

# Lindsey Garlick

Domestic Violence  
Community Justice  
Advocate

Lindsey Garlick is the Victim Services Coordinator at the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office, where she has worked for four years to support survivors. As a victim advocate, she helped hundreds of survivors request civil protective orders, learning through experience how the system worked and what requests would be successful. Despite this, she was unable to use her knowledge to advise survivors—until she became a Community Justice Advocate.



## What Justice Work Means to Lindsey

"We were already helping people with protective orders. I knew what was going to pass with the judge, I knew what wasn't. I had been doing this for 3 years by the time I applied, and had done hundreds of orders of protection. **I wanted to be able to provide some of that knowledge without overstepping my boundaries as an advocate...** I don't think people should have to sacrifice safety and peace of mind because they can't afford a \$3,00 retainer."

## The Justice Work Effect

"I don't know that anybody recognizes how big of a deal it is [to get legal help from me]. We've had a couple of protective orders that another victim advocate in my office has helped with, but she couldn't give any sort of advice or help them take that story and put it into terms that the judge would recognize. And so they came to me. I probably got the best reception of them, like, 'Hey, I can actually help you make this work.'"

"I think giving [our community] peace of mind that they're not alone when they can't afford an attorney has been invaluable for those people who have needed help. When I'm able to say, 'People do this all the time—let me walk you through it, you're going to represent yourself, but we'll go over it ahead of time,' they just feel better. **It's like a breath of relief knowing that they're not alone.**"



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