

UTRSOL Monthly

Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws

July 6 – July 31, 2026

July was a foundational month for UTRSOL. In four weeks, the organization incorporated as a Utah nonprofit, filed for federal 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status, seated its first Board of Directors, secured a permanent home for the AfterMath Alliance peer support group, advanced three bills toward the 2027 General Session, and deepened coalition partnerships across housing, employment, and education policy. This recap consolidates all four weekly issues (Vol. 1, Issues 1–4 for UTRSOL Weekly) into a single track-by-track summary of the month.

ORGANIZATIONAL MILESTONES

UTRSOL officially filed its Articles of Incorporation with the State of Utah on Monday, July 6, and received state approval as a Utah domestic nonprofit corporation on Thursday, July 9. With incorporation complete, legal counsel began the next phase of pursuing federal tax-exempt recognition under Section 501(c)(4), a process expected to take three to six months, with the goal of securing recognition before year's end. The companion 501(c)(3) organization, the AfterMath Alliance Foundation, remains in development as UTRSOL's future charitable arm for direct-service programs.

The organization spent the middle of the month preparing for governance, and on Monday, July 20, held its first formal Board of Directors meeting. The Board adopted UTRSOL's Bylaws, elected its officers — Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relations Director — formally accepted its first membership applications, and selected a primary banking partner. With that structure in place, UTRSOL's nonprofit attorney submitted the federal 501(c)(4) application to the IRS on July 23.

Enrolled membership grew significantly over the month, more than doubling from where the organization started just weeks earlier. In parallel, UTRSOL drafted its Affiliation Packet for submission to its national partner organization, NARSOL (National Association for Rational Sex Offense Laws), for formal affiliate recognition.

LEGISLATIVE TRACK: 2027 SESSION

UTRSOL began drafting two bills addressing gaps left by this year's criminal justice legislation: one restoring a statutory victim and agency notification scheme, and another restoring lived-experience victim representation on the state Sentencing Commission and Victim Services Commission. By month's end, sponsor outreach was underway for both, alongside a third bill, a comprehensive ban on underage marriage in Utah that would close multiple existing legal loopholes, currently being drafted with exploratory legislators for

sponsorship. UTRSOL support for victim-rights legislation is complementary to, not in tension with, its evidence-based registry reform mission.

LECJ INTERIM STUDY ITEM 3: "THE REGISTRY'S REACH"

Throughout July, UTRSOL's Clinical Research Working Group (CRWG) worked toward finalizing Part II of "The Registry's Reach" for submission to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (LECJ) Interim Committee, which is evaluating the statutory scope of Utah's registrable offenses through its interim study item, "What qualifies as a registrable offense in Utah," alongside empirical research on public safety outcomes, recidivism, and long-term implications of registration. The Committee's scheduled hearing is August 19.

The review moved from individual check-in calls with CRWG contributors early in the month, to a structured comment-resolution tool for tracking feedback, to substantive incorporation of contributor input on clinical framing, instrument citations, and precision, all ahead of the August 12 transmittal deadline. Each stage built directly on the last, ensuring no feedback got lost as the document moved toward its final form.

HOUSING TRACK

UTRSOL completed its first comparative review of Good Landlord Program (GLP) requirements across eight of the fourteen participating Utah municipalities, and on July 10 attended Rental Housing Association (RHA) Utah's in-person Good Landlord training at its Sandy headquarters, completing the training and receiving Certificate of Completion No. RHA26-02024.

Our landlord referral network grew steadily across the month through meetings with new property owners and managers in Salt Lake and Weber Counties, filling gaps in the housing dataset for families and couples and surfacing insight into how registry-related restrictions affect real rental decisions. UTRSOL also drafted "Know Your Rights" materials and correspondence supporting households navigating registry-related housing disruptions, and received inbound interest from a Salt Lake veterans' housing services provider.

That interest culminated on July 24 in an in-person meeting with Homeless Veterans Fellowship (HVF) in Ogden, where UTRSOL presented its housing research and its three-barrier framework for registry-related housing exclusion covering Good Landlord Program training curricula, supervision proximity zones, and reentry program exclusion policies, and explored a data and referral partnership, including two specific policy opportunities to pursue together.

The UTRSOL Housing Authority also supported placement of several registrants in Salt Lake County properties this month, including families navigating sudden housing loss after a change in property ownership, a parent balancing shared custody ahead of a fast-

approaching move-out date, and an individual closing a savings gap to secure an apartment deposit, cases that continue to illustrate that willing private landlords exist, but financial and informational barriers to closing a placement remain significant. A new, more comprehensive residential intake application was also built to better capture housing preferences, household composition, and support needs.

AFTERMATH ALLIANCE SUPPORT GROUP NETWORK

UTRSOL spent July actively standing up AfterMath Alliance, a confidential peer support group for registrants, both on and off supervision, and their families (significant others, spouses, parents, siblings, and extended family members 18 and older), separate from clinical or 12-step models. Early in the month the organization was in active discussions with prospective hosting facilities in both Weber and Salt Lake Counties; a couple of promising leads did not move forward, but a new Salt Lake County prospect received a full presentation on UTRSOL's mission and the group's structure.

By month's end, the search concluded: UTRSOL finalized a host-site partnership with an outpatient reentry facility offering a spacious second-floor conference room and fitness space just a two-minute walk from a TRAX stop, an adults-only, 18-and-over space. In-person sessions will launch every other Friday evening beginning August 14, and virtual sessions every other Wednesday beginning August 19, with facilitation shared across our peer support team covering both Salt Lake and Weber County participants. UTRSOL is also developing a parallel, non-justice-impacted support group for family members who support a registrant loved one.

COALITION AND EMPLOYER NETWORK BUILDING

UTRSOL attended a Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) employer resource fair in West Jordan, connecting with second-chance employers and UDC staff who lead the state's employer engagement efforts to UDC's Second Chance Employer Network ("The Hive") as a resource partner within the state's reentry infrastructure. Conversations with The Hive continued through the month as UTRSOL works through the network's board membership review process; in the meantime, UTRSOL was invited to present its work directly to the network at its September meeting as an interim step to build visibility with second-chance employers ahead of formal membership. This incremental engagement reflects UTRSOL's broader approach to institutional relationships: show up consistently.

CAREER FAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

UTRSOL attended multiple career and job fairs across the month, including events hosted by Compass Career Fairs in Ogden and by UDC in West Jordan, building its working list of second-chance employers, with the UDC events in particular producing strong new employer contacts across manufacturing, construction, and food service. The organization also reviewed recently published state and national recidivism data underscoring the public

safety value of stable employment for people reentering the community, and continues working to expand its list of employers utilizing the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and the Federal Bonding Program. Taken together, these connections are steadily building the employer network UTRSOL needs to make targeted and effective referrals for registrants actively seeking work.

EDUCATION POLICY ENGAGEMENT: USBE RULEMAKING

Later in the month, UTRSOL continued engaging with the Utah State Board of Education's (USBE) rulemaking process on background-check requirements for non-staff adults accompanying students on school trips, work that grew out of a recent incident involving a registered individual on an overnight school trip, which raised public questions about existing screening gaps. UTRSOL submitted stakeholder input directly to Board staff outlining the relevant statutory framework, existing background check requirements, and recommendations grounded in an accurate understanding of registry supervision and classification, and is tracking the process toward the Board's August 6 meeting and the Law and Licensing Committee's anticipated review of draft rule language shortly after.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM: NEWS FROM THE WIRE

UTRSOL's investigative publishing arm, News From The Wire, continued examining structural patterns in how the justice system treats registry-related cases. One piece under development draws on recent Salt Lake Tribune reporting on a Utah County practice in which prosecutors routinely notified a specific outside law firm whenever character letters were submitted at sentencing, raising due process questions about whose voices reach the court. The piece stays focused on the practice itself rather than any individual case, in keeping with NFTW's broader approach to examining systems rather than the people caught up in them.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the month, UTRSOL continued to hear directly from the community, including new prospective members and individuals sharing firsthand supervision and housing experiences that inform its advocacy work. The organization also holds ongoing booth space at the Salt Lake City Housing Stability Division's HEART Resource Fair at Library Square and maintains active communication with the Weber County Community Reentry Coalition (WCCRC) toward booth setup at their weekly reentry fair at the Ogden Regional Center. These direct conversations remain one of the clearest windows into where existing resources fall short, and they continue to shape UTRSOL's priorities month to month. UTRSOL is grateful to a growing number of individual supporters contributing financially this month to help sustain this work as the organization builds out its infrastructure. As UTRSOL's presence grows across these venues, the organization is also seeing more of these conversations turn into direct housing referrals.

LOOKING AHEAD: AUGUST & BEYOND

Early August

- August 5 — Rasa Legal, Hustle 2.0 Hiring Event
- August 6 — Utah State Board of Education (USB) Board Meeting
- August 7 — USB Law and Licensing Committee review of draft rule language

August

- August 10 — Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP) Advocacy Outreach
- August 14 — Salt Lake Housing Stability Division HEART Homeless Resource Fair
- August 14 — AfterMath Alliance in-person sessions launch (Murray)
- August 19 — AfterMath Alliance virtual sessions launch
- August 19 — Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (LECJ) Interim Hearing
- August 25 — Utah Valley Job Fair (Provo)
- August 30 – September 1 — Rental Housing Association (RHA) Housing Conference

September and Beyond

- September 2 — Weber County Community Reentry Coalition Meeting
- September 16 — The Hive
- September 29 – October 1 — UDC Ranger Simulation
- October 16 — Sex Offense Task Force (SOTF) Quarterly Provider Training

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