



Mission

Peace House is dedicated to ending interpersonal violence and abuse and empowering survivors to heal and thrive by providing support services, safe housing, and prevention education. Peace House offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, housing navigation, legal advocacy, case management, clinical therapy, children's services, sexual assault services, and school-based prevention education at its community campus adjacent to Park City Hospital.

Project Name

Violence Prevention in Summit County Schools

Community Need

Interpersonal violence is a pervasive public health issue in Summit County, with long-term impacts on women and children. According to the Utah Department of Health, nearly half of adults who have experienced intimate partner violence also report four or more adverse childhood experiences. Prevention must begin early. Despite this, recent shifts in state funding have dramatically reduced resources for school-based prevention education. Peace House has long played a critical role in delivering age-appropriate, evidence-based prevention programming in local schools, ensuring students K–12 are equipped with the tools to recognize unsafe situations, understand healthy relationships, and know how to seek help. Without new funding, Peace House will lose a key staff member focused exclusively on Summit County schools, threatening the consistency and reach of this life-saving program.

Project Overview

Peace House seeks support to sustain a Prevention Specialist position that delivers Utah Board of Education-approved violence prevention curricula in every school district in Summit County. This specialist provides critical, age-specific instruction to students from kindergarten through 12th grade on topics including body safety, identifying trusted adults, and forming healthy relationships. The program uses an evidence-based model that addresses individual, relational, and community-level risk and protective factors. In the 2024–25 school year, the program reached 3,476 students and faculty across 178 presentations. The requested funding would cover salary, benefits, and travel costs over a two-year period, allowing Peace House to maintain consistent school outreach and pursue longer-term funding sources to continue this work beyond the grant period.

Impact

Peace House measures program impact using pre- and post-surveys that assess retention of safety concepts by grade level. In the most recent cycle, retention improved significantly from 43% in 1st grade to 86% in 5th grade—demonstrating the importance of repeated, consistent instruction. In Summit County specifically, 5th-grade retention reached 85%. These gains represent critical steps in long-term violence prevention. By equipping students with knowledge early, the program aims to reduce future incidents of abuse and promote cultural change. Outcomes tracked include number of students reached, changes in knowledge retention, referrals to services following disclosures, and community feedback from educators. A 2-year grant will allow Peace House to preserve this essential program, stabilize staffing, and continue adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of Summit County youth.



Budget

Proposed Budget For FY 25/26	Person/Item	Justification	Category Total
Personnel Salary/Wage:	Prevention Specialist	Provides age-appropriate board of education-approved curriculum for child abuse and teen dating violence prevention education to youth in Park City, South Summit, and North Summit School Districts. 1560 hours X \$22.50/hr = \$35,100	\$35,100.00
Fringe Rate:	Prevention Specialist	Benefits include medical, dental, vision, 401K, FICA, and Medicare. The average employee rate for Peace House is 35% \$35,100 x .27%=\$9,828	\$9,477.00
Travel/Mileage	Prevention Specialist	Mileage reimbursement to schools in the Summit County area 604.28 miles X .70 = \$525	\$423.00
Total Requested Budget			\$45,000.00

Proposed Budget For FY 26/27	Person/Item	Justification	Category Total
Personnel Salary/Wage:	Prevention Specialist	Provides age-appropriate board of education-approved curriculum for child abuse and teen dating violence prevention education to youth in Park City, South Summit, and North Summit School Districts. 1510 hours X \$23.18/hr = \$35,002	\$35,002.00
Fringe Rate:	Prevention Specialist	Benefits include medical, dental, vision, 401K, FICA, and Medicare. The average employee rate for Peace House is 35% \$35,002 x .27%=\$9,451	\$9,451.00
Travel/Mileage	Prevention Specialist	Mileage reimbursement to schools in the Summit County area 781.42 miles X .70 = \$525	\$547.00
Total Requested Budget			\$45,000.00