

UCASA CourtWatch Program

Program Details

Rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse are above average here in Utah. CourtWatch wants to harness the power of the community to impact these critical social issues while building a bridge between the public and the judiciary. A large force of trained volunteers will sit in on court proceedings dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking to collect data. The data will be collected, analyzed, and distributed to the judiciary and the community to check any assumptions or bias surrounding these cases and their treatment in court. Our hope is that a more informed public will be better equipped to support those affected by these crimes.

Objectives:

- Increase transparency and understanding between the community and the judiciary
- Raise community awareness around issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse

Volunteer Responsibilities

- attend volunteer training on [September 14](#)
- fill a minimum of one 2-4 hour shift at the courtroom, record data, and return completed forms to the office for data entry
- opportunities to attend and lead community conversations around these issues
- opportunities to assist with data entry, community outreach, and scheduling
- register [HERE](#)

Intern Responsibilities

- leadership roles within the core team for CourtWatch and attend mandatory weekly meeting
- help decide the direction and future of this pilot program
- fill a minimum of one 2-4 hour shift at the courtroom
- at year end, interns would help to draft and publish the final report including recommendations based on findings.
- apply [HERE](#)