DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG UTAH WOMEN

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.

40% of adult homicides in Utah are domestic violence related.

21% of female domestic violence victims have been in multiple abusive relationships.

HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?
Utah’s rate of domestic violence is higher than the national average for adult women, but slightly lower for all youth (male and female).

Utah was ranked 11th in the nation for lifetime prevalence.

RISK FACTORS
While domestic violence can happen to anyone, a number of factors are associated with higher rates of domestic violence.

Marital Status
- Divorced & Separated Women: 42.1%
- Married Women: 11.2%
- Unmarried Women: 12.7%

Education
- Less than High School Education: 23%
- College Level Education: 10.3%

Income
- Annual Income Less than $20,000: 23%
- Annual Income More than $50,000: 12.7%
**IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND TEENS IN UTAH**

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

- **34%** of adult survivors witnessed domestic violence as a child.
- **11.8%** of high school students experience dating violence.
- **80** men, women and children are present at the murder or attempted murder of their mothers each year.
- **3,000** men, women and children stay in Utah’s domestic violence shelters annually.

**COSTS**

Domestic violence negatively affects both individuals and society.

- **Dissatisfaction with life in general**: 10%
- **Lack social and emotional support**: 30%
- **Poor health**: 51%
- **Often miss work and activities**: 36%

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

**WHAT CAN WE DO?**

We must all do our part to combat domestic violence.

- **Learn the facts about domestic violence.**
- **Listen to and assist survivors.**
- **Teach boys and girls about healthy relationships.**
- **Support domestic violence programs and services.**

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