



**The Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA) engages individuals and organizations in local and statewide collaborations to strengthen the effectiveness of sexual violence education, prevention and response in Utah.**

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## About UCASA:

In **1996**, the Directors of Utah's four rape crisis centers joined together, forming a Coalition to "advocate for and facilitate accessible services for rape and sexual assault survivors in the state of Utah, respecting human dignity and promoting the establishment of superior intervention care, to strengthen and encourage issue awareness and sensitivity toward respective unique cultural gender, ethnic, and economic needs".

Today, UCASA continues to provide advocacy, resources, and training for Utah organizations and individuals engaged in sexual violence prevention and response, and empowers survivors and members of underserved, marginalized and oppressed populations to inform and lead the way in transforming community and professional response to those who commit sexual violence and those who are harmed by the consequences. We advocate for public policy measures that will increase resources for sexual violence prevention, support comprehensive and culturally responsive services for survivors, and promote accountability for those who commit sexual offenses.

We offer this Annual Report to highlight a selection of the significant achievements and outcomes of UCASA programs and partnerships in 2013.

The UCASA Staff and Board of Directors are incredibly grateful to our partners, including professionals, community members who care, and most especially survivors who have joined together in the work of confronting sexual violence in all its forms. Demonstrating night and day your commitment to ending sexual violence in Utah by caring for yourselves, for each other, and for those who have been harmed, your combined response and resistance will contribute directly to preventing further sexual violence, exploitation and abuse.

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# UCASA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## **Public Policy**

- UCASA works with community members, service providers, state agencies, and legislators to develop and enact policies that protect victims' rights and increase offender accountability.
- During the 2013 Utah Legislative Session, UCASA staff worked collectively with advocates and policy makers to pass the Dating Violence Protection Act, a historic measure to increase safety measures available to victims of dating violence.
- UCASA joined local domestic violence service providers and partner coalitions to successfully advocate for the passage of the \$474,700 Human Services building block, strengthening Utah's frontline response to family violence through life-saving shelter and services, education, and opportunities for meaningful change for Utah families.



## **Sexual Assault Services Coordination**

- UCASA partners with host agencies for the coordination and delivery of Sexual Assault Counselor Training, certifying advocates working at local rape crisis centers as confidential communicators and strengthening the capacity of allied providers to offer trauma informed, culturally responsive services to adolescent and adult survivors of rape and sexual assault.
- UCASA staff coordinated eight 40-hour trainings in six urban and rural counties and trained a total of 147 Rape Crisis Counselors.
- UCASA staff provided advanced sexual assault advocacy training for the director and staff of Gentle Ironhawk Shelter in San Juan County.
- UCASA's SART Program Coordinator and Sexual Assault Services Coordinator facilitated a 1½-day training, hosted by Utah County's Center for Women and Children in Crisis, for SART Coordinators and Sexual Assault Advocates from across the state to meet and exchange ideas about challenges and promising strategies identified by their teams and by survivors in their communities. This training also served as a forum for identifying victim-centered practices and for promoting the use of community assessments.



## **Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Coordination**

- UCASA's SART Coordinator supports the development and sustainability of local multi-disciplinary teams that include police, prosecutors, advocates, medical staff, and social service providers in identifying protocols for delivering consistent, culturally relevant and victim-centered sexual assault response based on the unique needs and resources of their own communities.
- UCASA and the Sexual Violence Justice Institute at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault partnered to deliver training for Salt Lake County SART members on monitoring local crime data to improve system-wide sexual assault response. SL SART members subsequently worked with a local news source to publicize research indicating low rates of sexual assault prosecution in Salt Lake County.
- UCASA staff worked with advocacy and law enforcement partners to facilitate training and support for SART development in Box Elder, Davis, Grand, Iron, Kane, San Juan, Salt Lake, Sevier, Tooele, Uintah and Washington counties.



## **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Coordination**

- UCASA's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Coordinator facilitates bi-annual training for nurses preparing to become SANE certified, on-site skills training for practicing SANEs training on collection, documentation, and presentation of forensic evidence in sexual assault investigation and prosecution.
  - UCASA staff and partners delivered 16 hours of online content and 24 hours of classroom instruction for 45 Utah nurses.
  - UCASA's SANE Coordinator provided on-site updates and advanced training for nurses in Grand County and Summit County and disseminated updated statewide protocols for collection of Buccal swabs, "touch" DNA and samples for toxicology screening.
  - The SANE Coordinator partnered with Utah Attorney General's Sexual Assault Resource Prosecutor to provide training on strangulation investigation and prosecution in Utah, Davis and Salt Lake Counties.
- The SANE Coordinator also provides technical assistance and consultation via phone, e-mail, and site visits on patient care, evidence collection, SANE development and sustainability, and HIV prophylaxis and treatment protocols for victims of rape and sexual assault.
  - The SANE Coordinator provided training on meeting the medical needs of sexual assault survivors in Salt Lake, Summit, and Utah Counties and technical assistance by phone and e-mail to SANEs in Grand, Sanpete, and Cache counties.



## **Community Outreach and Education**

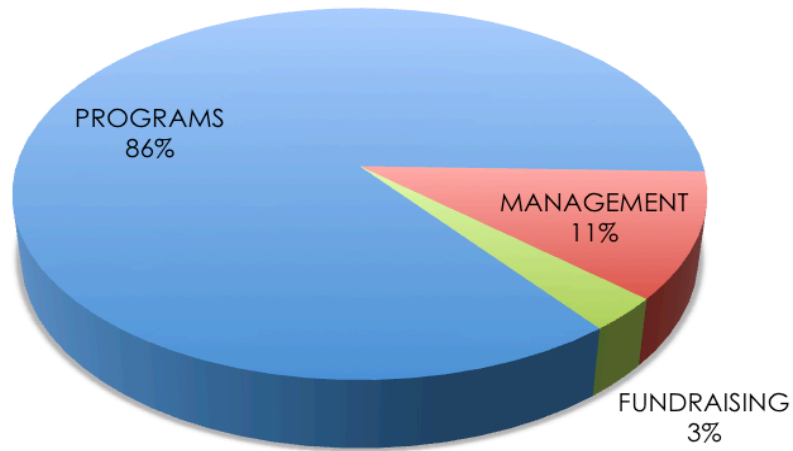
- The UCASA staff develops and delivers educational outreach and professional development presentations to Utah communities that increase understanding and responsiveness to the needs of sexual assault survivors, with a focus on serving communities that have historically been marginalized or underserved.
  - UCASA's Outreach and Operations Coordinator provided training for law enforcement agencies and service providers on responding to sexual assault survivors with disabilities.
  - UCASA's Outreach and Operations Coordinator facilitated dialogues with refugee education program participants and providers on sexual violence prevention and response.
  - UCASA staff talked to 80 seventh & eighth graders in Salt Lake County about risks and consequences of sexting, provided interviews with news media in English and Spanish on perpetrators' use of technology to sexually harass, stalk, threaten, and harm former and current intimate partners, provided introductory presentations on the nature and impact of rape and sexual assault for college classes, community coalitions & behavioral health agencies, and provided information and referrals at community health promotion events.



## **Sexual Violence Prevention**

- UCASA provides resources, technical assistance, and curriculum to prevention educators, youth serving organizations, parents, and teens working to promote healthy, respectful relationships among youth and their peers.
    - In 2013, UCASA staff provided information and educational materials to 22 school- and community-based programs on healthy relationships, growing up male, school climate surveys, Title IX rights and responsibilities, and primary prevention of sexual violence at the individual, relationship, and community levels.
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## UCASA FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES 2013



## UCASA ANNUAL REVENUE BY SOURCE 2013

