

# THE CCASA CONNECTION

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Dear CCASA Members:

On behalf of the CCASA Board of Directors, we are excited to announce that Erin Jemison has been offered the permanent position of Executive Director! Erin has demonstrated tremendous leadership and commitment to the mission of CCASA during the time she served as Interim Executive Director. We all look forward to her continued work in helping us all achieve the mission of CCASA.

The Board decided not to conduct a national search for the Executive Director position after significant discussion and deliberation. We contacted a number of CCASA stakeholders to seek input about our hiring process and to gather feedback about Erin's performance as Interim Executive Director. Following these conversations, and with guidance from the Board's nonprofit consultant, we feel that offering Erin the permanent position is the best decision for continuing the progress CCASA has made over the past nine months, as well as for the long-term success of the organization.

Thank you to those of you who assisted in our process of making this decision. It was a pleasure speaking with you and I very much look forward to our continued collaboration as we move CCASA into a future of success.

Sincerely,  
Emily M. Tofte, MSW  
Board Chairperson

## CCASA 2011 TRAINING SCHEDULE!

CCASA Staff is in the process of developing our 2011 Training Schedule. These trainings are designed to provide technical assistance to CCASA members on relevant training topics of YOUR choice. **Let us know the emerging issues you would like to see addressed in upcoming trainings.**

Sample topics may include:

- Confidentiality considerations for SART development
- Help! What to do when confidentiality requirements and mandatory reporting intersect
- SANE Sustainability
- Developing and strengthening your school-based prevention education programs
- Helping clients navigate U-Visas and T-Visas
- Special considerations in serving survivors who are members of the military
- **Your program's choice! We design these trainings for you!**

Please provide your feedback! Email [advocacy@ccasa.org](mailto:advocacy@ccasa.org) if you have feedback or suggestions for the 2011 training schedule.

## CCASA OPEN HOUSE!

Come check out our  
new office space!

**Thursday, August 26**  
**1120 Lincoln, Ste 700**  
Stop by between **4:30-**  
**6:30pm** for drinks and  
appetizers on our  
deck.

Members can also pick  
up copies of new  
materials!

First Response Action supports Peace Corps Volunteers who are survivors of sexual violence through training, medical care, emotional support and policy reform.

**Do you know any current Peace Corps Volunteers?**

Please ask them to fill out this short, anonymous survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XTKGYW5> regarding Peace Corps sexual assault prevention and response training.

For more information, contact [firstresponseaction@gmail.com](mailto:firstresponseaction@gmail.com).



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## WHAT IS COMING IN NOVEMBER? BALLOT MEASURE UPDATES

As you may have heard, there are a series of upcoming propositions and amendments of interest to all Colorado voters. The following information is a brief summary only. For more detailed information, please visit The Bell Policy Center at [www.bellpolicy.org](http://www.bellpolicy.org). These general ballot measures are not specifically aimed at sexual assault services; however, if passed, Colorado's state and local revenue will experience significant loss. All services for victims, including the legal system, hospitals, mental health services, etc. could suffer huge cuts.

**What is Amendment 60?** If implemented, amendment 60 changes the state Constitution to make sweeping changes to Colorado's property tax laws. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), was implemented in 1992. TABOR requires that the state and all school districts obtain advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increase or certain tax policy changes. Since 1992, there have been hundreds of elections under TABOR in which voters have allowed local districts to keep and spend property tax revenues above their TABOR limits. Amendment 60 would repeal all these past elections. Without new elections in 2011, all counties and school districts would be required to reset their revenue limits based on 1992 levels.

***If Amendment 60,  
Amendment 61, and  
Proposition 101 pass, the  
total loss of local school  
funding in the Denver  
Public School District alone  
will be \$201,703,468.***

*Source: The Bell Policy Center, Colorado  
Children's Campaign, and the Colorado  
Fiscal Policy Institute*

**How does Amendment 60 affect schools?**  
According to the Bell Policy Center, it would require school districts to cut property tax rates for non-debt-related expenses in half by 2020. To partially adjust for the decrease in the local

revenue, funding would be taken from the General Fund.

**All services, those both General Funded and Cash Funded, could be cut. This could have potential impacts to the following:**

- VALE Funds
- Victim Compensation
- Health and Human Services
- Funding for the Sex Offender Management Board and the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board
- Hospital Services
- The Courts and the Criminal & Civil Legal Systems
- Higher Education
- Potential cuts to Medicaid

Separate analyses by Legislative Council staff and the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute estimate that when fully implemented, the current value of these reductions statewide could be **\$1 billion or more** each year.

**What is Amendment 61?** This amendment would ban the use of any kind of debt by the state of Colorado. According to the Bell Policy Center, Colorado would become the only state in the nation without the authority to issue debt. Local governments may borrow money or other items of value only if approved by the voters. All approved local borrowing then must be repaid in ten years.

**What is Proposition 101?** If fully implemented, the provisions of Proposition 101 would make drastic cuts to state revenue. Proposition 101 proposes reducing vehicle ownership taxes, ending taxes on vehicle rentals and leases, and dramatically

### What are people saying about these ballot measures?

"It would bring us to our knees. We couldn't operate."

– *South Routt Superintendent Scott Mader*

"The measures would pretty much shut down government in the state of Colorado."

– *Senator Al White (R- Dist.8)*

"I don't support any of these initiatives... Those of us who support TABOR want to make clear that those initiatives are just bad public policy."

– *Former Senate Minority Leader Josh Penry*

"Coloradans must unite against three of the most backward-thinking ballot measures this state has ever seen."

– *Governor Bill Ritter*

reducing fees associated with vehicle registration, licensing, and title changes. It would also lower the state income tax rate, as well as state and local taxes and charges for telecommunication services.

**What is the potential effect of Proposition 101 implementation?** When fully implemented, the provisions of Proposition 101 would cut state revenue by at least \$1.7 billion (current value) and local government revenue by at least \$622 million (current value). These cuts would be devastating to the General Fund. Source: Jones, Rich Preliminary Analysis of Proposition 101 Policy Brief. <http://www.bellpolicy.org/node/3513>

**Want to know how Proposition 101 will affect your community?** Visit <http://www.bellpolicy.org> for a report on county-by-county impact.

## CCASA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

This committee meets the third Tuesday of every month from 11:30 to 1:00. As we move into the 2011 Legislative Session, CCASA member input is greatly appreciated.

### Conference Call Instructions:

Dial-In: 1-218-862-1300

Conference Code: 998832

For more information, email:

[advocacy@ccasa.org](mailto:advocacy@ccasa.org)

## NOW AVAILABLE! NEW RESOURCE FOR CCASA MEMBERS: OUR RIGHTS, RIGHT NOW! TOOLKIT

The *Our Rights, Right Now! Toolkit* was designed to improve services to women with disabilities who have been victims of sexual violence. The Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Macon Resources, Inc., (a leading disability service organization) collaborated on this OVW funded project. The Toolkit contains five modules:

**Module 1: The Overview Guide** provides information and guidance to improve responses to women with disabilities who experience sexual violence.

**Module 2: Guide for Disability Service Agencies** provides educational training material on sexual violence and trauma response for disability service agency staff. It also guides agencies regarding how to create a safe environment for women with disabilities to discuss sexual violence.

**Module 3: Guide for Rape Crisis Centers** provides education and training material on victim-centered rape crisis center response to women with disabilities who experience sexual violence. It also guides rape crisis centers regarding how to enhance their ability to serve women with disabilities.

**Module 4: Women with Disabilities and Sexual Violence Education Guide** provides a step-by-step training curriculum for rape crisis center and/or disability agency staff to use to help educate women with disabilities about sexual violence, their rights, healthy sexuality and how to get help.

**Module 5: Multi-media** contains training material for agency staff, including two educational videos on working with women with disabilities who experience sexual violence. The third video is intended for use when conducting educational sessions with women with disabilities.

Would your agency like to check out the toolkit? It is available for all CCASA members via our lending library. Contact [advocacy@ccasa.org](mailto:advocacy@ccasa.org) if you would like it sent to you!

## 2010 NEW BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE!

Revised  
Drug-  
Facilitated  
Sexual  
Assault  
Brochure



NEW!  
*Acerca de La Agresión Sexual*  
About Sexual Assault Brochure  
now available in Spanish!

All CCASA Members are entitled to 50 complimentary copies of each brochure.

Email [advocacy@ccasa.org](mailto:advocacy@ccasa.org) to order your brochures today!

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN VICTIM'S LAW CENTER

Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center (RMVLC) is a non-profit law clinic that provides direct representation to victims of violent crime throughout the state of Colorado. The focus of the clinic is on the litigation and enforcement of crime victims' rights and providing pro bono legal representation to victims seeking to enforce their rights under the Colorado and Federal Crime Victim Rights Act. Direct representation during a criminal case helps to ensure victims become an equal participant in court proceedings, rather than observers. The Victim Law Center represents crime victims in Colorado, regardless of ability to pay, and where the Center feels it could have a successful impact on the case or contribute to future rights of victims.

John Clune, Attorney for RMVLC, specializes in victims' rights and victim representation. Sheri Vanino, the clinic's Victim Advocate, is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in trauma. Under the new direction of John and Sheri, the Victim Law Center has a solid understanding of both the legal and advocacy perspectives of crime victims.

To refer a victim to RMVLC, please have s/he call 303-295-2001 or email [sheri@rmvictimlaw.org](mailto:sheri@rmvictimlaw.org).

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES!

Mark your calendars! There are a variety of fantastic and informative upcoming state and national conferences. Scholarships and early bird registration are often available!

### Colorado Injury, Suicide & Violence Prevention Conference: Partnering to Strengthen Prevention Communities

August 23-25, 2010

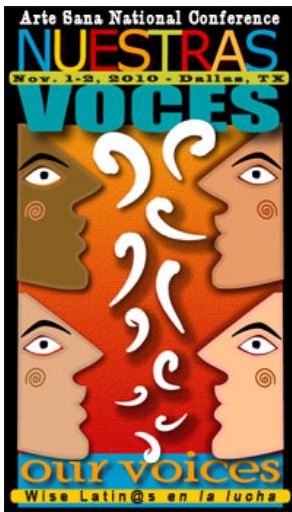
Vail Cascade Resort and Conference Center, Vail, CO

Sponsored by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment and the Colorado Foundation for Public Health and Environment.

The conference includes sessions on sexual violence prevention, youth violence prevention, and youth engagement. There is a \$50 registration fee, and some scholarships are available.

Additional information is available here:

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/injuryprevention/ISVP%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>



### Arte Sana National Conference

November 1-2, 2010

Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport Hotel

A national gathering of Latina victim advocates, prevention specialists, survivors, and allies promoting the engagement of Latinas as agents of change in addressing gender-based violence, celebrating our collective wisdom and leadership en los movimientos.

Registration discounts are still available!

For more information, visit

[http://www.arte-sana.com/arte\\_sana.htm](http://www.arte-sana.com/arte_sana.htm)

### National Center for Victims of Crime 2010 National Conference

September 14–16, 2010

New Orleans, LA

The conference will bring together victim service providers and advocates, law enforcement officials, researchers, educators, and allied professionals from around the country to share best practices, forge new collaborations, and enhance resources, policies, and services for crime victims.

Registration information is available here: [http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB\\_2005NationalConference571](http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571)

### "Set the Silent Free: Commemorating 15 Years of the Violence Against Women Act"

Sept. 28-30, 2010

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Scholarships are still available! For additional conference information, contact Carol Morris (toll free) at 888-751-4450.

### The American Public Health Association Annual Meeting

Nov. 6-10, 2010

Denver, CO

A component of the meeting will include David Lee from CALCASA presenting on: "Prevention Connection: An online 'community of practice' to advance primary prevention of intimate partner violence and sexual violence."



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### 22nd Annual COVA Conference: Leap to Leadership

November 7-10, 2010

Keystone Resort

This year's conference will offer 70+ workshops, within 12 Program Tracks. These Program Tracks include: Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Victim/Survivor Issues, and Children & Youth Issues. Sexual Assault Track topics will include: Teen Dating & Sexual Violence Prevention, Rape Trauma Behavior, Medical and Legal Issues for SARTS, Clinical Considerations in Working with GLBTQ Survivors of Sexual Assault, and Intimate Partner Rape. CCASA Staff will present on Mandatory Reporting Changes and Other Emerging Issues in Sexual Assault, as well as Rape Culture in the Media. We hope to see you there!

Visit [www.coloradocrimevictims.org](http://www.coloradocrimevictims.org) for registration information!

## CCASA IS REACTIVATING THE SURVIVOR TASK FORCE

As many of you heard during spring regional meetings, we are excited to reconvene CCASA's Survivor Task Force (STF) and add new members. The purpose of the Survivor Task Force is to provide an ongoing dialogue between victims/survivors and CCASA on various topics and issues. We hope that this group will participate in our mission to end sexual violence by:

- Reviewing CCASA brochures and materials to ensure that they are victim/survivor sensitive.
- Providing CCASA with feedback regarding existing and proposed programs and services.
- Reviewing PSAs or other media efforts.
- Giving media interviews.
- Speaking to community groups when requested.
- Testifying at public hearings at the legislature.
- Writing letters to the editor.

STF membership is open to women and men who identify themselves as a victim/survivor of sexual abuse/violence or as the partner or family members of a victim/survivor of sexual violence. Members are not expected to publicly identify themselves as a survivor. Each person contributes to the task force in his/her own way. While STF is a safe place for survivors, please note that it is not a support group. Anyone interested in being part of the task force is asked to participate in a brief initial phone conversation with CCASA staff to discuss potential involvement. STF members should be at a place in the healing process where they've received counseling or other services and are able to positively contribute to the group's mission. If you're interested in joining the Survivor Task Force, please contact Karen at [advocacy@ccasa.org](mailto:advocacy@ccasa.org) or 303-839-9999.

## CCASA PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

During the spring regional meetings, CCASA staff had the opportunity to speak with many of you about a statewide media campaign. CCASA members expressed an interest in a community-specific public outreach project that educated young men about bystander intervention and positive social norms. In our first Public Outreach Committee meeting, we heard interest from membership in reinvigorating the "Why Not Ask" campaign.

*...stimulate conversation among and between students about sex and consent.*

For those of you who may not be familiar with "Why Not Ask," CCASA staff and stakeholders developed this prevention marketing campaign in 2002. The goal of the campaign was to help stimulate conversation among and between students about sex and consent. The campaign hoped to change the broader student culture that often inadvertently supports date

and acquaintance rape. The campaign strove to promote awareness without using scare tactics and being too prescriptive toward students. Young men were enlisted in the efforts to prevent sexual assault as individuals and as bystanders. For more information, please visit [www.whynotask.org](http://www.whynotask.org).

As we move forward with possibly recreating this campaign, we would love to hear your feedback! Have you used the Why Not Ask campaign in your prevention education? Are you interested in being a part of building the 2010 campaign? In developing an effective statewide prevention and public outreach campaign, your perspectives are crucial. Email [advocacy@ccasa.org](mailto:advocacy@ccasa.org) to share your thoughts and get involved with this project!



## HIRING & INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

While CCASA's Board has been working on various forms of restructuring, we've been doing the same with the Staff. As you know, Erin Jemison is now the **Executive Director**. Karen Moldovan's title is now **Program Manager** to better reflect her responsibilities. And within the next few weeks, we will begin the search process to hire a new **Outreach Coordinator** (formerly called Membership Coordinator). Watch your email for the job announcement and please spread the word about this new opportunity at the Coalition!

CCASA is seeking a **Public Policy Intern** to join us for the 2011 legislative session. This new internship includes research, writing, testimony coordination, and other duties depending on applicants' skills and interests. CCASA's intern will also have the opportunity to participate in policy discussions with CCASA members and stakeholders and observe hearings at the Capitol. The position allows for scheduling flexibility and can start as soon as September! Contact us at [director@ccasa.org](mailto:director@ccasa.org) for more information.

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Get the latest news and participate in great discussions. Become a fan of the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault today!

We regularly update our Facebook page with announcements and articles of interest. Join the discussion! Search for the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault!




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Please note that our physical address and mailing address are now the same! Please discontinue using our PO Box address.

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