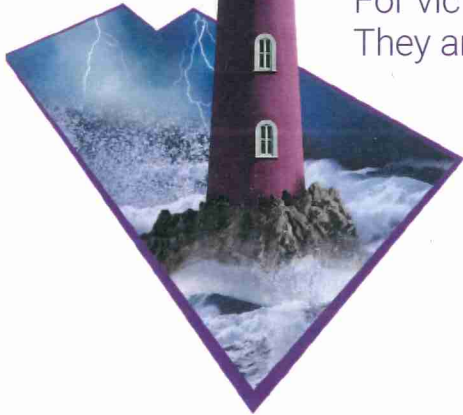


# Supporting Utah's SHELTERS FROM THE STORM

For victims of abuse, nonprofit service providers are a shelter in the storm. They are being threatened by the **PERFECT STORM** and need your support.



## UTAH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATS

### 1 in 3

1 in 3 women will experience intimate partner violence in her lifetime. ~ CDC

### 42%

42% of all adult homicides are domestic violence related. ~ VIPP

### 80

Approximately 80 children witness their mother murdered, almost killed, or find her murdered, every year. ~DCFS

## STATEWIDE SERVICES FY20



Individuals Served  
**15,136**



Nights of Safety  
**116,099**



Crisis Calls  
**40,808**

## FUNDING REQUEST - SHORE UP CRITICAL SERVICES

14 Community-based nonprofit domestic violence service providers and the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition are making a request for **\$3,446,154.00 in ongoing funding from the State General Funds** to shore up programs. The request is to fill the need created due to a significant projected reduction in federal funding (VOCA), increased demands for community-based services (related to population growth and COVID-19), and increased demands due to law enforcement referrals (LAP Program).

These non-profits provide the following specialized confidential services, at no cost to the survivors:

- 24-Hour Crisis Phone Line
- Safety Planning and Advocacy
- Trauma Informed Services
- Emergency Shelter
- Case Management
- Clinical Therapy
- Children's Services
- Rapid Rehousing

## NEED FOR SUPPORT - THE PERFECT STORM

In the movie, The Perfect Storm, three storms collide together at once creating devastating results. Utah's domestic violence victim service providers are facing the perfect funding storm as they 1) anticipate a significant reduction in federal funding, 2) increased requests for community-based services and 3) increased requests due to law enforcement referrals (LAP Program).

## SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN FEDERAL FUNDING

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is entirely funded from criminal fines arising from federal convictions. This fund has been declining over the last decade. This year there will be a significant reduction in the allocation for victim services in Utah.

Providers have been told to anticipate a 25 percent cut in federal VOCA funding. This will result in a loss of more than \$2 million per year for Utah's nonprofit community-based service providers and will require the dissolving and/or diminishing of established programs and will reduce their ability to provide lifesaving services, emergency shelter, safety planning and children's services.

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"I was always afraid of him. However, it wasn't until the police officer stated he was afraid for my life and my son's life that I realized how dangerous he [her husband] was."

- Domestic Violence Survivor

*For confidentiality this photo is not of the actual person*

## RECORD INCREASE IN SERVICE REQUESTS

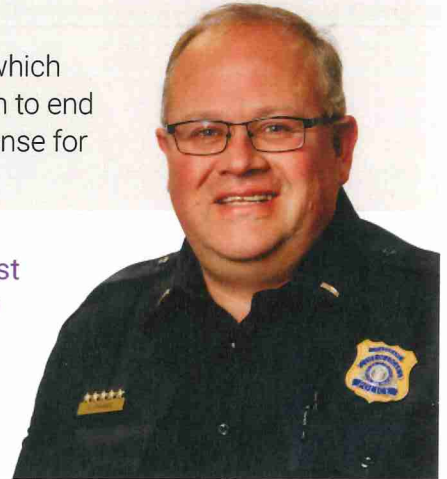
DV victim service providers have seen a continued increase in service requests. This increase correlates with population growth, yet, this upward trend has sharpened significantly during the COVID-19 crisis. Increased requests for services occurred as individuals and families became trapped with their abusers and increased fear and anxiety has triggered escalated abuse.

The increases from COVID-19 will have lasting impacts, as most clients work with service providers for months or even years. Please contact your local service provider for specific impacts of COVID-19 on your local area.

## INCREASE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRALS (LAP)

In 2015, the State of Utah prioritized funding for the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP). The LAP gives law enforcement a protocol to identify high risk individuals and referral process to connect them immediately with community-based advocates for follow up support.

Last year, in Utah, there was 4,356 LAP screenings administered by law enforcement, which identified 3,416 individuals in high danger of being killed. This program has been proven to end abuse and save lives in Utah. However, the LAP has created significant additional expense for the community-based victim service providers.



“LAP is saving lives in Utah by giving officers a tool to connect the highest risk victims directly with trained advocates. This partnership is a key to improving outcomes for individuals and families.”

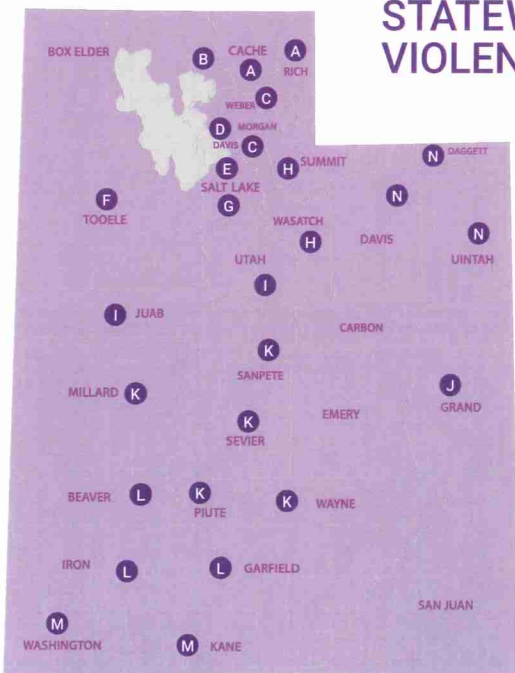
Brad Franke, Lieutenant • Logan City Police Department



“When the LAP is utilized by police officers, I am convinced it empowers victims to learn about resources and receive the assistance they would have missed out on otherwise.”

Kyle Whitehead, Chief of Police • St. George Police Department

## STATEWIDE COALITION OF NONPROFIT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE PROVIDERS



- A. CAPSA - Cache and Rich
- B. New Hope - Box Elder
- C. YCC - Weber and Morgan
- D. Safe Harbor - Davis
- E. YWCA - Salt Lake
- F. Pathways - Tooele
- G. South Valley Services - Salt Lake
- H. Peace House - Summit and Wasatch
- I. Refuge - Utah and Juab
- J. Seekhaven - Grand
- K. New Horizons - Sevier, Millard, Piute, Sanpete and Wayne
- L. Canyon Creek - Iron, Beaver and Garfield
- M. DOVE Center - Washington and Kane
- N. FAFV- Uintah, Duchesne and Daggett

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

“Utah’s fastest growing and most serious violent crime is domestic violence”

~ The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence