

Jenni Serenbetz

Domestic Violence
Community Justice
Advocate

Jenni Serenbetz has been working with survivors for six years, and currently works as a victim advocate with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. In her work, she often sees survivors struggle to fully engage, feeling like the criminal justice system is built against them. She knew she was in a unique position in the system to help clients use civil tools to access protection from abuse, confidently.



What Justice Work Means to Jenni

"I am personally quite proud of my work as a Community Justice Advocate. Demystifying civil protective orders is a privilege. Victims have enough on their plate and hear 'no' so frequently that they are simply overwhelmed. The small gift of support that I provide to my clients goes miles to helping them get protection, and move forward in their survivorship."

The Justice Work Effect

"My work feels more well rounded and I'm able to provide an additional layer of service and support to my clients when it's requested. Being able to provide this additional service—legal help—has an added benefit of providing access to justice prior to cases making it to criminal sentencing, when additional layers of protection are either added or declined.

"I also find that with my additional training and knowledge I am able to discuss with my colleagues—law enforcement officers—what's possible and not in terms of additional protections for the people we work with. Their better understanding has, in turn, allowed them to serve victims of the crimes they investigate even more effectively."