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COLORADO COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

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Benefits of CCASA membership

- Access to CCASA's statewide and national networks and resources.
- Legislative updates and alerts, and a voice in developing public policy.
- Access to CCASA's and other network publications.
- Subscription to our quarterly newsletter, The CCASA Connection, and weekly updates on news, seminars, trainings, and events.
- Opportunities to receive professional training and technical assistance and attend regional and statewide membership meetings.
- Voting privileges on issues that impact service providers.
- Reduced fees for CCASA events.

Who are members of CCASA?

CCASA is a statewide coalition representing:

- Rape crisis centers
- Victim advocacy programs
- Prosecutors and legal liaisons
- Law enforcement offices
- Medical professionals
- Therapists and treatment providers
- Survivor advocacy and peer groups
- Victim compensation programs
- Campus resource and prevention programs
- Concerned individuals

The truth about sexual assault

Myth: "Rape is sex."

Fact: Rape is an act of power and control over the victim. Using sex as a weapon serves to degrade and humiliate a victim.

Myth: "Sexual assault is often the result of miscommunication, not intentional criminal behavior."

Fact: The typical rapist premeditates and plans his attack; uses multiple strategies to make victims vulnerable; uses alcohol deliberately; and increases violence as needed.

- While about 80% of all victims are white, minorities are somewhat more likely to be attacked. Blacks are about 10% more likely to be sexually assaulted than whites.
- People with developmental disabilities are four to ten times more likely to be victims of sexual assault than other people.
- One in every ten rape victims is male.

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CCASA, the collective voice for sexual assault survivors and their supporters, works 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 all survivors are treated with dignity and respect, and have full access to quality services.



CCASA was formed in 1984 by rape crisis advocates.

Member and community resources

CCASA offers a variety of resources including publications and training and technical assistance to members and the community in an effort to enhance sexual assault services around the state.

- Training on working with the media
- Research on sexual assault issues
- Access to CCASA's library and educational publications, including:
 - Sexual Assault Hotline Training Manual
 - Toward Healing and Justice: A Handbook for Survivors of Sexual Assault
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month Tool Kit
 - Working with the Media: A Toolkit for Sexual Assault Service Providers

Public policy

CCASA represents its members' interests by advocating for legislation that supports victims' rights; ensures perpetrator accountability; promotes prevention efforts; and sustains adequate resources.

Since 1984, CCASA has been instrumental in the passage of legislation that includes:

- Extending the statute of limitations for reporting of childhood sexual abuse
- Requiring mandatory reporting of abuse for clergy
- Making marital rape a crime
- Lifetime supervision for sex offenders and creating the sex offender registry
- Clarifying and strengthening Colorado's rape shield law
- Making the communications between a sexual assault victim and victim advocate confidential
- Creation of an interagency task force on the trafficking of persons

Prevention education and public awareness

CCASA supports the development of consistent, high quality sexual violence prevention programs for youth and adults in Colorado. To promote prevention education and public awareness, CCASA:

- Works in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to conduct statewide research and data collection to assess the prevalence of sexual assault in Colorado. This information is used to enhance prevention education efforts throughout the state.
- Conducts social marketing campaigns to increase public awareness of sexual violence and sexual violence prevention, and to change knowledge, attitudes and beliefs toward sexual violence throughout Colorado communities.
- Works to improve the quality of media coverage of sexual violence issues by increasing the capacity of local media agencies, and by utilizing the media to provide accurate information on sexual assault issues.



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THANK YOU for your interest in CCASA!