

# Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Thank you for your interest in membership at the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition (UDVC). This packet details the requirements and many benefits of membership with UDVC.

### Mission of the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition (UDVC) is a private non-profit organization recognized nationally for providing expertise concerning issues of domestic and sexual violence to member programs, community partners and others in Utah. We advocate for the development of policies and practices that enhance victim safety and empowerment while raising awareness of the need for prevention and intervention.

A membership structure is utilized to ensure the voices of victims and local communities remain central to our work and mission. Membership is comprised of non-profit victim service agencies and other allied agencies across Utah. Coalition professionals provide technical assistance and training to member programs and community partners throughout the entire state.

As a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition is comprised of members from across the state and various disciplines and a Board of Directors who are **committed to creating a state where domestic and sexual violence are intolerable**. In addition to its purposes as a Statewide Coalition, **UDVC's Bylaws** ([available at udvc.org](http://udvc.org)) have identified the following as pertinent to Utah:

**Educate:** The Coalition will provide education to effectively address domestic and sexual violence as a critical social issue; suggest and support initiatives, including training, which are focused but not limited to providing effective empowerment-based domestic violence intervention/prevention services for victims and families; and programs and interventions for perpetrators that promote accountability for perpetrators and safety for victims/survivors. Domestic Violence, also known as family violence, interpersonal violence, and intimate partner violence, includes other forms of controlling and abusive behaviors, including sexual violence.

**Advocate:** The Coalition will advocate for state and federal appropriations to ensure the prompt availability and accessibility of services to residents of the State who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. The Coalition will strive to ensure that such services are delivered appropriately, in line with best practices on trauma-informed care and in a manner which preserves human dignity and which overcomes cultural, linguistic, and economic barriers to the receipt of such services. The Coalition will recommend and support regulatory and statutory change that strengthens protection for victims/survivors and the accountability of perpetrators.

**Collaborate:** The Coalition will lead a collaborative, statewide effort to eliminate domestic and sexual violence by addressing cultural oppression and marginalization to effect social change.

### UDVC Membership Program

The UDVC seeks to collaborate with a variety of groups, including community based, culturally specific, faith-based service providers, housing services providers, federal, state, tribal, and local public officials/agencies, and to engage in dialogue with these groups to provide more responsive and effective services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their dependents.

The UDVC also seeks to forge links with those organizations and individuals who support its mission and in particular but not limited to, those who serve/represent underserved communities, to increase awareness of the issues of domestic and sexual violence and to maintain communication with local communities and people in the State.

## Benefits of UDVC Membership

Dues and benefits associated with membership shall be determined by the Board. A membership of the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition provides you with many benefits, including but not limited to:

- Free/discounted entry to UDVC's Annual Conference (accredited with CEUs).
- Free access to Core Advocacy Training enabling you to support staff, meet a variety of licensing and contractual requirements AND to gain 40 CEU credits.
- Free access to trainings on supporting LGBTQ+ survivors, supporting plural families, supporting immigrant survivors, developing a Coordinated Community Response, developing a multidisciplinary team approach to Strangulation cases.
- Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) training and ongoing support.
- 1:1 technical assistance on a variety of issues as pertinent to your agency.
- State and National public policy alerts and briefings.
- Representation on DV/SA issues during the State Legislative Session and advocacy to secure ongoing funding for Domestic Violence Service Provider (DVSP) agencies.
- Coordinated Advocacy Day events on the Hill including advocacy briefing and press conference.

## Member Responsibilities

Members are expected to:

- Attend and actively participate in quarterly and annual meetings of the Coalition.
- Actively participate on Coalition committees, or when assigned on task forces, advisory groups and workgroups.
- Understand and ascribe to the mission and vision of UDVC.

## General Coalition Member Meetings

There will be four (4) quarterly meetings per year, including an Annual General Meeting in September. The Chair of the Board will act as chair of these meetings. Meetings of the Coalition are open to all members as well as to Friends of UDVC and the community at large, with the exception of the Annual General Meeting in September, which is for members only.

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- Update members on the work of UDVC.
- Report on progress relating to grant objectives.
- Provide an opportunity for the ongoing education of members and the Coalition about topics relating to Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- Cascade information relating to the National Movement and best practices.
- Provide a forum for discussion on how to best serve victims of interpersonal and sexual violence.

## Voting at General Coalition Member Meetings

Consistent with federal mandates and regional/state domestic violence coalition practices throughout the United States, voting in UDVC is restricted to primary purpose Domestic Violence Service Provider (DVSP) organizations. These organizations operate a project of demonstrated effectiveness, carried out by a nonprofit, nongovernmental, private entity or tribe or tribal organization that has as its project's primary purpose the operation of shelters for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their dependents; or provides legal aid, advocacy or self-help services to victims of domestic and/or sexual violence. The voting protocol is described in Article V, Section 5.7 of UDVC's Bylaws. These primary purpose domestic violence service provider members are expected to exercise their voting rights to:

- Elect Board Members.
- Approve specific bylaw amendments related to voting rights of member, election of Board members, and dissolution and distribution of assets.
- Approve any changes to the role or mission of the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition.

All members are required to pay annual dues, to ascribe to the mission, vision, philosophy, code of ethics and other policies of the UDVC and to agree to support and follow them in order to further the work of UDVC. The UDVC office will ensure that only those members current in their dues and regularly attending meetings vote at Coalition meetings.

## Membership Application Process

- Applications for membership can be made at any time of year.
- A membership year runs from October 1st - September 30th.
- Membership Dues will not be due until the applicant has been approved by the Board. If an application is submitted and approved mid-year, the applicant will be required to pay the complete year's dues.

Applications for membership shall include a signed statement from the applicant that s/he has read and understands the mission, vision, philosophy, code of ethics and other policies of the UDVC and agrees to support and follow them. Said applications will be reviewed for completeness by staff and approval of membership will be confirmed by the Board.

The UDVC Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any application for any reason, except that no person shall be turned away from membership on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, financial status, age or disability. If an individual or organization is believed to have views that are counter to the mission and values of the UDVC, this will constitute a reason to reject an application.

Membership and its contingent benefits will not commence until approval of the application has been confirmed to the applicant and until the member has paid the required dues in cleared funds. Membership Dues will not be due until the applicant has been approved by the Board.

## Terms of Membership

Membership must be renewed on an annual basis. Members will receive notification of the annual renewal process one month before their membership expires. Upon payment of that year's dues and renewal of their support of the UDVC mission, as demonstrated by the return of the signed statement, their membership shall be renewed subject to the member continuing to meet the eligibility criteria.

## Termination of Membership

Membership of UDVC may be terminated upon any of the following:

- The member's death (if an individual) or dissolution (if an organization).
- The member's resignation by written notice to the Coalition.
- If any sum due from the member to the Coalition is not paid within 2 months of its due date.
- A resolution of the Board that it is in the best interest of the Coalition that membership is terminated upon determination of any of the following:
  - o Gain - The member has used the fact of Coalition membership for personal, professional, or political gain which is deemed contrary to the interests of the Coalition;
  - o Misrepresentation - The member has, without authorization from either the Chair or the Coalition, made representations that the member was acting on behalf of the Coalition or issued public statements represented to have been on behalf of and/or authorized by the Coalition;
  - o Bad acts - The member has been convicted of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault or child abuse and such conviction has been independently verified; or
  - o Other good cause - For any other good cause which interferes with, impedes or reflects poorly on the Coalition

## Membership dues and how to apply or renew

Membership Dues will not be due until the applicant has been approved by the Board. UDVC Membership Dues are:

- **\$275** for community-based nonprofit domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sexual assault victim advocacy and service provider programs in Utah whose primary purpose is to work on behalf of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault victims through direct services, advocacy, or social change efforts.
- **\$550** for Governmental organizations or non-governmental for-profit domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sexual assault victim service providers, corporations, businesses, or allies.

## To Apply or Renew:

- Complete the attached Membership Application Form and return to UDVC via email, mail, or fax

## Questions?

If you have any questions about renewing or about any membership benefits please contact Chris Davies, Associate Director - [cdavies@udvc.org](mailto:cdavies@udvc.org) or Katherine Park, Business Manager - [kpark@udvc.org](mailto:kpark@udvc.org).

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Please review the attached Membership Packet and full UDVC Bylaws before submitting this application to UDVC.

### Applicant Information

<b>Organization</b>	
<b>Executive Director / CEO</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Office Phone</b>	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>UDVC Affiliation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Membership Request <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership Request <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>Membership Category</b> <i>Primary-purpose domestic violence service provider means an entity that operates a project of demonstrated effectiveness carried out by a nonprofit, nongovernmental, private entity, Tribe, or Tribal organization, that has as its project's primary-purpose the operation of shelters and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents; or has as its project's primary purpose counseling, advocacy, or self-help services to victims of domestic violence.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Program</b> (primary purpose, non-profit) @ \$275* <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organization</b> (Gov, non-Gov, or for-profit) @ \$550* <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> _____ @ \$550+ Please briefly explain how your organization meets the above criteria: _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Reason for Membership?</b> <i>Why do you want to be a member of UDVC and what are you hoping to gain from membership?</i>	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

### Agreement

By signing this document, I affirm that my organization ( \_\_\_\_\_ ):

- Understands the definition, benefits, and terms of UDVC Membership
- Has reviewed, understands, and agrees with UDVC's Bylaws
- Is prepared to ascribe to (and actively advocate for) the mission, vision, philosophy, code of ethics and other policies of the UDVC and agrees to support and follow them to further their work

Printed Name	
Signature	
Date	

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## MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

	Program Members	Organizational Members
<b>Categories of Membership - Bylaws</b>	<p>Community-based nonprofit domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sexual assault victim advocacy and service provider programs in Utah whose primary purpose is to work on behalf of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault victims through direct services, advocacy, or social change efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency shelter for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and their dependents</li> <li>• Legal aid, advocacy or self-help services to victims of domestic and/or sexual violence</li> </ul>	<p>Governmental organizations or non- governmental for profit domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or sexual assault victim service providers, corporations, businesses, or allies.</p>
<b>Annual Dues</b>	<p><b>Dues</b> \$275</p>	<p><b>Dues</b> \$550</p>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment of annual dues once approved</li> <li>• Agree and adhere to UDVC Bylaws</li> <li>• Participate in selection of new Board members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment of annual dues once approved</li> <li>• Agree and adhere to UDVC Bylaws</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No registration costs for two program staff for any statewide training event, such as the UDVC Annual Conference</li> <li>• Quarterly communications from UDVC</li> <li>• Opportunity to participate in trainings, networks, and meetings organized by UDVC</li> <li>• Opportunity to access travel scholarships</li> <li>• Opportunity to be a sub-grantee or a pilot site on federal grants</li> <li>• Access to specialized training and capacity building, technical assistance and legal and other research</li> <li>• Awareness and/or educational materials at no cost for reasonable quantities given the community population and need</li> <li>• Opportunity to apply for the UDVC Board of Directors</li> <li>• State and national policy advocacy</li> <li>• Voting rights as detailed in the Bylaws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No registration costs for two persons for any statewide training event, such as the UDVC Annual Conference</li> <li>• Quarterly communications from UDVC</li> <li>• Opportunity to participate in trainings, networks, and meetings organized by UDVC</li> <li>• Opportunity to access travel scholarships</li> <li>• Opportunity to be a sub-grantee or a pilot site on federal grants</li> <li>• Access to specialized training and technical assistance</li> <li>• Awareness and/or educational materials at a reduced cost</li> <li>• Opportunity to apply for the UDVC Board of Directors</li> </ul>