

# NCAVP ALERT



National Advocacy  
for Local LGBTQH Communities

## **NCAVP is highly concerned with series of incidents in Utah; Stands in solidarity with Utah communities in opposing anti-LGBTQH violence**

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) is alarmed by recent reports of anti-gay violence in Utah and supports local community responses to this violence. Three incidents with striking similarities have occurred in Utah from April to September. According to NCAVP's [report](#) *Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected (LGBTQH) Communities in the United States in 2010*, reports of anti-LGBTQH violence increased 13% between 2009 and 2010. These attacks come on the heels of [multiple reports](#) of LGBTQH violence across the country in August and September.

April 23, 2011: Jordan Corona, 20, was [attacked from behind](#) by several people while walking to his car from a local gay club in Salt Lake City. Corona was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for a concussion. The attack is being investigated as a possible hate crime.

August 26, 2011: Dane Hall, 20, was called anti-gay slurs and [punched in the back of the head](#) by four men outside a gay club in Salt Lake City. Hall, an openly gay man, was then punched in the face, repeatedly kicked in the abdomen, and stomped on the back of the head against a curb causing a broken jaw and the loss of six teeth.

September 8, 2011: Cameron Nelson, 32, was [attacked](#) and called, "faggot" by three assailants while taking out the trash at his employment in American Fork. He was treated for minor injuries and the attack is being investigated as a possible hate crime.

NCAVP has reached out to local organizers to offer support. In response to this violence City of Hope Salt Lake Congregation sponsored a vigil attended by hundreds at Liberty Park on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Both Dane Hall and the family of Cameron Nelson were present at the event. Community members are also planning a march on the Utah capitol in two weeks to oppose hate violence and promote equality. NCAVP commends this community response to violence and joins Utah community members in advocating for an end to anti-LGBTQH violence and the right to safety for all. NCAVP encourages all people to reach out to City of Hope Salt Lake if they are interested in getting involved with these efforts or need support.

### **City of Hope Salt Lake**

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### **Utah Pride Center**

[www.glccu.org](http://www.glccu.org)  
801-539-8800

## **ACTION STEPS**

**Report Violence:** NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program. For help locating an anti-violence program in your area, please [contact us](#).

**Get involved:** Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to anti-LGBTQH violence. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

*NCAVP works to prevent, respond to, and end all forms of violence against and within lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) communities. NCAVP is a national coalition of over forty local member programs, as well as affiliate organizations and individuals, who create systemic and social change. NCAVP is a program of the New York City Anti-Violence Project.*

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