

UTRSOL WEEKLY

Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws

Week of July 27 – July 31, 2026

UTRSOL secured its first host site for the AfterMath Alliance support group, our education policy engagement advanced, and the Clinical Research Working Group's review of our interim registrable offense publication moved closer to completion. We also continued deepening coalition relationships and supporting individuals and families navigating housing instability.

AFTERMATH ALLIANCE: HOST SITE SECURED

After weeks of searching, AfterMath Alliance has found its first home. We've finalized a partnership with an outpatient reentry facility, to host our peer support group. The facility offers a spacious second-floor conference room that comfortably accommodates larger groups, along with a fitness space, and sits just a two-minute walk from a TRAX stop, making it accessible for members without reliable transportation. This meeting space, as well as the fitness area, is an adults-only, 18-and-over space, where minors are not permitted.

In-person sessions will launch every other Friday evening beginning August 14, and virtual sessions will launch every other Wednesday beginning August 19, giving members flexibility in how they participate. Facilitation will be shared across our peer support team, with sessions covering both Salt Lake and Weber County participants. This is a major step toward making AfterMath Alliance a real, accessible resource for registrants and their families across the Wasatch Front, and we're deeply grateful to our new host site partner for believing in this work and giving it a physical home. We are similarly working on a non-justice impacted, non-registrant support group for family members (siblings, parents, spouses, and friends, who support their registrant loved-one.

GROWING AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

In preparation for affiliate recognition with our national partner organization, the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL), UTRSOL drafted its Affiliation Packet for submission the week of August 3. Formal affiliation connects UTRSOL to NARSOL's national network of state-level advocacy organizations, giving us access to shared resources, coordinated messaging, and a much stronger collective voice on registry reform issues nationwide.

We're also glad to share that UTRSOL's enrolled membership has grown significantly this month, more than doubling from where we started just weeks ago. Every new member strengthens our voice as an organization, brings new perspectives to the table, and reflects growing trust in the work we're doing.

EDUCATION POLICY ENGAGEMENT: USBE RULEMAKING

UTRSOL continued engaging with the Utah State Board of Education's rulemaking process regarding background check requirements for non-staff adults accompanying students on school trips. This work grew out of a recent incident involving a registered individual on an overnight school trip, which raised public questions about existing screening gaps. We've submitted stakeholder input directly to Board staff, laying out the relevant statutory framework, existing background check requirements, and specific recommendations grounded in an accurate understanding of registry supervision and classification.

We're tracking this process closely toward the Board's upcoming August 6 meeting and the Law and Licensing Committee's anticipated review of draft rule language shortly after. This work reflects our broader commitment to ensuring registry-related policy is grounded in actual risk and existing legal structures rather than blanket assumptions, wherever it comes up across state government.

LECJ INTERIM STUDY ITEM 3: CRWG REVIEW PROGRESSING

Our Clinical Research Working Group's review of Part II of "The Registry's Reach" continues to move forward ahead of the August 3 comment deadline. Several of our clinical contributors have already submitted completed reviews, with detailed feedback on clinical framing, instrument citations, and areas needing additional precision. We're incorporating this feedback directly into the document as it comes in, and we're grateful for the depth of expertise and promptness our reviewers continue to bring to this work as we prepare for the August 19 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (LECJ) hearing.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM: NEWS FROM THE WIRE

Our investigative publishing arm, News From The Wire, continued its work this week examining structural patterns in how the justice system treats registry-related cases. One piece under development examines recent news articles from The Salt Lake Tribune regarding 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. This piece reflects our approach to examining systems and patterns in service of better-informed policy conversations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The UTRSOL Housing Authority supported placement of several registrants in properties throughout Salt Lake County. These registrants include families navigating sudden housing loss after a change in property ownership, a parent balancing shared custody while searching for stable housing ahead of a fast-approaching move-out date, and an individual working to close a gap between their available savings and the deposit required to secure an apartment. Each of these cases reflects the same underlying pattern we continue to document: willing landlords exist, but the financial and informational barriers to actually

closing a placement remain significant. We're grateful to the growing number of individual supporters contributing financially this month to help sustain this work as UTRSOL builds out its infrastructure. This week's cases reinforced why we continue prioritizing partnerships across multiple counties, since housing instability for this population isn't confined to any single part of the state.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 5 — Rasa Legal, Hustle 2.0 Hiring Event

August 6 — Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Board Meeting

August 7 — USBE 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 Interim Hearing
- August 25 — Utah Valley Job Fair (Provo)
- August 30–September 1 — Rental Housing Association (RHA) Housing Conference

September

- September 2 — Weber County Community Reentry Coalition Meeting
- September 16 — The Hive
- September 29–October 1 — UDC Ranger Simulation

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