



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 and training, 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.

Members come from a variety of backgrounds including:

- ✓ rape crisis and domestic violence agencies
- ✓ 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 to ensure that the Board represents five regions in Colorado: Northeast, Southeast, Central/Denver Metro, Northwest, and Southwest. We are also seeking dedicated individuals to serve on committees and to help support organizational development.

CCASA Program Committees are engaged in important, focused work that benefits our membership. Each committee consists of CCASA members and relevant staff

The following 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 all 5 Regional Representatives elected by CCASA membership and is staffed by the Outreach Coordinator. 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 is staffed by the Outreach Coordinator. The SAAM organizing committee 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.
- **CCASA Sexual Assault Advocacy & Crisis Line Training Guide Committee** is an ad hoc committee comprised of CCASA members and is staffed by the Program Manager. This committee is charged with revising the guide which is accessible to all CCASA members for their training needs. The revision process is scheduled to be complete by December 2010 and the new guide will be available for use in 2011.

CCASA Board of Directors

CCASA Staff Members

Chair
Emily M. Tofte, Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA)

Vice Chair
Amy Jackson, Advocates for Victims of Assault

Treasurer
Currently recruiting

Secretary
Abby Hansen, Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA)

At-large members
Jennifer Dale, Aurora Community College
Anne Guarnera, WINGS, Inc.
Maria Guerra, TESSA
Marissa Lorenz, UCD Center on Domestic Violence
Ken Kupfner, Boulder County DA's Office
Jacqui Pickett, Individual Member
Cassie Acquista, TESSA

Executive Director
Erin Jemison, MPA

Program Manager
Karen Moldovan, MA

Outreach Coordinator
open

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.

Focus 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.

2010 Fee Structure

CCASA membership fees are collected on an annual basis. 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 303-839-9999 if you have any questions about which type of membership is appropriate for your situation.

Membership dues cover a full year starting on the date your fee is received. 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

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:		

Please complete both pages of this form and email to membership@ccasa.org or mail to CCASA, 1120 Lincoln St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80203 or email to

Name:		Title:		Email:	
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!

Please complete both pages of this form and email to membership@ccasa.org or mail to CCASA, 1120 Lincoln St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80203 or email to