

UOVC Victim Assistance Training & Coordination Building Block Request

PROJECT GOAL

Provide training, technical assistance, and coordination to over 800 victim services professionals and 200 programs statewide including but not limited to domestic violence shelters, rape crisis programs, children's justice centers, and police departments.

Ongoing General Fund

FY24

2 FTE's-Training Coordinator & Victim Advocate Liaison, Training/Travel, Supplies, & Other

\$250,000

Training Coordinator FY 22	Hosted Training	Number of Hours	Attended
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SWAVO	4	32	570
Utah Victim Assistance Academy	3	120	89
Crime Victim Conference	1	12	312

TRAINING COORDINATOR

- Organizes and hosts the Utah Victim Assistance Academy-Basic 40 hour training required for all victim advocates
- Organizes and hosts a quarterly training for victim advocates and oversees the Statewide Advocates for Victims Organization (SWAVO)
- Assist in planning the Utah Crime Victims Conference
- Oversees the Utah Mass Casualty Victim Response Team and planning efforts

If these programs are state funded, it will stabilize and enhance both programs

UOVC YouTube

Channel started September 2020 as a response to provide training during the pandemic
-50 training videos
-1,411 views



Utah Mass Casualty Victim Response Team

- Improve the state's collaborative capacity to serve victims after a mass casualty event
- Identify stakeholders that could have a role in responding to mass casualty events
- Leverage existing plans and processes to work in conjunction with each other by identifying strengths and gaps in available state resources

Victim Advocate Training Statutes

In 2019, **Utah House Bill 53** enacted UCA 77-38-401, states that victim advocates will "complete a minimum 40 hours of trauma-informed training; in crisis response, the effects of crime and trauma on victims, victim advocacy services and ethics, informed consent, and this bill regarding confidential communications."

In Statute the Utah Office for Victims of Crime has the responsibility of approving and/or providing the training.

The following sections of Utah Statute define the criteria for victim advocate training requirements: **Utah Code 77-38-2**, & **Utah Code 53B-28-201**.

VICTIM ADVOCATE LIAISON

- Statewide needs assessment for victim services and coordination
- Listening sessions in each judicial district on needs of victims and service providers
- Strategic planning taskforce for statewide coordinated victim services plan
- One-on-one consultation to victim advocates
- Provide training and technical assistance to victim service providers

Needs Assessment

- 704** victims surveyed
- 191** advocates surveyed
- 35** victims interviewed
- 16** advocates interviewed

State Victim Advocate Liaison FY22

Stats

Various Presentations	62
Improving Rural & Tribal Connections	27
Collaborative Meetings	96