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This report accompanies the presentation delivered to Alpha Counseling on July 27, 2026, and is intended as a standalone reference for leadership and staff who were not in attendance. It documents Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws (UTRSOL) and its companion peer-support initiative, AfterMath Alliance, and lays out a specific proposal: hosting AfterMath Alliance's biweekly, peer-led support group meetings at Alpha Counseling's Ogden and Salt Lake City offices.

The proposal targets a documented service gap. UTRSOL's active housing and support caseload currently includes 218 cases spanning 348 individuals across 12 Utah counties. The 130 non-registered family and household members who are affected but have no dedicated support network of their own. No non-12-step, peer-facilitated support group currently exists in Utah built specifically for registry-involved individuals and their families. These figures likely understate the true need, since they reflect only the cases already active in UTRSOL's caseload rather than the full population of registrants and family members statewide.

The ask of Alpha Counseling is narrow and clearly scoped: physical space for recurring meetings, facilitated entirely by AfterMath Alliance's own trained peer support specialists. Alpha Counseling is not asked to provide clinical supervision, referral obligations, or funding, and the arrangement would be governed by a written space-use agreement covering scheduling, safety, insurance, confidentiality, and mutual non-interference. UTRSOL will be separately leading direct engagement with Adult Probation & Parole (AP&P) to establish the group as an approved association under standard supervision conditions, removing that compliance question from Alpha Counseling's plate entirely.

The remainder of this report provides fuller context on UTRSOL's structure and track record, the specific need this proposal addresses, the statewide reentry infrastructure this group would connect into, the full scope and boundaries of the ask, and recommended next steps. It also gives Alpha Counseling's leadership a single reference to return to after the meeting, rather than relying on notes or memory of the presentation.

Alpha Counseling was selected as the first partner for this proposal precisely because it already sits at the center of the population this group is designed to serve. The organization's existing footprint in Ogden and Salt Lake City, its established Sex Offense Treatment Program (SOTP) relationships, and its clinical credibility with both participants and supervising agencies make it a natural home for a peer-support layer that complements, rather than duplicates, the treatment services Alpha already provides.

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Who We Are: UTRSOL's Organizational Model

Utah for Rational Sex Offense Laws (UTRSOL) is a non-profit Utah-based policy organization founded in April 2025. This document supplements the July 27, 2026 presentation to Alpha Counseling and is intended to provide program leadership and members with a complete record of the data, analysis, and proposals discussed.

In its first fifteen months of operation, UTRSOL has documented 218 housing assistance cases spanning 348 individuals across 12 Utah counties. Case managers and program staff from more than 16 professional organizations, including emergency shelters, behavioral health providers, nonprofits, faith communities, and government agencies, independently contacted UTRSOL seeking housing assistance for their registered clients. None of these organizations had coordinated with one another.

UTRSOL is a volunteer-run organization working at the intersection of housing, employment, and policy for people on Utah's Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Registry, and for the families who live alongside them. UTRSOL is currently incorporated as a non-profit organization which filed for 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status to advance evidence-based public policy through legislative advocacy. It is equally pursuing a 501(c)(3) structure that would allow it to separately support research, education, public awareness, housing assistance, and reentry services for the population and its families.

UTRSOL operates through five functional tracks:

- **Legislative Advocacy.** UTRSOL provided formal public comment during the 2026 legislative session on 13 bills affecting the sex offense registry, victim's rights, and related sentencing legislation grounded in empirical evidence.
- **Registrant Housing and Employment Assistance.** UTRSOL maintains an active network of non-profit partners, private property owners, and property managers willing to rent to individuals on the registry, and provides employment resources for companies known to hire registrants.
- **Policy Research.** UTRSOL produces independent datasets, institutional analyses, and legislative memoranda. Its evidence-proportionality framework means it supports reform where data justifies it and opposes it where it does not.
- **Investigative Journalism.** Through its News From The Wire outlet, UTRSOL documents structural mismatches between media narratives and population-level research on sex offense policy, highlighting trends, data gaps, and outcomes.

- AfterMath Alliance. This is a support group facilitated by trained Peer Support Specialists to provide non-12 step, non clinical support to registrants and their families, both through virtual and in-person meetings.

These tracks allow UTRSOL to function simultaneously as a policy research institution, direct-service support network, legislative advocacy organization, and media accountability platform, integrating empirical analysis with practical intervention at both the individual and state-policy levels. Together, they create a comprehensive framework for advancing evidence-based reform while addressing the immediate needs of affected individuals and families across Utah communities.

Why This Matters for Alpha Counseling

Alpha Counseling already sits inside the same 12-county footprint where UTRSOL's caseload is concentrated, and its Ogden and Salt Lake City offices place it directly alongside the population this coordinated network is now organizing to serve. Hosting AfterMath Alliance's support group lets Alpha Counseling extend its existing SOTP relationships into this broader infrastructure at no clinical or financial cost, while adding a peer-support layer its current programming isn't designed to provide.

The AfterMath Support Track

The AfterMath Alliance support track currently operates under UTRSOL's 501(c)(4), with plans to shift under the AfterMath Alliance Foundation 501(c)(3) once that entity is fully established. This transition reflects a broader pattern in UTRSOL's structure: advocacy work stays housed under the 501(c)(4), while direct-service programs like AfterMath Alliance, housing, and employment services are migrated to the 501(c)(3) as it comes online.

The group is structured like group treatment in form, recurring, with regular attendance, shared disclosure, and mutual accountability, but with no clinician in the room, no treatment goals, and no treatment billing. It serves two overlapping audiences: justice-involved individuals rebuilding work, housing, and community ties, and the spouses, parents, and family members supporting them through that process. The model is based on UTRSOL's parent organization, NARSOL Fearless program, a peer-led, community support model that has operated since 2016 across multiple states. Meetings are facilitated by trained and Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS), each of whom is working toward supervision under a licensed mental health therapist .

Because the group carries no clinical designation, it is able to sit alongside, rather than compete with, the treatment work Alpha Counseling and other SOTP providers already do. Participants can attend a peer-led meeting the same week they attend a clinical session without either program duplicating the other's function. The peer-support format also reaches people who have completed treatment, free of financial constraints.

Where We Are Today

Standing up a new support track well means sequencing it carefully rather than launching in-person hosting on day one. UTRSOL is building the AfterMath Alliance support group in deliberate phases, starting with a virtual format that lets facilitators establish structure, protocols, and a reliable attendance base before asking any partner site to open its physical space. The table below outlines where each phase currently stands.

Phase	Description
Phase 1 – Virtual Launch (in progress)	Standing up a recurring virtual meeting now: establishing meeting format, ground rules, intake and safety protocols, and building an attendance baseline before any in-person expansion.
Phase 2 – Embedded In-Person Hosting (next)	Expanding into partner spaces in Salt Lake and Weber counties. Bringing the meeting to an established provider setting rather than asking participants to travel to a separate location.
Proof of Concept (precedent)	USARA's Ogden office has already hosted several peer support sessions – the embedded model has been run successfully before.

UTRSOL is currently searching for an in-person anchor facility for the group once the virtual meeting phase is established. USARA's Ogden office had previously already hosted several in-person peer support sessions in 2025, demonstrating the embedded model can be run successfully in a partner provider's space. Recent policy changes at USARA's facilities have made them unable to continue hosting the group going forward.

The phased approach in 2026 is deliberate: establishing meeting format, ground rules, and safety protocols virtually first allows UTRSOL to build an attendance baseline and work out logistics before asking any host facility to open its physical space. By the time an in-person anchor site is established, the format will already have a track record rather than being untested.

The Need

This partnership rests on more than good intentions, it reflects a specific, documented gap in Utah's reentry infrastructure that UTRSOL's caseload has surfaced directly and repeatedly, not one identified through outside research or assumption. What follows is grounded in UTRSOL's own casework, built from the barriers registrants and their families have actually run into while trying to rebuild their lives in Utah. This section begins with where the population is concentrated across the state, before turning to the scale of need UTRSOL is already absorbing on its own. Taken together, these patterns point to the same conclusion: the infrastructure this population needs already exists in fragments, but nothing currently connects those fragments into a coordinated whole.

Where Registrants Are Concentrated

This concentration is not incidental, it reflects where SOTP providers, transitional housing, and supervising agencies are already required or encouraged to place this population, which means the same handful of counties absorb the bulk of the need. A support group embedded within that existing footprint reaches people through channels they already use, rather than asking them to seek out an unfamiliar one. That overlap is precisely why Alpha Counseling's Ogden and Salt Lake City locations are the right starting point, they sit inside the same counties already carrying most of this concentration, rather than at the edge of it.

Category	Detail
Major Providers of SOTP	Alpha Counseling and Suncrest Counseling are among the largest providers of Sex Offense Treatment Programs (SOTP) in Utah, with several groups at each of their facilities in Draper, Salt Lake City, Farmington, Clearfield, and Ogden.
Transitional Living Facilities	Registrants are placed in UDC transitional housing in Utah, Salt Lake, and Weber counties immediately after incarceration.
State Agencies and Organizations	Emergency shelters, behavioral health centers, nonprofits, faith organizations, and government agencies have reached out to UTRSOL on behalf of their clients searching for housing assistance.

Taken together, these three categories show Utah's reentry infrastructure is already clustered in the same handful of counties, even though no single system was designed with that overlap in mind. SOTP providers, transitional housing, and the agencies fielding housing requests all converge on Salt Lake and Weber counties independently, each responding to the same population. That convergence is what makes a hosted support group practical rather than aspirational, the facilities, caseworkers, and referral pathways already exist in the right places. What's missing is not access points but coordination between them, which is precisely the role UTRSOL is positioned to play. Alpha Counseling sits at the intersection of all three, making it a natural anchor rather than an addition.

Where They're Already Being Served

Registry-involved individuals frequently lose employment, housing, family relationships, and community standing after a conviction, often with no structured space to rebuild any of it. The people standing beside them absorb much of that same loss with no support network of their own. This compounding loss, professional, financial, and relational all at once, is what makes a peer-support setting different from a purely clinical one: it gives both registrants and their families space built specifically to rebuild. There is currently no non-12-step, peer-facilitated support group in Utah built specifically for this population and their families. That absence isn't for lack of need, it's the gap this proposal is specifically designed to close.

On the Ground in the Community

UTRSOL is showing up where this population is in the room. We maintain a consistent presence at tabling booths at Salt Lake Housing Stability Division's Homeless Engagement & Response Team (HEART) resource fairs in Salt Lake City, reaching people at the point of housing crisis, including registrants, who are a disproportionate share of the chronically homeless. We are seeking a tabling presence at the Weber County Community Reentry Coalition's (WCCRC) recurring resource fairs in Weber County, Ogden Regional Center, alongside the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC), county agencies, and other reentry providers serving the justice-involved. And we will have an active participation role in the WCCRC's Ranger Simulation reentry education event, where UTRSOL's presence helped add registry-involved roles for the first time, so professionals experience the specific barriers this population faces firsthand.

This outreach is how the proposed support group would reach the people who need it, UTRSOL is already present where they show up. That existing presence means the support group would not need to build an outreach pipeline from scratch, it can plug directly into relationships and touchpoints UTRSOL has already established. The people who would benefit most from this group are, in many cases, people UTRSOL has already met. Individuals encountered through HEART, WCCRC, or the Ranger Simulation can be pointed toward the support group as part of an existing conversation, rather than through a separate outreach effort that would need to be built from scratch.

Connecting to Statewide Reentry Infrastructure

The support group proposed for Alpha Counseling would function as one node in a wider network, not a standalone meeting. It connects into employment pathways through The Hive, potential engagement with the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole, and the broader web of reentry providers UTRSOL already coordinates with across Salt Lake and Weber counties. A participant who walks into this group at Alpha Counseling gains access to that entire network, not just the meeting itself.

The Hive | UDC Second Chance Employer Network

The Hive is a Utah Department of Corrections network connecting employers with justice-involved individuals through candidate pre-vetting, First 90 Days stability support, and access to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and federal bonding. The Hive has invited UTRSOL to present at its September 16 meeting, while formal membership remains in board review. That relationship gives group members a route to fair-chance employers, which matters because employment stability is a direct predictor of housing stability for this population.

Linking the support group to The Hive means a participant's path forward does not end at the meeting itself. A peer-support conversation about job searching or workplace disclosure

can be followed by an actual introduction to a fair-chance employer already vetted through UDC's network, rather than general encouragement with no concrete next step. That distinction, a warm introduction versus general encouragement, is often what determines whether someone actually follows through on a job lead.

The Utah Board of Pardons Outreach

The Utah Board of Pardons and Parole focuses its public outreach and transparency efforts on stakeholder education, the interactive BOARDWalk simulation, and victim notification tools. UTRSOL's proposed role would be to help those leaving incarceration reintegrate with the community by actively volunteering time in the support group. Following UTRSOL's incorporation earlier this month, the organization will be seeking a seat at the Board's August or September meeting with an active presence thereafter.

A seat at that table would give UTRSOL, and by extension the support group hosted at Alpha Counseling, a direct line to the state body responsible for release decisions, closing another gap between policy-level engagement and the day-to-day reentry work this proposal is built around. It also means feedback from the support group's day-to-day work, the barriers participants actually encounter, can flow back into policy-level conversations, rather than staying siloed at the point of service.

Together, these relationships mean registrants seeking employment and transition after incarceration can be connected to peer support, employment, and housing assistance through one coordinated network, rather than being handed a list of phone numbers. That coordination is the difference between a referral and a warm handoff, someone actively helping a person move from one form of support to the next, rather than leaving them to navigate separate systems on their own.

Coordinating with AP&P and the Sex Offense Task Force

A meaningful share of the people this group serves are under Adult Probation & Parole (AP&P) supervision, subject to a standard no-association-with-felons condition. AP&P already carves out approved programs from that condition, SOTP groups and 12-step meetings hold exactly that status. AfterMath Alliance, working alongside UTRSOL, intends to seek the same recognition. Securing that same status would put AfterMath Alliance on equal footing with programs AP&P already trusts, rather than asking supervising officers to evaluate a new and unfamiliar model on a case-by-case basis.

For Participants	For Alpha Counseling	Our Approach
Attend without risk of a supervision violation.	A clear paper trail, pursued directly with AP&P, for hosting a justice-involved group on Alpha's premises.	Engage AP&P at the policy level — seeking guidance on program design, not a case-by-case exception.

UTRSOL intends to lead this coordination directly with AP&P. Alpha Counseling is not asked to negotiate with AP&P at any point in this process. Any conversations, approvals, or documentation required with AP&P are UTRSOL's responsibility to obtain and maintain, not Alpha Counseling's.

This distinction matters because it removes the single largest practical risk a host facility might otherwise absorb: the possibility that a participant's attendance could itself be read as a supervision violation. By pursuing recognition at the policy level rather than seeking a one-off exception, UTRSOL is aiming for a durable, documented basis that would apply to every participant and every host site, not just the arrangement with Alpha Counseling.

What We're Proposing

UTRSOL, through AfterMath Alliance, is proposing to host AfterMath Alliance's biweekly support group meetings at Alpha Counseling's Ogden and Salt Lake City offices, serving justice-involved individuals rebuilding work, housing, and community ties, and the loved ones supporting them. This would make Alpha's two offices the first physical anchor sites for a support model UTRSOL has so far only run virtually.

Element	Description
Facilitation, not clinical care	Run by AfterMath's own trained peer specialist. No cost, no clinical hours, and no added staffing burden on Alpha's team.
Built for supervision compliance	AP&P/Sex Offense Task Force (SOTF) engagement is the next step, which will be pursued to give Alpha a documented basis.
Complements existing programming	A peer-support layer alongside Alpha's SOTP and treatment services, filling the space clinical care isn't designed to fill.

Each of these three elements is designed to lower the barrier to a yes. Facilitation is fully staffed by AfterMath, the compliance question is being handled by UTRSOL rather than left to Alpha Counseling to resolve, and the format is built to sit beside existing SOTP groups rather than compete with them for space, staff time, or client attention. In practice, Alpha's role can start and end with providing space, everything else needed to run the group is already accounted for. If the arrangement isn't working for either side, the written space-use agreement gives both organizations a clear, low-friction way to revisit or end it.

That low commitment threshold is intentional, it's designed so Alpha Counseling can say yes to a trial period without needing to resolve every long-term question up front. Should the partnership prove out, the same agreement can be extended or expanded to cover additional sessions, locations, or services as both organizations gain confidence in how it works in practice.

What We Are Not Asking Alpha to Do

Before outlining the specifics, it's worth being direct about what this proposal does not require of Alpha Counseling. The table below draws a clear line between what UTRSOL and AfterMath Alliance are taking on and what Alpha Counseling's involvement stops short of.

Not Clinical Supervision	Not a Referral Obligation	Not a Financial Commitment	Not an Open-Ended Arrangement
Alpha is not asked to supervise, direct, or take clinical responsibility for group content.	No requirement to refer clients into the group, or to track who attends.	AfterMath Alliance covers facilitation. UTRSOL is asking for space, not funding.	Terms, scheduling, and termination are defined in a written space-use agreement.

A written space-use agreement will govern the arrangement and will cover space use, scheduling, and access; safety, security, and incident response; insurance coverage and liability; confidentiality separation from clinical records; and mutual non-interference, meaning UTRSOL and AfterMath do not direct Alpha Counseling's treatment programming, and Alpha does not direct the content of the support group.

Defining these boundaries in writing, rather than relying on an informal understanding, is intended to protect both organizations: it gives Alpha Counseling a clear reference point for what it has and has not agreed to, and it gives UTRSOL and AfterMath a documented basis for the arrangement that can be shown to AP&P, insurers, or future partner sites.

Why Alpha Counseling

Alpha Counseling already works daily with the people this group is designed to serve, so hosting is a natural extension of Alpha Counseling's existing SOTP relationships rather than a new line of business. Alpha Counseling's Ogden and Salt Lake City locations map directly onto the two counties where UTRSOL's caseload is concentrated and where in-person expansion is planned. A provider-hosted group also carries weight with AP&P and with participants that a group meeting in an unaffiliated space would not, while AfterMath Alliance carries the facilitation, protocols, and coordination, so that credibility does not come with added clinical burden. And no peer-facilitated, non-clinical support option currently exists in Utah for this population and their families, meaning Alpha is not choosing between several competing options but considering the only one available.

Taken together, these factors are why Alpha Counseling was approached first rather than a less specialized provider or a neutral community space: the fit between what Alpha already does and what this group needs is closer here than it would be almost anywhere else in the state. In short, this is a partnership built around Alpha Counseling's existing strengths, not one asking Alpha Counseling to become something it isn't.

Next Steps

Moving this proposal forward doesn't require Alpha Counseling to commit to anything beyond a conversation about the details below. The following three steps outline a practical path from this report to a first hosted session.

Provide a more detailed presentation

UTRSOL can prepare a more detailed presentation outlining the specific requirements of the AfterMath support group for Alpha Counseling's review. This presentation will cover the program requirements and safety protocols. This would go beyond what's covered here, addressing operational specifics like intake procedures, incident escalation, and facilitator responsibilities on-site. Alpha Counseling's staff would have the opportunity to review and raise questions on these details before anything is finalized.

Draft space-use agreement

Review scheduling, safety, insurance, confidentiality, and non-interference terms. UTRSOL will bring an initial draft for Alpha Counseling's legal or administrative review, rather than asking Alpha Counseling to draft these terms from scratch. Both organizations would have the opportunity to revise language before signing, ensuring the final agreement reflects what each side actually needs.

Set a target launch date

For the first in-person session, once the agreement is signed and AP&P coordination is underway. UTRSOL will propose a specific date range once these prerequisites are on track, giving Alpha Counseling's team adequate notice to prepare its space and staff. A soft launch with a small initial group is one option worth considering, allowing both organizations to work out logistics before scaling up attendance.

These three steps are sequential but not lengthy, none depends on external approval from a third party before UTRSOL and Alpha can move forward together, since the AP&P coordination described in previous sections runs in parallel rather than as a prerequisite. That means a target launch date can be set based on Alpha Counseling and UTRSOL's own timeline, rather than waiting on an external agency's schedule. Realistically, this puts a first in-person session within reach in the coming weeks rather than months.

The Path Ahead

This report has laid out the case for a partnership that asks little and offers a great deal in return: a documented gap in Utah's reentry infrastructure, a support model already proven in virtual form and ready to move into physical space, and a proposal built specifically around what Alpha Counseling already does well. Nothing here requires Alpha Counseling to take on clinical responsibility, financial cost, or administrative burden beyond opening its doors twice a month.

What it does require is a decision to move forward, and UTRSOL is prepared to meet that decision with everything needed to make it work: trained facilitators, a written agreement defining the terms clearly, and direct engagement with AP&P to remove the compliance question before it ever becomes Alpha's problem to solve. The population this group serves is already coming through Alpha's doors for treatment; this proposal simply asks for the chance to meet them there with support as well.

UTRSOL looks forward to continuing this conversation with Alpha Counseling's leadership and staff, and to setting a date for a first session together. In the meantime, questions about any section of this report, large or small, are welcome at any point, nothing here is meant to be final without Alpha Counseling's input. UTRSOL remains available by phone or email to talk through specifics whenever it's useful.

