DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG UTAH WOMEN
A 2023 Update

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?
Domestic violence is a serious and widespread issue affecting women and families in Utah.

Domestic Violence = Physical + Emotional + Verbal + Sexual + Spiritual + Financial + Digital

1 in 3 Utah women will experience some form of domestic violence in her lifetime.

22.7% of adult homicides in Utah are domestic violence related.

21.0% of female domestic violence victims have been in multiple abusive relationships.

HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?

Utah ranks 16th out of 50 states for domestic violence individuals served daily.
Utah ranks 49th in terms of the percentage of unmet service requests.

25.6% of Utahns believe domestic violence is a problem.
(Source: UWLP Fall 2023 survey)

SERVICES & ADVOCACY
The following services are provided by 14 Utah DV agencies:

- Emergency Shelter 100%
- Additional Shelter (hotel/motel) 79%
- Children’s Support/Advocacy 79%
- Housing/Landlord Support 71%
- Mental Health Support 64%
- Transportation 64%
- Bilingual Support 57%
WHAT CAN WE DO?

We must all do our part to combat domestic violence.

- Increase access to resources and advocacy.
- Expand funding and support for victims.
- Mandate data reporting/unify legal coding.
- Know the signs to help loved ones.

IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND TEENS IN UTAH

Domestic violence affects not only the survivors, but their friends, neighbors, and families—particularly their children.

- Nearly 2,000 reported cases of violence in the presence of a child annually.
- 12.4% of high school students experience dating violence.
- 16 Number of domestic violence shelters statewide
- 44% Utah’s unmet requests for housing/shelter

COSTS

DV negatively affects individuals and society.

- Overall poor health
- Difficulty concentrating
- Poor mental health
- Often miss work and activities

$8.3+ Billion is the cost of domestic violence in the US each year.

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