



# Toolkit for Involvement

Historically, only lawyers could provide legal services. **That's no longer the case.**

Community Justice Advocates of Utah certifies nonattorneys to provide legal services and provides ongoing service delivery support. This innovative legal services model involves training nonattorneys within communities to provide legal help in specific areas of the law. **Our approach to expanding access to legal help is grounded in community collaboration**, using the skills and expertise of different system actors to deliver comprehensive, local legal help.

Discover how you can support Community Justice Advocates throughout Utah. Contact us at [info@cjau.org](mailto:info@cjau.org) and learn more at [www.cjau.org](http://www.cjau.org).



## Attorneys and Licensed Paralegal Practitioners

### Volunteer to be an Attorney Mentor

*Ongoing | 1-2 hours per month*

Once certified, all Community Justice Advocates are assigned an Attorney Mentor whom they can contact with legal and ethical questions. Attorney Mentors play a key role in ensuring Advocates are confident and able to navigate issues in their scope of service.

### Advise on Certification Curriculum

*Time-limited | Variable commitment*

All Certification Training Courses are designed with extensive input from advocates, community organizations, and service-area experts. Legal professionals are invited to assist with periodic revisions, including creation of materials such as training videos, assignments, and handouts.

### Deliver Continuing Legal Education

*One time | 3-4 hours per CLE*

Community Justice Advocates complete 8 hours of CLE annually. Two-hour CLE sessions are tailored to the program's scope of practice. Topics are chosen based on feedback from Advocates and generally include legal skill building, substantive legal information, ethical practice information, trauma-informed advocacy skills, and similar content. We want to continually expose Advocates to many perspectives and strategies.



## Community-Based Organizations

### Employ Community Justice Advocates

Community organizations are trusted entry points for people in crisis. Employing a Community Justice Advocate helps address clients' legal needs alongside your organization's existing human, health, or social services, leading to stronger outcomes and preventing gaps in support. If you want to explore integrating CJAs into your existing services, contact CJAU at [info@cjau.org](mailto:info@cjau.org) or explore [www.cjau.org](http://www.cjau.org) for program information.



## Academia and Research Partners

### Conduct Program Evaluations

Researchers can partner with CJAU to design studies that measure client outcomes, community impact, cost-effectiveness, and other measures of effectiveness. This work strengthens the evidence base for the community-based justice work model and provides policymakers and funders with reliable data to guide decision-making.



## Philanthropy

### Invest in Effective Justice Solutions

Supporting Community Justice Advocates of Utah is a cost-effective way to expand access to justice. Your investment helps provide training, oversight, and ongoing support at no cost to partner organizations, maximizing financial and service impact across multiple communities. By investing in CJAU, you will help to fund advocate training and supervision, as well as program expansion into more communities.

For information on giving opportunities, please contact our Executive Director, Hayley Cousin, at [hcousin@cjau.org](mailto:hcousin@cjau.org) or (801) 697-2055.



## Additional Support

### Join the Referral Network

Community Justice Advocates are based in community organizations and provide targeted legal support in specific areas of the law. When clients need additional human, health, or social services, Advocates strive to provide warm hand-offs and build connections with trusted providers. Likewise, for legal matters beyond their scope, Advocates refer clients to attorneys who offer pro bono or low-bono services.

Service providers and attorneys interested in joining our statewide referral network are encouraged to contact CJAU with information about their services, eligibility requirements, geographic area, and pricing.

### Be a Champion for Community Justice Advocates

Community Justice Advocates expand access to justice where full legal representation is often unavailable. By supporting CJAs, you help more community members receive reliable assistance while allowing system partners to focus on their areas of expertise. You can champion equity and strengthen access to justice by spreading awareness of CJAs, connecting clients to their services, and encouraging others to engage with and support this community-driven model.