

All Regular, Associate Organizational and Regular Individual Members applying for membership are required to sign this commitment form.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) is a voice for victims/survivors, sexual assault programs, and allies committed to ending sexual violence.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault believes sexual violence is a humiliating and often terrifying and brutal crime. It violates a person's innermost physical and psychological being. The primary goal of MNCASA is to be a catalyst in changing society's attitudes toward sexual violence and its victims/survivors; and to changing the systems which may further victimize survivors.

Sexual violence includes rape, date/acquaintance rape, same-sex assault, child sexual abuse, incest, pornography, prostitution, sexual exploitation by professionals, stalking, sexual harassment, and any other sexual activity in which a person is forced, coerced or manipulated without her/his consent.

We believe sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, oppression of people with disabilities, religious oppression, and ageism are among the root causes of sexual violence. MNCASA is committed to challenging institutions, issues, practices and policies, which promote these systems of oppression.

Every victim/survivor responds in a different way, every victim/survivor has the right to receive support and understanding from friends, families, and their communities; as well as from medical, legal, social service and criminal justice systems. To that end, the coalition provides technical assistance and support to member programs throughout the state of Minnesota. This includes ongoing training and education, development and distribution of educational materials, communities of color outreach, public policy initiatives, resources, and referrals.

I commit to and agree to uphold the Mission and Philosophy Statements of the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Signature

Date