

## services of UDVC

The UDVC provides a variety of training opportunities and basic domestic violence information resources. The UDVC provides a forum for domestic violence shelter representatives as well as licensed treatment providers, an Annual Conference, annual October Awards Events' 24 hours daily DV LinkLine, a legislative information and a quarterly newsletter.

The UDVC has a resource library with domestic-violence-related books and videos. These resources are available to the community at large, as well as professionals..

Many of the resources are also available online. Including a monthly calendar of events, trainings, and statewide DV meetings, press releases and our statewide press kit, special reports, training materials, and a map of domestic violence programs statewide.

The UDVC offers basic domestic violence training online. This free training provides a four-hour introduction to domestic violence and is accredited by the Utah Chapter of NASW. A certificate of completion is available for a fee of \$20 upon request. For more information visit [www.udvctraining.org](http://www.udvctraining.org).

UDVC is working to educate about issues relating to cultural competency and the multicultural aspects of domestic violence. For more information on this effort please (801) 521-5544, and ask for the Diversity Coordinator.

## what is Domestic Violence ?

**D**omestic violence crimes are about power, control, domination, and fear. When one person exhibits a pattern of attempting to gain power and control over someone with whom he/she has or had a relationship by using physical and sexual violence, threats, emotional abuse, financial control, legal status, harassment, or stalking, he/she is committing domestic violence. These control factors are also used to alienate victims from their family, friends, and co-workers, providing the victim no feasible support system to leave the relationship. (Domestic violence is also known as partner abuse, spousal abuse, co-habitant abuse, interpreter violence and can include dating violence.)

Domestic violence was originally thought of as a family problem, a private issue in which outsiders should not get involved. The truth is, domestic violence affects everyone! Whether you are a neighbor who is hesitant to call the police or a co-worker who doesn't want to pry, someone else's family abuse problem impacts you. Domestic Violence occurs among all genders, age groups, cultures, educational backgrounds, religious denominations, and socioeconomic groups.



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## about UDVC

The Utah Domestic Violence Council (UDVC) is recognized nationally as the state domestic violence coalition in Utah. Founded in 1978 by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), the UDVC was initially formed as a community forum to start the necessary dialogue about domestic violence in the state of Utah. The UDVC incorporated in 1993, and in 1994 the Council became independent of DCFS. In 1998 the UDVC was designated as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

The UDVC is comprised of 36 voting members from across the state and various disciplines. It employs five staff, has a Board of Directors, and has 4 working committees: Advocacy and Collaboration, Public Education, Professional Education and Government Affairs. The Council also works closely with and provides funding for Utah's 22 local domestic violence coalitions. In addition, the Council collaborates with and provides resources and information to many individuals and agencies.

The UDVC extends an open invitation to everyone to attend both its Council and committee meetings and to apply for membership if desired. For more information please contact the UDVC office at (801) 521-5544 or visit us online at [www.UDVC.org](http://www.UDVC.org).

## our Mission

To create a state where domestic violence is intolerable.

## our Vision

The Utah Domestic Violence Council envisions a world where everyone lives free from fear.

## our Philosophies

- \* Domestic violence is a crime.
- \* Domestic violence is preventable.
- \* Victims and survivors of domestic violence are not to blame.
- \* Perpetrators are responsible for their own actions.
- \* The most effective way to reduce domestic violence is through coordinated, community efforts.

## our Goals

- \* Support laws that provide protection for victims and accountability for perpetrators.
- \* Educate public and professional entities to understand and effectively address domestic violence as a critical issue.
- \* Provide effective resources for victims, perpetrators, families, and communities.

## our Purposes

- \* Develop and review domestic violence policies and procedures.
- \* Recommend and support legal and legislative action.
- \* Suggest and support initiatives, including training focused on providing effective domestic violence intervention/prevention services to Utah communities.
- \* Encourage the evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of domestic violence programs.
- \* Foster cooperation and coordination among Utah agencies and organizations.
- \* Advocate for the prompt availability and accessibility of domestic violence services to all residents of the state, in a manner which preserves human dignity and overcomes cultural, linguistic, and economic barriers.

## other Resources

Utah's Domestic Violence Link Line

(800)897-LINK (5465)

Nationwide Domestic Violence Hotline

(800)799-SAFE (7233)