The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) is a membership organization that supports the work of more than 70 member agencies throughout Minnesota, most of whom are community based advocacy agencies providing direct service to victims/survivors within their communities. MNCASA also works nationally on systems change through our Sexual Violence Justice Institute. For over 40 years, MNCASA has provided leadership and resources for sexual assault programs and allies to prevent sexual violence while promoting a comprehensive, socially just response for all victims/survivors.

From the expansion of Tarana Burke’s “Me Too” movement to Christine Blasey Ford’s fearless testimony about her assault in front of congress 2018 was a big year for sexual assault victims/survivors. The public outcry and momentum around survivor voices is on a scale we have not seen in the last 40 years. The awareness around sexual assault and harassment was amplified even more here in Minnesota with the Star Tribune’s multi-part series on sexual assault, Denied Justice. The opportunity to engage with community groups and advocates and leverage this public outcry into policy change and quantifiable, actionable, systems change that supports survivors, and works to create a statewide movement to end sexual assault in Minnesota is upon us.

In 2018 we had the privilege of working with our membership to support victims/survivors across the state. MNCASA is dedicated to deepening these relationships with membership so that we can respond to emerging needs of our members through continued trainings, technical assistance, and annual and regional meetings.

We are honored to lead MNCASA during this historic moment in the anti-sexual violence movement and we are looking forward to another year of strengthening the movement, creating healthier communities in Minnesota, and fighting for concrete change in the ways that victim/survivors are treated in our state and across the country.

In looking to 2019, MNCASA is excited to engage with our stakeholders on a broader level. The Board is conducting listening sessions with members, stakeholders, staff, and volunteers to learn more about what is needed from MNCASA leadership. These crucial conversations and input will help inform and influence how we structure and support ongoing leadership and the direction of the organization. We are energized by the opportunities ahead and are looking forward to what is next for MNCASA, its members and partner organizations, and the anti-sexual violence movement.

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Highlights from 2018

MEMBERSHIP

In an effort to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of anti-sexual violence programs in Minnesota, and as part of our strategic plan, MNCASA created the Membership Services Specialist position. With a full-time staff person focused solely on this work, MNCASA is better able to engage and listen to member needs. Beginning this year and moving forward we will also be traveling to all seven of our membership regions twice a year. Members consistently cite the benefit of the training and networking opportunities provided by these regional meetings. With a dedicated Membership Services Specialist we are excited to explore continued and new ways to connect!

TRAININGS

23 webinars with over 1,750 attendees

78 in-person trainings with over 2,800 attendees

1025 Technical Assistance Consultations

“This was the most informational & well put together training I’ve been to. Very Pleased!”

- 2018 Legal Advocacy: Basics for Sexual Assault Advocates Participant

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

The 2018 Annual Training Symposium: Critical Conversations—The Road to Change was held June 27-28, 2018, at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, MN. This was a statewide opportunity that provided resources, skills, and education on emerging issues in the anti-sexual violence field. The theme recognized that there are challenging conversations that members have engaged in personally and professionally. These conversations acknowledge a need to bring together a diverse audience which will continue this critical dialogue in order to advance culture change and effectively respond to victims/survivors throughout Minnesota.

The 2018 symposium featured workshops including Trauma-Informed Response and Interviewing Techniques, Building Capacity to Prevent Sexual Violence, Sexual Violence in the Hmong Community, and Managing Burnout in Advocacy. Over 110 direct service advocates, systems-based professionals, executive directors, and partners and allies working in the field of anti-sexual violence attended. Honorees included Paula Morton, as an Outstanding Service Provider; Andrea Gilbert, as a Rising Star; and Erin Stephens, as an Outstanding Ally.
Prevention efforts are essential components in our ongoing work to end sexual violence in Minnesota. In partnership with TPT, MNCASA created the *Rosemary Project*. It started as a two-minute video making primary prevention strategies accessible to individuals interested in learning how to prevent sexual violence in their communities. It has since evolved into a multi-year campaign with the ongoing creation of new tools and resources. Over 145,000 people have watched the two-minute video; over 180,000 or downloaded our resource *10 Simple Steps to Prevent Sexual Violence*; and over 500 people have taken our online pledge to commit one concrete step they will implement in their lives to end sexual violence in their community.

MNCASA’s ongoing prevention work also included providing grant funding to support community prevention efforts around the state; creating resource packages on a variety of topics; hosting six in-person trainings for over 140 people (not including the annual symposium); facilitating three webinars with over 100 attendees; and responding to over 85 technical assistance requests from community based advocacy agencies.

MNCASA’s Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) hosted a series of trainings for law enforcement across the state of Minnesota on trauma-informed victim interviewing. Three webinars and three in-person trainings provided basic, intermediate, and advanced content for over 500 systems professionals. They gained hands-on experience with trauma-informed victim interviewing and had opportunities to discuss real-world challenges. The feedback from attendees was excellent demonstrating that officers were engaged in the content and saw practical ways to apply their new knowledge and skills, comments included: “The detailed interview training was very informative. The report writing was also great formation. Sex Crimes is very difficult and takes a toll on us.” And: “It was good to show that certain types of ‘suspicious’ or ‘inconsistent’ statements are normal trauma responses.”

MNCASA worked with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to create a new Sexual Violence Prevention Online Training. Minnesota State students across the state will complete this module as a part of their new student orientation.

The training helps new students understand sexual violence on campus and how they can each work to create a safer campus community. The module specifically includes information about why sexual violence prevention and response must be centered with an intersectional lens that understands the realities of oppression.

This training will be provided to thousands of students and will create a broader understanding of how to prevent sexual violence on campus.

MNCASA hosted the Healing Assistance Resource and Referral Line, a 24-hour hotline focused on connecting victims and their families, harmed by Michigan State’s Larry Nassar, to the support and mental health resources they need. The line was open for nine months and MNCASA took over 125 calls.
In coordination with 30 other organizations, MNCASA led efforts that successfully lobbied for a bill to address the accumulation of untested and unrestricted rape kits in Minnesota. The Sexual Assault Examination Kit Reform Law, implemented in August 2018, requires law enforcement pick up a sexual assault examination kit within 10 days of the forensic medical exam, and submit that kit for testing within 60 days. Victims/survivors must also be given a response within 30 days of an inquiry regarding when their kit was submitted to a lab and if a DNA profile was matched. This is an important win for victims/survivors in Minnesota.

FY2018 FINANCIALS
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

- **Government**: 83%
- **Charitable Contributions & Events**: 3%
- **Management & General**: 1%
- **Membership Dues**: 1%
- **Earned Income**: 13%
- **Fundraising**: 8%

**TOTAL REVENUE**: $2,079,279
- $1,732,219 | Government
- $268,674 | Earned Income
- $52,811 | Charitable Contributions & Events
- $25,757 | Membership Dues

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $1,980,607
- $1,810,071 | Program Services
- $153,746 | Management & General
- $16,790 | Fundraising

MNCASA WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL BOARD MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018

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