

Safety Net Directory

Agencies and Organizations
Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and
Child Abuse in Polygamous Communities

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Providing Justice, Safety & Service to
Children & Families of Plural Marriage



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Message from Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne

As the Attorney General I am genuinely committed to protecting the victims of domestic violence and child abuse in both Colorado City, Arizona and Hildale, Utah. Often victims of these crimes find it complicated to reach out for assistance because of their fear. Working closely with the Utah Attorney General on this issue, my office has made great advancements toward removing those obstacles. I understand that we still have much work that remains undone however I will continue to work and support all law enforcement and social service agencies in their efforts to protect and serve these vulnerable victims. I will not cease in continuing to prevent and respond to all domestic violence and child abuse, whenever and wherever it may take place.



This program has been victorious in bringing together all sectors of government, non-profit and community organizations to discuss these vital issues surrounding domestic violence and child abuse. I plan to continue to work closely with them to ensure we are all being proactive in this matter. This Directory is a collection of many of those cooperating organizations whose sole purpose is to aid victims of domestic abuse and child abuse by finding the resources that they need. I cannot express enough, my gratitude to the Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith, and the agencies, organizations and dedicated individuals who worked tirelessly to accomplish the Safety Net Program effectively.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Horne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Horne
Arizona Attorney General

Message from Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff

“It won’t work.” “No one will get along.” “It will only make matters worse.” Those are some of the comments heard when we first started working to provide justice, safety and services to people in polygamous communities. I am pleased to say the nay-sayers were wrong. Government agencies, non-profit groups and members of polygamous communities started talking, barriers began dropping and everyone discovered enough common ground to foster change.

We have learned a lot and helped thousands of people but we still have a long way to go. Too little was done for too long and we are trying to make up for years of indifference. But I can assure that the Safety Net Program and the people and agencies listed in this directory are up to the task. Please join Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne, myself and many others who are coming forward to take part in this bold effort to make sure all citizens are treated fairly.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Shurtleff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mark Shurtleff
Utah Attorney General

Introduction

As a result of an unprecedented partnership between the Arizona and Utah Attorney Generals' Offices, a Safety Net Program has been established which represents coordinated efforts of human services agencies and law enforcement organizations from Arizona and Utah.

The Safety Net Program found its beginnings in the 2003 meeting between Arizona and Utah law enforcement and Attorneys General. Both the Arizona and Utah Attorney General determined that there exists in Colorado City and Hildale an intense need for not only increased law enforcement but also for improved access to social services and community resources. Since that time, representatives from law enforcement, state and local social service agencies, advocacy groups and members of the community have convened monthly meetings to discuss the special needs and concerns of those living in polygamous communities. Outreach and support to victims must address the barriers unique to the polygamous communities such as geographic isolation, historical disputes with government, transportation barriers, lack of access to victim services and other resources such as legal assistance and lack of awareness of services.

The goals of the Program include opening communication, breaking down barriers and working together to ensure that those affected by polygamy have equal access to justice, safety and social services.

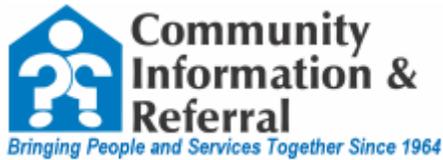


Arizona Coalition against Domestic Violence

Contact: Allie Bones
Phone: 602-279-2900 or 800-782-6400
Legal Advocacy Hotline: 602-279-2900
Email: acadv@azcadv.org
Address: 2800 N. Central Ave. Ste. 1570. Phoenix, AZ 85004
Web site: www.azcadv.org
Type: Private, Non-Profit

Services: The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence serves as an advocate and a voice representing the needs of domestic violence service providers and the victims they serve throughout Arizona. The toll-free legal advocacy hotline provides victims and family members with help concerning safety planning, court procedures, civil and criminal law, name changes, etc. This organization also provides domestic violence information through a resource library that includes: provider resources, orders of protection, and myths and facts about domestic violence.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Resources are available throughout Arizona. Web site provides links to national resources for domestic violence.



Arizona Community Information and Referral

Contact: Mark Lewis, INR Program Manager
Phone: 24-HOUR HELP HOTLINE: (602) 263-8856
FAX: (602) 263-0979
From within area codes 520 and 928: 1-800-352-3792
(see jurisdiction requirements)
Email: mark@cir.org
Address: 2200 North Central Avenue • Suite 601. Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Web site: www.cirs.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: Arizona Community Information and Referral (CIR) is a health and human services directory. The Information Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Web site provides state and federal government links, such as law enforcement agencies and county Web sites. There are also media links to helpful and relevant magazines and newspapers. Further resources that are offered include contact information for non-profit agencies and legal aid services. Additionally, community voice mail is offered which gives homeless individuals private phone numbers to help with job searches. The Community Network for Accessing Shelter (CONTACS) assists domestic violence victims with finding shelter in emergency situations. Arizona 211 directory services and Teen Link pre-recorded messages are also available. The Arizona Community Information and Referral Web site contains referral links to similar services in other states.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: The Web site is accessible to all states. There is no charge for calls made from within area codes 602, 520 and 928. Calls made from outside these area codes are toll calls. Services are available to residents of Mohave, Coconino, Navajo, Apache, Gila, Pinal, Maricopa, and La Paz Counties. Some services are offered statewide, including: referrals for free income tax assistance, summer activities, holiday assistance, and Flu/Pneumonia immunizations.



Arizona
Department of Economic Security



Child Care Assistance

Contact: Vernon Paine, Child Care Specialist
Phone: 928-753-6621
Email: Vpaine@azdes.gov
Address: 519 E. Beale Street Ste.160 Kingman , AZ 86401
Web site: www.azdes.gov/childcare/

Services: Most services offered can be completed by telephone. Itinerate services are by appointment only. Call 928-753-6621. There are no office hours in Colorado City. The DES Child Care Administration (CCA) helps eligible families pay a portion of child care costs when parents or caretakers participate in DES eligible activities, such as employment. Eligibility requirements are different for each Child Care program. CCA contracts with small family child care homes, Department of Health Services (DHS) licensed child care centers and group homes and non-certified relative providers to provide child care services for eligible families. CCA provides funding to increase the availability and improve the quality of child care services. The office also certifies child care homes. The Web site includes a link to an on-line child care referrals.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Income criteria (up to 165% of US poverty guidelines). To be eligible, individuals must be employed or, if attending school, must be working 20 hours per week. If unable to care for children due to either physical or mental disabilities, some assistance may be possible. A doctor's statement explaining disabilities must be provided. Open to Arizona residents only.

Child Protective Services

Contact: John Destefano , Program Manager
Phone: Office: 928-779-2731
To make a report, call the Child Abuse Hotline:
1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)
Email: Jdestefano@azdes.gov
Address: 220 N. Leroux, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Contact: Cindy Trembley, Assistant Program Manager
Phone: 928-649-6838
Email: ctrembley@azdes.gov
Address: 220 N. Leroux, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Contact: Candace Babb, Unit Supervisor (Colorado City area)
Phone: 928-645-8103
Email: cbabb@azdes.gov
Address: 1057 Vista St. Page, AZ. 86040
Web site: www.azdes.gov

Services: Child Protective Services is a part of Division of Children, Youth and Families within the Arizona State Department of Economic Security. When allegations of child abuse or neglect, exploitation or abandonment indicate the need, Arizona law requires Child Protective Services to conduct an investigation. The Child Protective Services program receives, screens and investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect, performs assessments of child safety, assesses the imminent risk of harm to the children, and evaluates conditions that support or refute the alleged abuse or neglect and need for emergency intervention. This program provides case management, parent aide and other in-home family support services. Additionally, out-of-home services to individuals or families are offered, as well as assistance to young adults in transition from adolescence to adulthood.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Services are available to Arizona residents only. However, residents of any jurisdiction may call in a complaint pertaining to residents of Arizona.

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Contact: Terri Justesen Support Coordinator
Phone: 520-349-3521
Email: tjustesen@azdes.gov
Address: P.O.Box 456 Hurricane, UT 84735
Web site: www.azdes.gov/ddd/

Services: The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides services and programs to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by promoting and providing flexible, quality, and consumer-driven services and supports.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Open to Arizona residents who have a chronic disability attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism that functional limitations in three or more of the following areas: self-care, receptive manifested before the age of 18. The disability must also result in substantial

and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Children under the age of 6 years may be eligible for services if there is a strongly demonstrated potential that the child is, or will become developmentally disabled.

Family Assistance

Contact: Karen Kay Williams
Phone: 435-688-5700
Email: kwilliams@azdes.gov
Address: P.O.Box 163 St. George, UT.84771
Web site: www.azdes.gov/faa/

Services: A cash assistance program temporarily provides funding and support services to children, individuals and their families. Individuals who are ineligible for cash assistance may be eligible to receive Supportive Services. These may include child care or participation in the Jobs Program. The Family Assistance Program also offers a comprehensive medical and dental program for children in foster care, as well as food stamps. Currently, there are no Colorado City office hours.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Open to Arizona residents who qualify based on income. Eligible parents are pregnant women in their last trimester or have children under the age of 19 who are in their care. Parents of a child who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may also be eligible. For further details on eligibility, see the Web site listed above.

Rehabilitation Services Administration

Contact: Suzanne Ledsham
Phone: 928-645-8103
Email: Sledsham@azdes.gov
Address: P.O. Box 3323, Page, AZ 86040
Web site: www.azdes.gov/RSA/

Services: The Rehabilitation Services Administration assists people with disabilities to become or remain economically independent through work, eventually eliminating their need for ongoing governmental support.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Eligible persons must have a disability that is an impediment to employment. This condition can be a physical, psychological or learning disability. Participants must be eligible for full-time employment. Refer potential clients directly to the agency for further assessment of eligibility requirements. Open to Arizona residents only.



Children's Justice Center of Washington County

Contact: Patricia Sheffield
Phone: 435-634-1134 Ext. 25
Email: cjc@infowest.com
Address: 463 East 500 South St. George, UT. 84770
Web site: www.cjwc.com/
Type: Private donations and partial state funding

Services: The Children's Justice Center works with Child Protective Services and law enforcement agencies to provide interview services. Special facilities are available to law enforcement and Child Protective Services to conduct child abuse investigations. Access to medical exams is available. The Children's Justice Center also provides referral services to victims' families. The agency is an accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Eligible children are victims of alleged physical or sexual abuse. In addition to Washington County, Utah, the Children's Justice Center also deals with cases arising out of Mohave County, Arizona.



Community Legal Services

Contact: Beth A. Engels
Phone: (928) 681-1177 Ext.18
Toll Free: (800) 255-9031
Fax: (928) 681-5998
Email: bengels@clsaz.org
Address: 1720 Beverly Ave., Suite A, Kingman, AZ 86409
Website: www.clsaz.org
Type: Private, Non-Profit

SERVICES: Community Legal Services (CLS) is a not-for-profit Arizona law firm incorporated in 1952. To promote "equal access to justice for all", CLS provides high-quality legal advice, assistance, or direct representation by an attorney or paralegal in certain civil matters including family law, housing law, education law, government benefits, consumer law, employment law and farm worker law. CLS promotes self-sufficiency through its public education and outreach programs. The CLS' Family Law practice focuses on the honor, safety, and well-being of the family. CLS works to help protect families from all forms of domestic violence including physical abuse, psychological abuse, emotional abuse and financial abuse.

ELIGIBILITY AND JURISDICTION: These services are provided to low-income individuals and families residing in the CLS service areas including Mohave County and Colorado City. Community Legal Services does not handle traffic tickets, criminal cases, or cases in which an attorney receives a fee.

Defenders of Children

Contact: Donnalee Sarda, MC, LPC
Phone 602-710-1903
Fax: 602-710-1906
Email: dsarda@defendersofchildren.org
Address: P.O. Box 10128, Phoenix, AZ 85064
Web site: www.defendersofchildren.org
Type: Non-profit organization

Services: Defenders of Children is a local organization that provides legal assistance and advocacy with a focus on child abuse. The organization provides free casework and legal assistance on a case-by-case basis, and pursues legislative advocacy to give a voice to children. In addition, resources for therapy are provided for cases that fit prescribed criteria. Community resource referrals, community presentations, and research are provided. Defenders of Children works with child protective services, law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and family and criminal justice systems pursuing child safety and the best interests of the child. Defenders of Children also assists with some domestic violence cases when children are at risk of harm. Defenders of Children offers attorney training for volunteer lawyers.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Eligible children are victims of documented criminal abuse.

The Diversity Foundation: Lost Boys Program

Contact: Shannon Price, Foundation Director
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Fax: **801-553-4600**
Cell: 801-550-1550
Email: shannon.price@ultradent.com
Address: 505 W. 10200 South, South Jordan, UT 84095
Web site: www.smiles-for-diversity.org/
Type: Non-profit

Services: The Lost Boys are a group of young men who have been expelled from or coerced out of polygamist communities. Dr. Dan Fischer, a former member of the FLDS community, founded the Lost Boys Program within the Diversity Foundation. The Diversity Foundation assists the boys with school enrollment and/or obtaining their GED. The Diversity Foundation also aids the boys in finding employment and assists them with medical and dental care expenses. Under certain circumstances, the Diversity Foundation will provide assistance with living expenses.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: National



Dixie Care and Share of Washington County

Contact: Jae Maxfield, Executive Director
Phone: 435-628-3661
Address: 131 North 300 West, St. George, UT 84770
Web site: dixiecareandshare.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: Dixie Care and Share provides food and shelter for homeless or low income individuals. Included in these services are supplementary food boxes, men's and family shelters, laundry facilities, sleeping quarters, showers, clothing and basic personal items. The St. George food bank and pantry office hours are Monday through Friday, 11am – 2pm. The shelter is open 7 days per week beginning at 6pm. Showers are available 7 days per week from 4:00 – 5:30pm. The Hurricane Valley Food Bank and Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am – 2pm.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Free for low-income individuals and families on a temporary or short term basis. Residents of Colorado City are permitted to enter the pantry, but food boxes are available only for residents of Washington County, Utah. For individuals in transit, "camper specials" are available.



Domestic Violence Linkline

Contact: Peg Coleman
Phone: 1-800-897-LINK (5465)
Direct line: 801-521-5544 Ext. 103
Address: Confidential
Web site: www.udvc.org
Type: Private, non-profit

Services: The Linkline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide resources to individuals with domestic violence issues. Among those resources are counseling, shelters, safe houses, support groups, police referrals, and mental and physical health services. They also provide referrals to human services agencies, legal services, and victims' assistance groups. The Web site lists information on protective orders, different types of abuse, and a safety plan. In addition, advocate, counseling and shelter lists are available. The Linkline is provided by the Utah Domestic Violence Council and is one of the Safe Passages Grant partners.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: The Domestic Violence Linkline is free for all U.S. residents. However, the referrals that Linkline provides are organizations and locations that are exclusive to Utah.

Holding Out HELP

Contact: Kerri Webber or Nicole Nystrom
Phone: 801-548-3492
Email: help@holdingouthelp.org
Address: 138 E. 12300 S. Ste C#193 Draper UT 84020
Website: www.holdingouthelp.org
Type: Non-profit

Services:

Holding Out HELP strives to provide the necessary resources and guidance for those who are from polygamist communities and need assistance in achieving self-sufficiency. We empower those transcending from a polygamist community into an independent and self-sufficient life by providing temporary shelter, food, clothing, counseling, mentoring, job training, education and referral services to other agencies throughout the valley that provide resources such as legal, scholarship and medical assistance as needed.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction:

HELP assists those in or from polygamist communities that are taking steps toward self-sufficiency. Resources are available primarily in the Salt Lake City area, although we will try to assist nationally in helping connect with other local resources.

The DOVE Center

Contact: Katy Petersen, Director
Phone: 435-628-1204 and 435-628-0458 *24-hour crisis line*
Email: dove@infowest.com
Address: P.O. Box 2972, St. George, UT 84771
(confidential physical address)
Website: www.dovecenter.org/
Type: Non-profit

Services: The DOVE Center provides emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, and emotional support for victims of domestic violence. They operate a 24-hour crisis hotline. The DOVE Center will assist victims with legal services, advocacy and accompaniment, as well as transitional housing. A mobile hospital response team is also available.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. The DOVE Center's services are offered to residents of Washington County, Colorado City, Centennial Park, and other Arizona Strip residents.



The Family Support Center

Contact: Bonnie Peters (Taylorsville Location)
Phone: 801-955-9110 Ext. 101
SUGAR HOUSE CRISIS NURSERY &
COUNSELING OFFICE: 801-487-7778
Email: bonnie.peters@familysupportcenter.org
General Inquiries: fsc@xmission.com
Address: 4805 South 1760 West Taylorsville, UT 84118
Web site: www.familysupportcenter.org
Type: Non-profit

Services: The Family Support Center Coalition (FSC) has two main locations in the Salt Lake City area and seven additional coalition offices throughout the state, including a location in Cedar City, Utah. Services offered at the main locations include: crisis nursery, parenting classes, grief groups for children and classes for victims of sexual abuse. The crisis nursery is offered at all locations. Counseling/therapy services for children, adults, teens and families are offered at both the Midvale and Sugarhouse locations. The FSC also facilitates polygamy support groups that are available to both current and former polygamist community members.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Crisis Nursery care is available, free of charge, to any parent who needs it. Children under the age of 12 can stay as long as 72 hours if needed. Persons interested in counseling can call either of the main Family Support Center location and talk to a clinician who will determine eligibility. Fees for counseling services, group therapy and parenting classes are charged on Utah's sliding fee scale, taking into consideration the client's income and family size. The FSC also accepts many insurance plans and Medicaid. Services offered to Utah residents who are dependant on Utah-based funding. Services provided to out of state residents who have transferable funding or who are self-pay.



**The
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Contact: Michael Leetham, Safety Net Administrative Coordinator
Phone: (801) 487-7778 Ext. 1326
Cell: (801) 513-7947
Fax: (801) 487-2942
Email: Mike.leetham@familysupportcenter.org
Address: 2020 South Lake Street Salt Lake City , UT 84105
Web site: www.familysupportcenter.org
Type: Non-profit

Contact: Shelli Mecham, Safety Net Clinical Coordinator
Phone: (801)487-7778 Ext. 1315
Email: Shelli.mecham@familysupportcenter.org

Contact: Jean Goode, Safety Net Case Manager
Phone: (435) 313-0034
Email: Jean.goode@familysupportcenter.org



Contact: Debbie Justice
Phone: 435-673-5353
Email: tlc4kids@infowest.com
Address: 2044 Mesa Palms Dr, St George, UT. 84770
Web site: www.tlc4families.org
Type: Private, non-profit, contracted by the Utah Department of Health

Services: TLC for Families offers home and center-based programs that serve all of Washington County and the Arizona Strip.

The Early Head Start program is a family support program for low-income pregnant women and children ages newborn to three years. The program provides health, nutrition and developmental support for the entire family to ensure family self sufficiency, as well as supporting infants and toddlers in developing to their fullest potential. Enrollment is free.

Early Intervention provides support services for children who show any kind of developmental delay. Services provided include training for the whole family, as well as therapeutic services for children with delays. Call for a free evaluation of your child.

All services and support resources are provided by personnel who reflect the various communities in the area with respect for all cultures and backgrounds.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Available for residents of Washington County, Utah and the Arizona Strip. Eligibility determined by diagnosis, standardized testing, or the clinical opinion of The Learning Center for Families team.



Management
& Training
Corporation

Contact: Colleen Tucker, Admissions Counselor/Career Advisor
Phone: 435-673-7700
Cell: 801-898-7294
Toll Free: **1-800-733-5627**
Fax: **435-673-7710**
Email: tucker.colleen@jobcorps.org
Web site: www.mtctrains.com/
Type: Private, non-profit, contracted by the Utah Department of Health



COUNTY ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF MOHAVE

Matthew J. Smith, Mohave County Attorney

Contact: Kim Nuttall, Victim Advocate
Phone: 928-875-8480 or 435-691-4694
Email: kim.nuttall@co.mohave.az.us

Physical Address: 315 N. 4th Street, Kingman, AZ 86402
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 306 Colorado City, AZ.86021

Contact: Gary Engels, Special Investigator (Criminal)
Phone: 1-928-875-8462 or 928-530-0250
Email: gary.engels@co.mohave.az.us
Physical Address: 315 N. 4th Street Kingman, AZ 86401
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 306 Colorado City, AZ.86021

Web site: co.mohave.az.us
Type: Mohave County Government

Services: The purpose of Victim Advocacy is to ensure that victims of crime are treated with fairness and respect by the criminal justice system and to see that their rights are protected. The Victim Advocate offers support, crisis intervention and referrals to local programs and services. The Victim Advocate assists with Orders of Protection and Injunctions against Harassment, and may accompany victims to court hearings and arrange for emergency services. The Victim Advocate also works closely with law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, and social services agencies in Arizona and Utah. The Special Investigator investigates cases of abuse, fraud and other crimes as directed by the County Attorney.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Mohave County, Arizona



North Mohave Campus, Colorado City

Contact: Carolyn Hamblin
FAX: 928-875-2831
Phone: 928-875-2799
Email: susan@mohave.edu or carham@mohave.edu
Address: 480 South Central, Colorado City, AZ 86021
Web site: www.mohave.edu
Type: Mohave County Government

Services: GED orientation and GED preparation classes available at all campus locations, including Colorado City. Mohave County Community College offers free counseling, education and advisement.

Mohave Community College offers a Life Skills class (AED 089) which helps students to develop an understanding of the skills necessary to prepare for the work force, such as interview skills, resume preparation, and personal finance skills. Curriculum includes developing interpersonal communication skills and an awareness of everyday law (criminal, civil and traffic). It also addresses goal setting, character development, and ethical and leadership issues. Fundamental applications of business, consumer and construction math, and awareness of the work ethic required for successful career enhancement and employment are also discussed.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: There are four campus locations in Mohave County. MCC serves residents of Mohave County, as well as communities in Nevada and southern Utah. The GED program accepts students age 16 and over, but will sometimes accept younger students. This is a grant-based program and is free for persons dislocated by polygamy.



Tom Sheahan, Mohave County Sheriff

Address: 600 West Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 86401
Web site: mohavecounty.us
Type: Mohave County Government
Dispatch Phone: 1-800-522-4312
Phone: 928-753-0753
Fax: 928-753-0765
Email: mcsso@mohavecounty.us

Services: Provides law enforcement services to the residents of Mohave County, Arizona

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Mohave County, Arizona



Phone: 1-800-RUNAWAY
Email: info@nrscrisisline.org
Address: 3080 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60657
Web site: www.1800runaway.org
Type: National, private

Services: The National Runaway Switchboard is a toll-free, confidential crisis intervention hotline. It is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The purpose of this resource is to link youth to family members or community-based resources. This organization assists youth in exploring options and determining plans to address their problems.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Youth and adults nationwide may use this resource.

Safe Talk Helpline

When family problems are
too much to face alone

Childhelp USA®
Treatment and Prevention of Child Abuse



Safe Talk Helpline – Childhelp USA

Phone: 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) *Abuse Hotline*/480-922-8212

Address: 15757 N. 78th Street Suite #B Scottsdale, Arizona, 85260

Web site: www.childhelp.org

Type: National, private

Services: The Safe Talk Helpline provides crisis counseling for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and other types of abuse. The Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by professional counselors who offer support, explain choices and provide referrals to additional resources.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Free for children, youth, and adults. This is a national hotline, but is especially encouraged for residents of Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ.



St. George Police Department – Victim Services Unit

Contact: Roxanna Finnerty, Victim Advocate
Phone: 435-627-4301
Email: rfinnerty@sgcity.org
Address: 200 East 265 North, St. George, UT 84770
Web site: sgcity.org/police
Type: St. George City Government

Services: The Victim Services Unit responds to the emotional, psychological and physical needs of crime victims. Services include crisis intervention, emotional support, counseling, referrals, and assistance with compensation and the criminal process.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: This department has jurisdiction over law enforcement in St. George, Utah and victim advocacy in all of Washington County.



- Ministering Biblical Truths to Polygamists -

Contact: Doris Hanson
Fax: (435) 921-0426
Phone: [1-877-425-9993](tel:1-877-425-9993)
Email: contact@shieldandrefuge.org
Address: [P.O. Box 651292, Salt Lake City, UT 84165](mailto:contact@shieldandrefuge.org)
Web Site: www.shieldandrefuge.org
Type: Private, non-profit

Services: A Shield & Refuge is a Christian based organization that assists all those who have concerns about living plural marriage. Emergency exiting assistance is given to anyone who desires to leave their situation. We provide transportation, emergency shelter, food, clothing, personal items, emotional support and a personal mentor to help each person on a personal level.

A Shield & Refuge is an arm of the Living Hope Ministry of Brigham City, Utah. Discussion groups for those questioning or needing support are being held or organized in various areas. Discussions include what the Bible teaches about polygamy.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: A Shield & Refuge Ministry helps victims and refugees from polygamous communities including women, children, boys and anyone who wants to leave.



Utah Community Information and Referral Center

Phone: 2-1-1 for Utah residents or toll-free outside Utah 1-888-826-9790
Address: 1025 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104
Web site: informationandreferral.org
Type: Private, non-profit

Services: The 211 Info Bank is a general resource listing that includes food assistance programs, a domestic violence assistance list, housing, mental health counseling, support groups, welfare and financial services and others. The Web site contains links to health and dental, parent, and homeless resources.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: The Web site is accessible to everyone. Utah residents dial 2-1-1. A toll-free phone number is also provided for individuals calling from outside the State of Utah.

utah department of
human services

Division of Child and Family Services

Phone: 435-652-2916
Address: 178 North, 200 East St. George, UT 84770
Web site: dhs.utah.gov
Type: State Government

Child Protective Services

Contact: Shirley Owen, Supervisor
Address: 178 North, 200 East St. George, UT 84770
Phone: 435-619-6717
Email: sowen@utah.gov
Web site: dcfs.utah.gov

Services: Child Protective Services investigates child abuse and neglect. CPS offers foster care, and youth services. If you suspect abuse or neglect, call the Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline at (800) 678-9399.

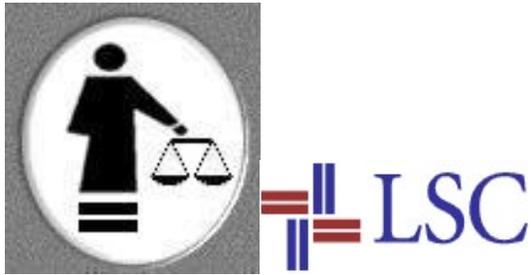
Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Utah residents

Domestic Violence Services

Contact: Lindsey Boyer
Address: 178 North, 200 East St. George, UT 84770
Phone: 435-773-3820
Email: lhodgen@utah.gov

Services: Domestic Violence Services offer crisis intervention for domestic violence by assisting with food, immediate shelter, locating housing and counseling, education and prevention classes, support groups and resources for other services.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Utah residents.



Utah Legal Services, Inc.

Contact: Eric Mittelstadt
Phone: 801-924-3388 or 801-328-8891
Utah Toll-free: 800-662-4245
**New Clients please call 1-800-662-4245 Monday through Friday between 9 am and 2 pm*
Fax: (801) 328-8898
Email: emittelstadt@andjusticeforall.org
Address: 205 North 400 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
Web site: www.utahlegalservices.org/
Type: Private, Non-Profit

Services: Utah Legal Services (ULS) provides legal help in non-criminal cases, free of charge, to those who qualify. ULS serves the entire state through a variety of locations. ULS seeks to protect the rights of the disadvantaged and persons of limited means through legal representation, advocacy, and education throughout Utah. Victims who qualify for assistance through ULS may receive up to \$6,000 in legal representation for divorce and custody cases.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Low-income Utahns qualify for help depending upon their household income and assets, the type of legal problem and whether that legal problem is within the current list of priority cases. In most cases, income must be at or below 125% of the current federal poverty level for the household's size. A person may also qualify based upon age or the nature of the legal problem without regard to the household's financial circumstances. Overall, there are over 300,000 Utahns who are eligible for legal help from ULS. ULS also has contract attorneys available in Mohave County, Arizona.



Brock Belnap, Washington County Attorney

Contact: Brock Belnap, County Attorney
Phone: 435-634-5723
Email: info@wcattorney.com
Address: 33 North 100 West St. George, UT 84770

Type: County Government

Services: The County Attorney prosecutes accused criminals. When the police or a victim chooses to press criminal charges against an abuser in Washington County, the County Attorney pursues the case in court. For information on victim advocacy, please see the St. George Police Department resource sheet in the Safety Net Directory.

Eligibility and Jurisdiction: Serves residents of Washington County, Utah

*Washington County
Sheriff's Office*



Cory Pulsipher, Washington County Sheriff

Name: Jake Adams, Lieutenant
Dispatch: 435-634-5730
Phone: patrol: 435-656-6500 or office:435-656-6502
Fax: 435-656-6599
Email: jadams@washeriff.net
Address: 750 South 5400 West, Hurricane, UT 84737
Web site: www.news.washeriff.net/contact-us/
Type: County Government

Washington County School District -Adult Education

Name: Nelda Kissinger, Program Director
Phone: 435-652-4709
Fax: 435-652-4739
Email: nkissinger@southwest.washk12.org
Address: 16 South 300 West St. George, UT. 84770
Web site: www.washk12.org/academics/adult-education
Type: County Government