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CCASA Organization and Membership Overview

Mission and History of CCASA

Founded in 1984, the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) is the collective voice of survivors of sexual violence and those who support a society free from violence and oppression. We work to eliminate sexual violence by providing education, training, and prevention initiatives; influencing public policy; advocating for resources; and promoting offender accountability. CCASA reduces the impact of sexual violence by advocating that each and every survivor is treated with dignity and respect, and has full access to quality services. We work with local organizations throughout the state to provide support through resources, training, and public policy.

Members come from a variety of backgrounds including:

- ✓ rape crisis and domestic violence centers
- ✓ sexual assault survivors
- ✓ system-based victim assistance programs
- ✓ child advocacy centers
- ✓ law enforcement agencies
- ✓ medical professionals
- ✓ District Attorney's Offices
- ✓ school and campus advocacy and/or prevention programs
- ✓ sexual violence perpetrator rehabilitation programs
- ✓ private therapists
- ✓ businesses
- ✓ concerned citizens seeking a society free of sexual violence

CCASA's Board of Directors is composed of representatives from member agencies and individuals with specialized expertise such as accounting and finance, legislative processes, and legal issues. We strive for Board members that represent five regions in Colorado: Northeast, Southeast, Denver Metro, Northwest, and Southwest. We are also seeking dedicated individuals to serve on committees and to help support organizational development.

The following CCASA committees are currently active:

- **Public Policy Committee** works to influence the legislature on issues surrounding sexual violence. The committee reviews state policies concerning sexual assault survivors, services, and various agencies, as well as representing CCASA membership's perspective and policy concerns. The Public Policy committee convenes more frequently during the legislative session on an as-needed basis. Any CCASA member is welcome to join the committee.
- **Membership Committee** is comprised of at least 2 Board members and all 5 Regional Representatives elected by CCASA membership. General CCASA members are also welcome to participate on the Membership Committee. This committee assists with development and coordination of regional meetings twice each year (May and November) and the annual statewide membership meeting. The committee works with staff to recruit members in their region and communicate the needs of members across the state.

- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Committee** is comprised of CCASA members and relevant staff and is generally activated in December of each year to begin planning for the following April's activities. This committee creates and implements a statewide SAAM theme, messaging, events, and other materials for distribution to CCASA membership.
- **Executive Committee** is comprised of officers of the Board of Directors – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. The committee meets at least monthly, is more actively involved with CCASA's daily operations than other Board members/committees, and is responsible for direct supervision of the Executive Director. The Executive Committee may also make decisions on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- **Finance Committee** is comprised of the Board Treasurer and at least one other Board member. The committee is open only to Board members, meets monthly, and oversees the fiscal management of the organization. The Board Treasurer chairs the committee and reports CCASA's monthly financial status to the Board of Directors.

CCASA Board of Directors

CCASA Staff Members

Chair

Emily M. Tofte, Individual Member

Vice Chair

Marissa Lorenz, Individual Member

Treasurer

Brooke Marsh, First Bank

Secretary

Abby Hansen, Individual Member

At-large members

Cassie Acquista, TESSA
 Jennifer Dale, Aurora Community College
 Anne Guarnera, WINGS, Inc.
 Maria Guerra, TESSA
 Amy Jackson, Advocates for Victims of Assault
 Ken Kupfner, Boulder County DA's Office
 Jacqui Pickett, Individual Member

Interim Executive Director

Erin Jemison

Advocacy Coordinator

Karen Moldovan

Benefits of a CCASA Membership

There are many benefits of being a member of CCASA. As a statewide coalition, CCASA supports local organizations through technical assistance, training, information and referrals, educational materials, news updates, and public policy advocacy. CCASA also provides opportunities to build bridges between those who work directly with survivors and community allies in order to strengthen the collective voice for eliminating sexual violence in Colorado.

Main areas of membership services:

Community Building/Networking: CCASA holds an annual statewide meeting, biannual regional meetings, local and web-based meetings upon request, networking events, and other opportunities for members and allies to come together. The various events hosted by CCASA are available to members at no or discounted cost and provide the opportunity to collaborate, share resources, and learn strategies for working together as a collective voice for ending sexual violence in Colorado.

Public Policy: CCASA addresses public policy issues which affect survivors of sexual assault on both the state and national level. Coalition representatives provide testimony and educate lawmakers concerning sexual violence in Colorado. Members are encouraged to participate in CCASA's Public Policy Committee in order to discuss and prioritize current sexual assault policy issues with the CCASA lobbyist, Board Members, and other community members.

Training: CCASA provides training, education, and technical/staff support on a variety of topics to members, at no or discounted cost, upon request. We design new trainings on an ongoing basis in order to meet members' needs; offer web-based training opportunities to save time and resources; work closely with other organizations and agencies in Colorado, as well as statewide coalitions in other states, to bring their experience and expertise to you; and seek to create a speakers bureau of experts in specific fields, or with particular knowledge, relevant to sexual assault services and prevention programming.

Publications: CCASA members receive the quarterly newsletter (*The CCASA Connection*) and bi-monthly email news briefs with statewide training information, job postings, events, legislative updates, and sexual assault news at no cost. They receive up to 50 free copies of CCASA publications (*Toward Healing and Justice: A handbook for survivors of sexual assault*; *About Sexual Assault*; and *What Happened?: Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault*) per year of active membership. Members are also encouraged to submit their organization's news, events, job openings, and updates to CCASA to be included in news briefs.

2009-10 Fee Structure

CCASA membership fees are collected on an annual basis in July. Membership fees are prorated depending on your joining date. For example, if you were an agency in the \$100,000 - \$199,000 range that joins CCASA in October, we pro-rate your membership rate from October through June of the next year. The annual fee for an agency with the above operating budget is \$110, which balances to a monthly pro-rate of \$9.17. Your pro-rated membership fee (October-June, 9 months) is \$82.50. For specific calculations, please contact Erin Jemison, membership coordinator at membership@ccasa.org.

CCASA's Membership Fees are based on your organizational budget, or for individual members, on your individual income. Please note that individual membership is designed for community members who are interested in sexual assault issues and support CCASA's mission. Individuals who are employed with a victim services agency are included in agency membership. Please contact us at membership@ccasa.org or 303-861-7033 if you have any questions about which type of membership is appropriate for your situation.

Membership dues cover a full year starting on July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. If you are unable to pay the recommended fee that is based upon your operating budget or individual income, please contact CCASA staff to discuss other payment options.

Operating Budget or Individual Income	Dues
\$0-\$49,000	\$25
\$50,000-\$74,999	\$50
\$75,000-\$99,999	\$75
\$100,000-\$199,999	\$110
\$200,000-\$299,999	\$140
\$300,000-\$399,999	\$165
\$400,000-\$499,999	\$225
\$500,000-\$699,999	\$265
\$700,000-\$999,999	\$300
\$1,000,000+	\$350

CCASA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2009-2010

Date:	Individual or Agency (circle one)	Individual or Agency's Contact Person Name:			
Name of Agency, if applicable:					
Mailing Address:					
City:			State:		Zip:
Phone:		Hotline/Toll-free:		Fax:	
Website:				Primary Email:	
Judicial districts served:			Counties/areas served:		
Physical Address (if different than mailing):					
City:			State:		Zip:
Please describe your programs or services if you are applying for an agency membership. Please describe your interest in CCASA if you are applying for an individual membership:					
I would like my agency's information included in the CCASA member/resource guide:				Yes	No
I prefer to be contacted by (check any):	Phone	Email	Mailing address		No preference
How did you hear about CCASA?	Referral	Brochure	Website	Training (specify)	Event (specify)
Renewing member					
Other (please detail here):					
Do you have resources that would be valuable to other CCASA members? If so, please detail here:					
If you are submitting this application for an Agency membership, please list any other staff members and their contact information that would like to receive our information.					
Name:		Title:		Email:	
Name:		Title:		Email:	

Please complete both sides of this form

Membership Dues/Amount of Payment:		Payment Method:	
Check (include check number):			
Credit card (list card information here or pay through CCASA website):	Card Type:	Card Number:	
Name & Billing Address on Card:		Expiration Date:	Security Code:
I WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU.	Yes No	If yes, my area of expertise is:	
I HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU. THAT PERSON AND THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE IS:			
I WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S) (circle all that apply):			
Public Policy Development Community Accountability/Inclusiveness Rural Issues Survivor Task Force			
I AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BEING A REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Yes No			
I HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A POTENTIAL REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:			
I AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BEING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Yes No			
I HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBER:			
I AM MOST INTERESTED IN CCASA PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:			
I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING TRAINING TOPICS:			

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CCASA MEMBERSHIP.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!**

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