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Why did UV4SOR change its name?

We changed its name to remove stigmatizing language so people can hear our mission.
Terms like “sex offense” and “sex offender” shut down conversations, create barriers with lawmakers, and lead people to assume we support harsher laws rather than reform.
We are practicing what we teach: using first-person, person-centered language.
Our name now reflects our commitment to dignity and humanity.

Are we abandoning people impacted by sexual offense laws?

Absolutely not — we are strengthening our ability to fight for them.
By removing stigmatizing language, we can start conversations that used to end at the door.
This shift increases our ability to educate, advocate, and build understanding.

Does the name change mean the mission or vision has changed?

No — our mission and vision remain exactly the same.
They continue to guide every decision we make.

How will people know who we are?

The name is intentionally broad because it makes us accessible and invites curiosity.
It allows us to explain our mission without stigma, opens doors to lawmakers and partners, fits multiple justice-reform contexts, and reduces fear and misunderstanding.

Why keep the same acronym UV4SOR and logo?

The acronym and logo carry five years of trust, identity, and recognition.
Members already know UV4SOR, and most people use the acronym rather than the full name.
Keeping it prevents confusion, maintains continuity, and is fiscally responsible — allowing us to focus resources on advocacy rather than unnecessary rebranding.

Are we trying to hide who we are?

No — we are clarifying our mission so people can understand it more clearly.
The change helps others lean in instead of pulling back.

What if members feel mislead?

We understand this concern, which is why we are being fully transparent.
We are not hiding — we are evolving so we can advocate more effectively and be heard more widely.

What does the new name mean?

United Voices for Solutions, Opportunity, and Restoration reflects both our community and our mission.
United Voices — A national community speaking together with courage, compassion, and clarity.
Solutions — Evidence-based policy change that leads to meaningful reform.
Opportunity — Pathways to housing, employment, stability, and second chances.
Restoration — Healing, dignity, and reintegration that strengthen families and communities.
These are the outcomes we fight for every day.

Are we still an advocacy organization?

Yes — advocacy remains our core mission.
We continue to fight for reform of sexual-offense laws and support individuals impacted by them.

How does this name change help us fight for reform?

It expands our reach and strengthens our voice.
The new name: Opens doors with lawmakers - Reduces stigma - Encourages collaboration - Helps new members feel safer - Allows conversations to begin instead of ending - Aligns with person-first language - Strengthens our national presence
It allows us to enter rooms we were previously shut out of, build partnerships, educate without stigma, advocate with integrity, and represent impacted individuals with dignity.

What stays the same?

Everything that defines us.
Our mission - Our vision - Our advocacy - Our commitment to reform - Our community.
Only the name has changed — not our purpose.