Thank you for inquiring about Utah Prisoner Advocate Network.

We are currently working to save the money to become a non-profit. We are a small group of concerned individuals who in our spare time do our best to accomplish these objectives and goals:

Provide a safe and understanding place for families and friends of incarcerated individuals to connect with each other and share their challenges and receive support and information to help them more effectively cope on their prison journey;

Offer support and assistance to incarcerated individuals by identifying challenges and problems faced by inmates as they serve their sentences, and to communicate with prison officials and the Utah Department of Corrections administration to address and resolve these problems:

Provide education and information to both the family and friends of inmates as well as the general public for the purpose of improving the level of understanding of what happens in the prison system and how things work which ultimately impact prisoners, their families and support systems, as well as the community at large. This will be accomplished by providing public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, or other similar programs, as well as dissemination of information through electronic media;

Offer information about resources available to families and ex-offenders once they are released from the institution to community to assist the parolee to rebuild their lives in a pro-social manner.

Some of the ways we accomplish these objectives are:

Hold monthly meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month around the Salt Lake Valley. At these meetings we have guest speakers, discussions and a variety of other things to educate and support. We welcome anyone who needs the support or would like to help our cause.

We have an email group to circulate information about our meetings, the happenings at the prison, articles that are relevant to inmates and families, and other information that seems pertinent. Support family and friends of inmates. When there are questions or concerns dealing with the prison we attempt to guide people so they can contact the right staff or officials at the prison. Answer inmate letters. Inmates can write UPAN with concerns, ideas, or information. When inmates have issues that need to be addressed with the prison we do not typically get involved unless there are no

family or friends to help them.

Useful Information for Inmates:

We receive a lot of requests from inmates to send the minutes from our meetings and other information. We have recently started a monthly newsletter. We want you to have the information but we have very little time and financial resources. We ask if you have family or friends that have access to the internet and email that you ask them to email us and get on our email list and have them print and send you the information we are sending out. That will streamline getting information out to as many as possible. If you do not have loved ones that can do that for you please write us and request the newsletter and other information and we will mail what we can to you. Our email address is: utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 464 Draper, UT 84020

WE DO NOT OFFER ANY LEGAL SERVICES AND DO NOT HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL, PLEASE DO NOT SEND US YOUR LEGAL DOCUMENTS.