



Utah Marriage
Commission
at Utah State University

Host Considerations for HB 324

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Cap

- \$400,000 cap creates budgeting and operational challenges.
- Marriage-license fee revenue is variable year to year, and dedicated credits are received monthly.
- When the cap is hit, funds shut off even though contractual and operational obligations continue.
- With this on-again, off-again funding flow, it is challenging to host the Commission, which strives to provide services and incurs expenses year-round.

Marriage License Fee Revenue

Fiscal Year	Revenue Collected	Authorized for UMC
FY22	\$187,140	\$187,140
FY23	\$202,760	\$202,760
FY24	\$428,849	\$400,000
FY25	\$485,395	\$400,000

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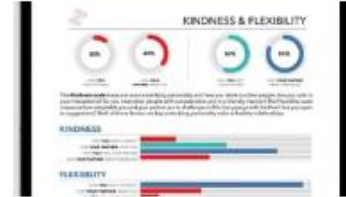
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> Launched September, 2022

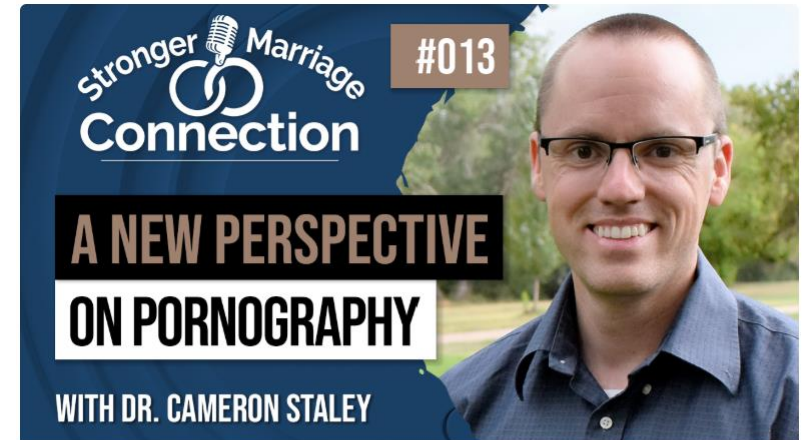
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>170K downloads

- All 50 states
- 115 countries



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019: Abuse, Affairs, Addiction: Can Marriage Survive?

Dr. Geoff Steurer joins Dr. Dave and Dr. Liz to discuss betrayal trauma and the three A's: abuse, affairs and addiction. Geoff shares some great tips to help both partners through the challenges and struggles of the trauma that is often the result.

079: Marriage and Raising Children with Autism

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Webinar outcomes

- 95% of responding participants indicate they maintain or improve on targeted knowledge/skills related to the formation and maintenance of healthy relationships.
- 94% of responding participants indicate they maintain or improve their commitment to form and maintain healthy relationships.

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READY to Parent

READY to Co-Parent

READY for Long-Distance Co-Parenting

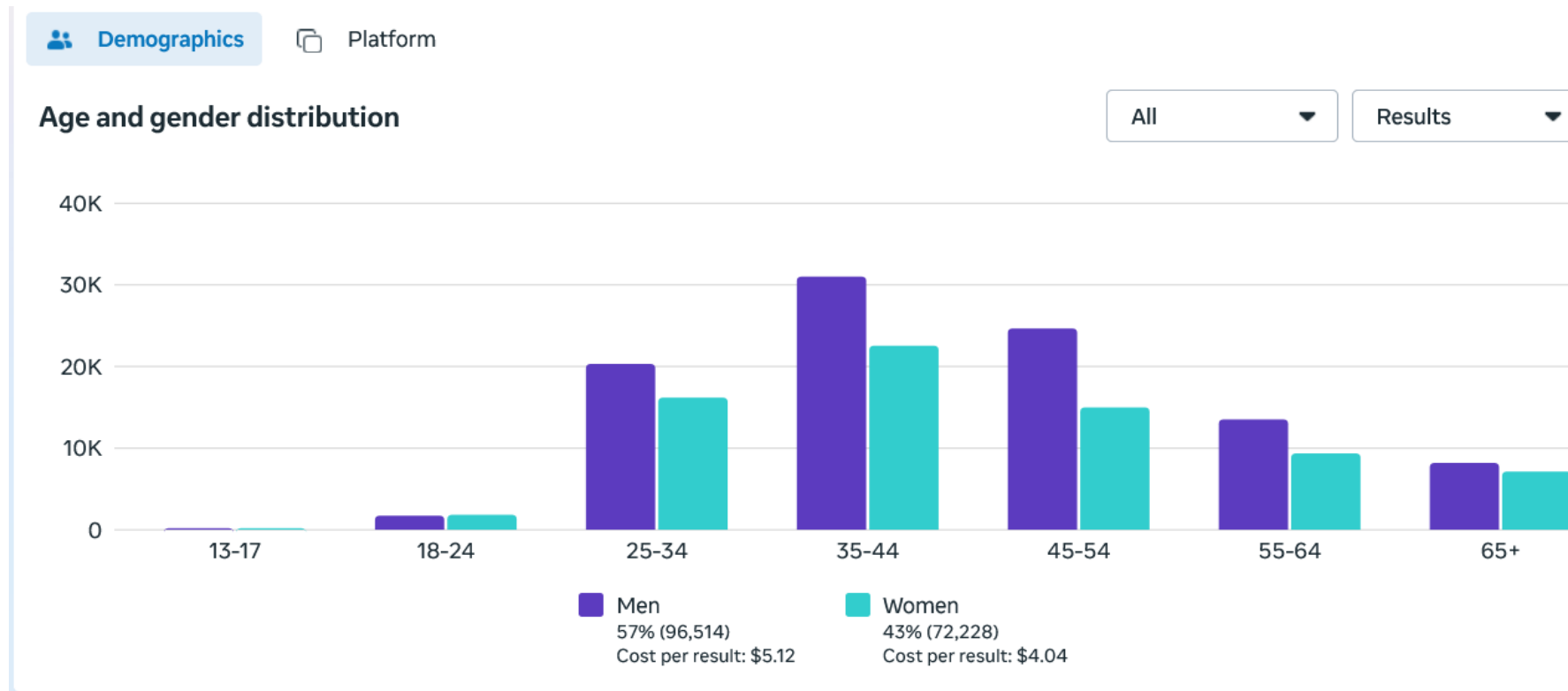
Infertility

Outcomes

- Commitment to healthy relationships
- Confidence in ability to form and maintain a healthy relationship

Who is accessing the resource?

- Depends on the service. This chart captures social media engagement in January 2026



Is anyone else in the state doing this?

- Not in the same way.
- This month, leaders from LDS family services reached out for Utah Marriage Commission resources that we could share with their clinicians.
- The Utah Marriage Commission is the only statewide entity specifically charged in statute with providing free, research-based relationship education tied to the marriage license fee model.

Is this an ask for more money or a blank check?

- No. This doesn't appropriate new money or raise a fee.
- It simply allows the Commission to accept more of the fee already in statute, when (and only if) Utahns apply for a marriage license.

If this is working, why change anything?

- The issue isn't whether the Commission works — it's that the funding mechanism works inconsistently.
- The cap interrupts funding mid-year while obligations continue. That's administratively risky and makes responsible budgeting difficult for the host institution.
- HB324 corrects a structural issue without changing policy.