MISSION AND HISTORY OF CCASA

FOUNDED IN 1984, the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) is a membership organization promoting safety, justice, and healing for survivors while working toward the elimination of sexual violence. We provide education and training, publications and resources, expert consultation, advocacy for victim-centered public policy at the state and national level, and actively promote offender accountability.

Members come from a variety of backgrounds including:

- businesses & concerned citizens seeking a society free of sexual violence
- campus advocacy and prevention programs
- child advocacy centers
- District Attorney’s offices
- law enforcement agencies
- law enforcement victim assistance programs
- medical professionals
- mental health professionals
- military prevention and response programs
- rape crisis and domestic violence agencies
- school-based programs
- sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE)
- sexual assault response teams (SART)
- sexual assault survivors
- sexual violence offender treatment programs
- victim witness programs in District Attorney’s offices

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/ Metro, Northwest, and Southwest. We are also seeking dedicated individuals to serve on committees and to help support organizational development.
CCASA COMMITTEES are engaged in important, focused work that benefits our membership. Each committee consists of CCASA members, partners and relevant staff. MEMBERS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE DENVER METRO AREA ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

The following committees are currently active:

• POLICY COMMITTEE works to influence the legislature on issues surrounding sexual violence and is staffed by the Director of Policy. The committee reviews state policies concerning sexual assault survivors, services, and offender management, and represents CCASA's membership's perspective and policy concerns. The public policy committee meets monthly, but may convene more frequently during the legislative session on an as-needed basis. Any CCASA member is welcome to join the committee.

• SURVIVOR TASK FORCE (STF) is staffed by the Communications & Development Coordinator, and participation is open to anyone who identifies as a survivor of sexual abuse/violence or as the partner or family member of a survivor of sexual violence. Members are not expected to publically identify themselves as a survivor. Each person contributes to the task force in her or his own way. While the STF is a safe place for survivors, please note that this is not a support group. STF members should be at a place in their healing processes where they have received supportive services and are able to positively contribute to the group’s mission.

• CCASA BLOG COMMITTEE is staffed by the Communications & Development Coordinator and comprised of CCASA members who oversee the CCASA blog posts, outreach, and branding. The purpose of the CCASA Blog is to create a conversation among members, partners, and the general public about issues related to sexual violence prevention.

• ANTI-OPPRESSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AOC) works to enhance the organization’s core value of anti-oppression and social justice which states: CCASA recognizes that sexual assault and oppression are intricately linked and is committed to grappling with the complexities of societal power and privilege in order to create inclusive policies and practices. The AOC is comprised of community stakeholders and partners and meets at least once a quarter either by conference call, video, or in person.

• ASPIRING WHITE ALLIES GROUP (AWAG) is comprise of CCASA members and partners who want to grow in their ally-ship to address racism and its intersection with sexual violence and other forms of
oppression. The group meets monthly via web/phone/in-person meetings in order to learn, develop skills, and work to hold themselves, each other, and our communities accountable.

- COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ALLIANCE (CoCA) is comprised of members and partners who identify as a person of color and who want to create community, raise awareness, and promote practices and policies that recognize the intersections of race, sexual violence, and other forms of oppression. The group meets monthly through web/phone/in-person meetings.

- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE is comprised of CCASA members and partners and is staffed by the Executive Director. The Committee exists to raise funds and plan events to broaden support for CCASA in the community.

CCASA STAFF MEMBERS

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT
JOLENE CARDENAS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BRIE FRANKLIN

FINANCIAL & GRANTS MANAGER
KATHY HOLLAND

RURAL & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES SPECIALIST
GINA LOPEZ

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER
MARIA MENDEZ

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS
AGUEDA MORGAN

DIRECTOR OF POLICY
RAANA SIMMONS
THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS of being a member of CCASA; please visit our website at www.ccasa.org for a full listing. As a statewide coalition, CCASA supports local organizations through expert consultation, training, information and referrals, publications, news updates, and public policy advocacy.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Agency Membership - Voting
Agency memberships are designed for:
1. an entire agency
2. an office/department within an agency that will be accessing CCASA resources and services for their staff, volunteers, and clients.

In addition to the general member benefits, agency members may access:
• bulk bundles of 50 CCASA publications for distribution to their clients,
• staff and volunteers may attend CCASA events at low or no cost, and
• staff and volunteers are encouraged to participate in CCASA committees and ensure that their agencies have a voice on the state level.

Individual Membership - Voting
Individual memberships are designed for:
1. community members
2. other interested individuals who want to be involved with statewide efforts and access general member benefits.

Individual members may access:
• a limited number of CCASA publications at no cost and
• no or low-cost entrance to events is limited to that single member.

Individual memberships are not encouraged if you plan to access CCASA publications and events for, or on behalf of, your agency or clients. Individual members are also encouraged to participate in CCASA committees and have a voice on the state level.
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE SUBMITTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR AND COVER THE FULL YEAR. Fees are based on your organizational budget or, for individual members, on your individual income. Contact us for information about prorated dues if you are renewing throughout the year. 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. All agency membership dues must be paid from an agency account. Please contact us at info@ccasa.org or 303-839-9999 if you have any questions about which type of membership is appropriate for your situation.

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# CCASA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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☐ I agree with CCASA’s Statement of Purpose and commit to CCASA’s Statement of Mission. If applying for an AGENCY MEMBERSHIP, please describe your program’s services. If you are applying for an INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP, please describe your interest in CCASA.

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Please complete this application and return to info@ccasa.org or mail to CCASA, PO BOX 40350, Denver, CO 80204. For questions about membership, contact Kathy Holland at kathy@ccasa.org or 303-839-9999 x 207.
**Agency Members:** Your agency information will be included on the CCASA website as a resource for survivors, and your agency name will be listed on CCASA Annual Reports.

**Individual Members:** Your name (first and last) will be listed on CCASA Annual Reports. Please indicate below if you wish to not be listed in any of these areas:

If you are submitting this application for an agency membership, please list any other staff members, their titles and contact information:

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

I would like more information about serving on CCASA committee(s) (check all that apply):

- [ ] Policy Committee
- [ ] Survivor Task Force
- [ ] AOAC, AWAG, or COCA
- [ ] Fundraising Committee
- [ ] CCASA Blog Committee

**Membership Payment**

Select Membership Dues Amount:

- [ ] $25
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- [ ] $275
- [ ] $370
- [ ] $425
- [ ] $500
- [ ] $575

Annual Budget (if agency membership): ___________________________

Select a Payment Method:

1. Cash or money order (include with application)
2. Check (include check number):
3. PayPal (online with credit card): go to http://www.ccasa.org/support/ccasamembership/

*Payment for an Agency Membership must be from an agency bank account.*