

## **PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS WITH VICTIM ADVOCATES MANDATE**

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime requires all non-profit and government organizations receiving grant funding who provide direct services to crime victims to certify their compliance with the [Privileged Communications with Victim Advocates Act](#).

All subgrantee staff and volunteers who are considered “Criminal justice system victim advocates” (in accordance with [Utah Code 77-38-403 \(4\)](#)) must complete 40 hours of trauma-informed training in crisis response, the effects of crime and trauma on victims, victim advocacy services and ethics, informed consent, and privileged confidential communication in accordance with [Utah Code 77-38-401-405](#). Training must be approved or provided by the Utah Office for Victims of Crime.

All subgrantee staff and volunteers who are considered “Non government organization victim advocates” (in accordance with [Utah Code 77-38-403 \(4\)](#)) must complete 40 hours of trauma-informed training in assisting victims specific to the specialization or focus of the non government organization advocacy services provider and privileged confidential communication in accordance with [Utah Code 77-38-401-405](#). Training must be either approved/provided by the Utah Office for Victims of Crime or meet other minimally equivalent standards set forth by the non government advocacy victim services provider.

**Privileged Communications with Victim Advocates Act  
Utah State Code of Criminal Procedure Section 77 38 401-405**