



Performance Note
HB0482 - Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence
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Performance Note Report

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Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: Provide leadership and generate unity for Utah's ongoing efforts to reduce and eliminate the impact of rape and sexual assault, intimate partner and domestic violence.

Services: Direct and support the Utah Sexual Violence Council and the Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council to recommend and coordinate the creation, dissemination, and implementation of statewide policies to address intimate partner and domestic and sexual violence. Promote a multi-disciplinary approach to collaborate and partner with public and private partners. Facilitate planning for a balanced continuum of intimate partner and domestic and sexual violence prevention, intervention, treatment, and justice services.

Expected Outcome: The Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence (UODSV) has been in operation within the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice since 2002. UODSV works to strengthen the State and judicial systems, addressing obstacles while recommending solutions by encouraging the development and coordination of policies that increase a positive response, strengthen language in statute that negatively affect these issues, support department heads and State agencies, private and public organizations which work to reduce and end domestic and sexual violence in all of Utah's communities.

Implementations and Resources: UODSV responds to requests for technical assistance, consultation, problem solving, and fosters improved statewide coordination while strengthening collaboration efforts with the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, The Utah Domestic Violence Planning Advisory Council, the Utah Sexual Violence Council and the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault. UODSV preserves a partnership with the Sheriffs, Chiefs and Prosecutors Associations, to ensure the consistent, uniform and timely implementation and enforcement of Utah's domestic and sexual violence laws by law enforcement, prosecution, and the courts. UODSV promotes statewide violence prevention, unites and sustains coordinated community responses, and supports victim interests and offender management.

How: This bill will consolidate the work of the office and give oversight to improve collaboration and strengthen relationships with agencies listed in implementation and resources and improve the justice response for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. These activities will increase the State's response to domestic and sexual violence by addressing the needs of victims through improving

legislative policy changes and expanding procedures for those agencies and individuals who support and work with survivors in their local communities.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Identify treatment providers who practice evidence-based research therapy for domestic violence offenders.

Description: Current domestic therapy is not evidence-based and consistent. The Domestic Violence Offender Task Force (DVOT) will implement the most current and reliable evidence therapy for low, medium, and high-risk offenders. This treatment will be specifically dedicated to the individual needs of the offender (i.e., substance abuse, mental health disorders, suicide risk, adult criminal history, obsession with the victim, non-intimate violence toward family members, attitudes condoning violence, unemployment, pro-criminal thinking habits.)

Collection Method: The Utah Association for Domestic Violence Therapists (UADV) will conduct a survey of how many of its members are using the intimate partner violence evidence evaluation to determine the kind of treatment should be given to the specific offender. Results of this survey will be used to identify those treatment providers who are using evidence-based evaluation to determine the treatment modality.

	2020	2021	2022
Survey response	0.00	35.00	50.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

Goal

Title: Increase the percentage of treatment providers who practice evidence-based research therapy for domestic violence offenders.

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Collection Method: The results of the survey data that is collected for Goal number 1 will be used by the Utah Association for Domestic Violence Therapists (UADV) to increase the use of evidence-based evaluation and treatment.

	2020	2021	2022
Percent Increase	0.00	10.00	20.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

Goal

Title: Produce a Sexual Assault Bench Book which will be a resource to judges handling sexual assault cases.

Description: Crime victims organizations are moving towards providing trauma-informed education and training to assist victims as they go through the judicial system. Judges need to be trained in the area for trauma-informed care. The Director will work with stakeholders (Administrative Office of the Courts, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, victim advocates, and legal services to develop a sexual assault bench book.

Collection Method: The stakeholders identified in the above description section will meet monthly to develop the bench book for publication.

	2020	2021	2022
Percent Completion	0.00	100.00	0.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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