace on Earth Awards \*5 de Mayo event \*DV Awareness Proclamation to the Mayor \*Children Affected by DV silhouette display \*DV Awareness dinner \*Golf Tournament \*Safety and Health Fair \*Law enforcement training \*Balloon Festival \*5k run/walk \*Interfaith leader training \*Teen youth group presentations \*Balloon release \*Stop sign campaign for protective order awareness \*Judge training \*Annual award to a law enforcement officer for DV \*Suckers for Child Abuse Awareness Month \*Community education conferences \*Training medical personnel on DV \*Poster event \*Newspaper articles \*DV Education breakfast for doctors and nurses \*Survivor Silhouette campaign \*Furniture for local DV shelters \*DV Awareness dinner \*Banner promoting "Stopping the Violence" \*No DV in our neighborhood campaign \*Video on respondents and petitioners responsibilities with protective orders \*Clothesline Project \*Silent Auction \*Lunch & Learn \*Distribution of DV awareness bracelets, purple ribbons, lip balm, and pencils

## **Government Affairs Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To seek justice for victims of domestic violence and improve the quality of life of the citizens of the State of Utah through review and/or draft of proposed legislation, educating legislators to protect victims of domestic violence, including children, and to hold offenders accountable.

**Recent Accomplishments:** During the 2005 and 2006 Legislative Session the Committee worked to identify bills, select members to meet with and testify at legislative committee hearings, collaborate with allies to educate legislators and public about DV related bills, and to provide the public with a weekly Legislative Alert (The Legalert).

**Current Projects:** The Committee works through the Interim Study, following potential bills that could affect the DV response system, identifying persons/groups who would be in favor and/or against bills UDVC supports, and selecting recipients for annual legislative awards.

## **Family Violence Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To be an advisory committee to the Council in the areas of children and domestic violence, develop policy on the state level on family violence, and to be a liaison to the Division of Child and Family Services.

**Recent Accomplishments:** Children's resource page on UDVC website; Building community connections and coordinated response; Safety brochure for children and safety planning; collaboration with Safe at Home Children's Committee in creating Child Witnessing brochure; collaboration with Utah Head Start and Child Care Professional Development Institute to create and implement training for head start and child care workers across state about children and DV.

**Current Projects:** New Children and DV brochure

## **Membership Committee**

**Mission Statement:** The mission is to ensure that the membership of the 36 member Council meets grant requirements of representation of domestic violence shelters, represents the state geographically and represents the many disciplines that respond to domestic violence including legal services, health care providers, victim advocates, Division of Child and Family Services, courts, prosecutors, faith leaders, and treatment providers.

## **Health Care Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To educate health care providers in understanding the reporting law, the assessment and referral of abused patients, and, the importance of connecting with local law enforcement agencies.

**Recent Accomplishments:** Manual for training of health care professionals and trainings at various local hospitals.

**Current Projects:** Continuation and expansion of Health Care professional trainings on domestic violence.

## **Justice Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To evaluate on a statewide basis how domestic violence is addressed on a local level; identify gaps in criminal justice operations and programs and catalogue best practices for distribution. **Recent Accomplishments:** Development of an analysis survey of Utah Domestic Violence Council Justice Committee's SWOT Analysis distributed to local domestic violence provider community.

## **Interfaith Leaders Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To assist the faith leaders in Utah understand their role as a responder to domestic violence through education and training. This includes development of a brochure for distribution to faith leaders, and development of a training curriculum.

**Recent Accomplishments:** Development the Faith Leaders Manual and brochure. Trainings around the state for faith leaders.

**Current Projects:** Expanding the reach of the Interfaith Leaders Committee.

## **Shelter Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To serve as an information exchange, providing support, promoting safety, education, training, and coordination of services for Utah Domestic Violence Shelters.

**Recent Accomplishments:** Issued a statement from the DV shelter community offering support to polygamist families who are suffering from abuse; completed a salary survey among Utah shelters; data collection instrument revised; established a list of basic services shelters provide; 2005 Shelter Conference "Dance the Walk into the Future" and 2006 Shelter Conference "Circle of Friends— Linked Together Against Domestic Violence."

**Current Projects:** 2007 Shelter Conference; Review of Admitting guidelines; Collecting data on shelter expenses to show need for increased funding; Orientation manual for new directors; Training on meth and what to look for in shelters; Working with law enforcement to come up with best practices when dealing with warrants and subpoenas served while clients are in shelter.

## **Treatment Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To define and promote best practices for all three areas of treatment: perpetrator, victim/survivor, and children while promoting perpetrator accountability and victim/survivor and children's safety. The committee works on development of outcome measures, provides statewide and regional training for domestic violence clinicians and others, and collects data which is shared with allied agencies and related fields.

**Recent Accomplishments:** 2005 Annual Treatment Conference "Exploring Trauma and Lethality in Domestic Violence", 2006 Treatment Conference "Working With Treatment Resistant Clients", 2006 Regional Trainings, Research and Outcomes, Licensing Changes

**Current Projects:** 2007 Treatment Conference

## **Training Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To work closely with UDVC Training Coordinator, utilizing collaborative efforts with allied entities, to enhance Utah domestic violence training through: 1) the identification of ongoing needs, unmet needs and gaps; and 2) curriculum development and evaluation.

**Recent Accomplishments:** While the DV 101 web-based training continues to be offered, a DV 201 specifically for the legal community is being written. UDVC continues to provide the Domestic Violence Live Basic Training. A statewide DV training survey is currently available to help provide a better picture of training statewide.

**Current Projects:** Standardization of the Live Basic Domestic Violence 20-hour training, DV 201 for attorneys, training for local coalitions

## **Public Awareness Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To ensure that public awareness of domestic violence is increased in support of the overall Council mission to collaboratively prevent and eliminate domestic violence in Utah.

**Recent Accomplishments:** 2005, 2006 Family Violence Prevention Awards Luncheon, 2005 Domestic Violence Related Deaths Press Conference

**Current Projects:** PSA campaign; Gathering information on domestic violence related news articles through the Utah News Association

## **Domestic Violence Related Deaths Committee**

**Mission:** To track, compile, and publish annual reports on all domestic violence and dating violence related deaths throughout Utah. Information on each case is gathered from public sources, which may include print and electronic media, as well as public information from law enforcement, prosecution offices, and/or Utah State Courts

**Recent Accomplishments:** Publication of the 2005 and 2006 Domestic Violence Related Deaths Report, press release, and press conference.

**Current Projects:** 2007 Domestic Violence Related Deaths Report.

## DV Linkline Coordinator

In 2004, UDVC offered a home to the Domestic Violence Linkline, formerly housed at the Community Services Council (211 info). The Linkline has been operating since 1993 and has served 55,117 since that time. The Domestic Violence Linkline is committed to linking individuals with domestic violence issues to information and/or resources within their community. The Linkline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 1-800-897-5465.

A main activity of the Linkline is to update and track domestic violence services available to the community on a state-wide, regional, and local basis. The Linkline is dedicated to linking individuals with counseling, shelters, safe houses, support groups, police, mental health services, human service agencies, legal services, victim assistance groups and more. The DVLL number has been on billboards, in numerous newspaper articles, mentioned on the radio and on television, and tear-off cards with the DVLL have been distributed statewide.

During 2005 the DVLL received 2,499 calls and served 4,393 people. 1243 of the callers were female victims, 44 male victims, 41 female perpetrators, and 192 male perpetrators. 65 of the calls used the language line (an interpreter service used to assist callers in all languages). 19 plural families were assisted and 1,031 children. 7 of the calls were concerning teen dating violence. In 2006 the DVLL received 2,526 calls and served 4,308 people. 1,072 of the callers were female victims, 65 male victims, 48 female perpetrators, and 273 male perpetrators. The language line calls increased to 103, 3 calls were concerning teen dating violence, and 1,179 of the calls mentioned children in the home.

The DVLL provides resources all over the state of Utah. Most of the callers request services in Salt Lake County, with 2,987 calls coming in the last two years. More than 100 calls have been received from Davis, Tooele, Utah, Washington, and Weber Counties in the past two years. The only county from which no one has called is Wayne County.

The DVLL operates with one full-time staff member, two-contracted employees and 5 volunteers. In January of 2005 the DVLL began operating 24-hour/7-day-a-week in order to be more accessible to victims.

## Diversity Coordinator

The Diversity Coordinator assists the state coalition and local coalitions with cultural competency and efforts to reach unserved and underserved groups of people for improved domestic violence services. The Diversity Coordinator developed and presents a Domestic Violence & Culturally Competency session during the 20 hour Domestic Violence Basic Live Training offered eight times per year across the state for domestic violence service providers and community partners.

The Annual Diversity Conference for representatives of local domestic violence coalitions, community partners and council members was held in September 2005 in Layton, Utah on the subject of "Beyond Language Barriers: Strengthening our Response to Immigrant Victims." The 2006 Diversity Conference was held in Moab, UT on "Creating a Safe Space for Same Gender Survivors of Domestic Violence".

Support and recognition is offered to the increasing number of diversity outreach coordinators and advocates housed in domestic violence shelters to provide more effective services. An email network provides information and support for the Diversity Coordinators and allies which is supported by UDVC Diversity Coordinator. The Coordinator represents UDVC at the USU Women' with Disabilities and DV Project and the Judicial Outreach Project.

### Notables:

- UDVC handout "There's No Excuse for Abuse" was updated and translated into Spanish. 4,000 copies were printed last year and an additional 5,000 for this year are being distributed. Through another grant the handout is also available in Somali, Samoan, Tongan and Bosnian.
- 4,000 copies of Spanish translated safety plan brochures, "Plan de Seguridad para las Victimas de la Violencia Domestica" were printed and distributed to domestic violence shelters, victim advocate programs, and Spanish speaking community organizations. An additional 1,000 are being printed and distributed.
- Local domestic violence coalitions have produced materials (e.g., safety cards in Spanish in St. George), and provide training on cultural differences and various languages.

## Training Coordinator

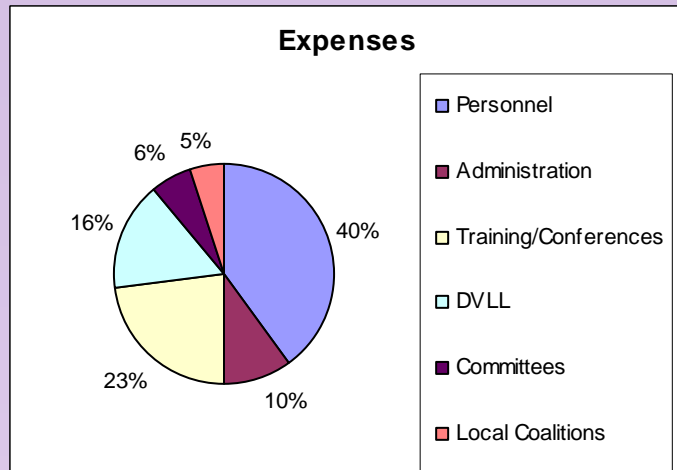
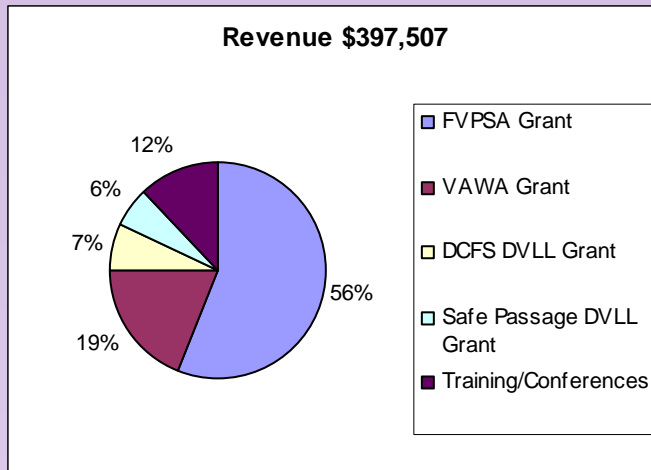
The UDVC training coordinator position was introduced in 2004. The position was developed to identify domestic violence related training needs throughout the state, develop a basic web-based domestic violence training (and subsequent web-based training courses), to coordinate and facilitate the UDVC DV Live Basic Training (ensuring the training is provided throughout the state), to provide support and coordination for UDVC's annual conferences and to ensure that UDVC is involved in the collaboration and coordination of other related DV training in Utah.

The Training Coordinator has, in partnership with many community based subject matter experts, created a standardized curriculum for the DV Live Basic Training to ensure that people throughout the state are receiving the same training. This will help create a more cohesive approach in the education about and elimination of domestic violence in Utah.

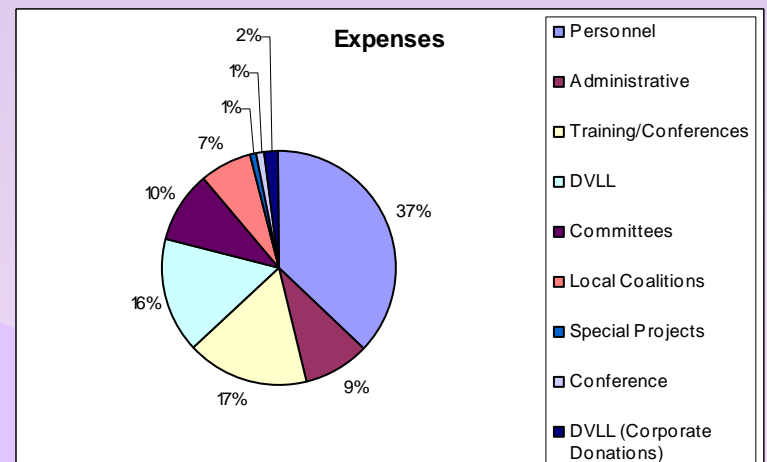
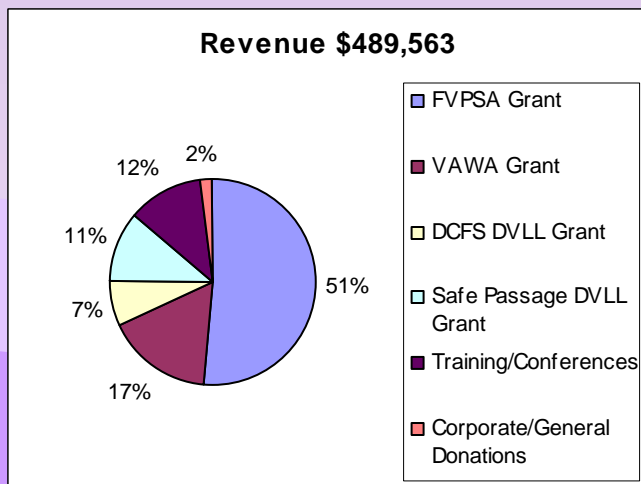
In addition to the web-based trainings, DV Live Basic Training and supporting the various annual conferences sponsored by UDVC, the training coordinator also staffs UDVC Training Committee and participates in many community committees on a regular bases, such as the Governors Dating Violence Task Force, the Attorney General's Cut-It-Out group, SWAVO, and the UHMIS Ethics and Privacy Task Force. The Coordinator is also the UDVC Technology Safety and Domestic Violence specialist, receiving continuing training from the National Network to End Domestic Violence Safety Net Team.

- DV Live Basic Training: 236 people were trained statewide in 2005, and 228 were trained in 2006.
- Web-based Training: 463 people took the 4-hour web-based domestic violence training in 2005, and 252 took the training in 2006.
- Treatment Conference: 246 treatment providers attended the Annual UDVC Treatment Providers Conference in 2005, and 358 attended in 2006.
- Shelter Conference: 150 shelter staff attended the Annual Domestic Violence Shelter Conference in 2005, and 120 attended in 2006.

## UDVC Fiscal Year End 9/30/05



## UDVC Fiscal Year End 9/30/06 Unaudited



## UDVC continuing work

The work of UDVC has expanded to offer numerous resources for the community. UDVC *website* has expanded to include all of our publications (publications and reports), a calendar of events, resources for victims and treatment providers, and links to other useful domestic violence information. UDVC *resource library* has been catalogued and the full content placed on the website, accessible for check out to the public. Supplying information to the community is one of the main goals of UDVC and this is done in a number of ways. One way is through having a *resource tables* at a number of community events—Week Without Violence, SL Chamber Business to Business Expo, American Express, the Gateway Volunteer Fair, and many others. Another way is through our *extensive email list* with almost 600 people on our interested friends list, who receive agendas for UDVC community meetings, legislative updates, community events, and updates from the national domestic violence centers.

One of the major events that we hold each year is the Family Violence Prevention Awards Luncheon, where we honor organizations and individuals for their work in domestic violence field in Utah. In 2005, we honored the Kern River Gas Transmission Company for the Organization Award, Judy Monarque for the Individual Award, and Rickell James-Irish for the Executive Lifetime Award; in 2006 Holy Cross Ministries received the Organization Award, Sister Sharlet Wagner and Barbara Higgins the Individual Award, and Richard Anderson was given the Executive Lifetime Achievement Award. Until the end of 2006, UDVC held Business and Community meetings every third Tuesday of the month. UDVC now meets the third Tuesday of January, February, April, June, August, September, and November, with the Annual Meeting for members in May. Many topics pertinent to domestic violence are discussed at these meetings, some past topics which include: Legislative update on bills impacting victims of domestic violence; Mediation in domestic violence relationships; Shelter Subpoenas and warrants; Technology training; Rape and sexual assault in Utah; and Local coalition activities. For more information, please go to [www.udvc.org](http://www.udvc.org).

## Council members and Staff December 2006

*\*Executive Committee Members as of November 2006*

Jerry Blackburn*	Interfaith Community
Mary Boudreau	Utah State Courts
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Sharon Daurelle	Department of Corrections
Laurel Duncan	UCASA
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Lewis Galway	ACES
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Susan Knadler	DCFS
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Terri Yelonek*	Colleen Quigley Women's Center
Mark Nash	Utah Prosecution Council
Lynda Whitlock	D.O.V.E. Center

### Previous members of 2005-2006:

Gary Baker	Cornerstone Counseling
Cindy Christensen	South Valley Sanctuary
Stephanie Dahlstrom	Seekhaven
Diane Fitzpatrick	Summit/Wasatch Co. Coalition
Garry Holbrook	Garfield County, DHS-DCFS
Rickell James-Irish	DCFS
Brent Johnson	Admin. Office of the Courts
Cindy Lorrigan	Box Elder Co. Shelter
Danielle Pierce	Ogden City PD
Michelle Pola	St. Mark's Hospital
Sarah Southerland	Community/Self
Una Stevenson	Interfaith Community
Veronica Williams	Victim Advocate

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