



**MNCASA**

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

# MNCASA Membership

2019-2020

Benefits	Membership Level		
	Partner	Ally	Individual
<b>Members Only Trainings</b>			
<i>Legal Advocacy: Basics for Sexual Assault Advocates</i>	•		
<i>Legal Advocacy: Special Topics</i>	•		
<i>40-Hour Sexual Assault Advocacy</i>	•	•	•
<i>Train the Trainer</i>	•		
<i>Prevention</i>	•	•	•
<b>Webinars</b>			
<i>Advocacy</i>	•		
<i>Prevention</i>	•	•	•
<i>Public Policy</i>	•	•	•
<i>SARTs in Minnesota</i>	•	•	•
<b>Technical Assistance</b>			
<i>Advocacy</i>	•		
<i>Prevention</i>	•	•	•
<i>Policy</i>	•	•	•
<i>Systems</i>	•	•	•
<i>Evaluation</i>	•		
<i>Leadership (Coming Soon!)</i>	•		
<b>Resources</b>			
<i>Advocacy</i>	•		
<i>Prevention</i>	•	•	•
<i>Policy</i>	•	•	•
<i>Systems</i>	•	•	•
<i>Evaluation</i>	•		
<i>Webinar Archive</i>	•	•	•
<i>Manuals</i>	•		
<i>Fact Sheets</i>	•	•	•
<b>Member Connection Calls</b>			
<i>Advocacy</i>	•		
<i>Prevention</i>	•	•	•
<i>Policy</i>	•	•	•
<i>Systems (Coming Soon!)</i>	•	•	•
<i>Events/Fundraising (Coming Soon!)</i>	•		
<i>Finance (Coming Soon!)</i>	•		
<i>Leadership (Coming Soon!)</i>	•		
<b>Other Benefits</b>			
<i>Member Portal</i>	•	•	•
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	•	•	•
<i>Regional Meetings</i>	•		
<i>Site Visits</i>	•		
<i>Voting Privileges</i>	•		
<i>Scholarship Reimbursements and Reduced Registration Fees</i>	•	•	•
<i>Leadership Institute</i>	•	•	•
<i>Bi-Weekly Newsletter</i>	•	•	•
<i>Podcast (Coming Soon!)</i>	•	•	•

# MNCASA Membership Benefits

*July 2019-June 2020*

## Members Only Trainings

MNCASA offers trainings throughout the year that are free or have a reduced cost for members.

- **Legal Advocacy: Basics for Sexual Assault Advocates**  
This training teaches advocates who are new to legal advocacy the essential skills for advocacy in criminal and civil court settings, including the roles of systems-based professionals and their responsibilities to sexual assault victims/survivors.
- **Legal Advocacy: Special Topics**  
This training focuses on the many legal systems that victims/survivors interact with outside of the basics of criminal court. Throughout this two-day training, experts present information on these systems and how victims/survivors of sexual violence engage with them. Attendees will be equipped with knowledge and skills to help victims/survivors navigate the rules and processes, uphold their rights, and increase their safety. This training is relevant to advocates at any experience level and in any focus area including, but not limited to: shelter, legal, youth, housing and economic support, and community advocacy.
- **40-Hour Sexual Assault Advocacy**  
This training is open only to volunteers and staff at partner programs who have not yet completed the 40-hour sexual assault advocacy training. Participants will learn about advocacy basics, including Introduction to Advocacy, Active Listening Skills, Spectrum of Sexual Violence, Cultural Responsiveness, Reactions and Responses to Sexual Violence, Ethics, Confidentiality, and more.
- **Train the Trainer**  
Train the Trainer is a three-day training event for MNCASA members who facilitate the 40 hour Sexual Assault Advocate training in their community. Through the training, attendees will learn how to facilitate difficult conversations, discover new training techniques, and become familiar with the components needed in the 40 hour training following guidance from the law and funders.
- **Prevention**  
Prevention trainings range from 101 basics to more complex topics to curriculum train the trainers. MNCASA is able to provide prevention trainings upon request, and we rely on member feedback to inform which trainings we bring to Minnesota. Prevention trainings are open to a wide audience, but members often get first priority on registration or discounted rates.

## Webinars

MNCASA hosts monthly webinars for members, and members have access to a library of past webinars in the Member Portal.

- Advocacy Issues
- Prevention
- Public Policy
- SARTs in MN

## Technical Assistance

Staff at MNCASA and the Sexual Violence Justice Institute @ MNCASA can provide members technical assistance in the following areas:

- Advocacy
- Prevention
- Policy
- Systems
- Evaluation
- Leadership (Coming Soon!)

## Resources

Members have access to MNCASA's library of resources through the Member Portal in the following areas:

- Advocacy
- Prevention
- Policy
- Systems
- Webinar Archive
- Manuals
- Fact Sheets

## Member Connection Calls

MNCASA is pleased to host Member Connection calls to help members build relationships with and learn from one another. This is a new benefit in 2019, and we will host quarterly calls for members working in the following areas:

- Advocacy
- Prevention
- Policy
- Systems
- Events/Fundraising (Coming Soon!)
- Leadership (Coming Soon!)

## Additional Benefits

### **Member Portal**

The Member Portal gives members access to documents, resources, recorded webinars, and more.

### **Annual Meeting**

MNCASA's Annual Meeting is open only to members. It provides an opportunity for members to network; provide updates about their organization; and vote on Coalition matters, including the board slate and bylaws changes.

### **Regional Meetings**

Regional meetings provide Partner Program Members with an opportunity to network with other advocates in the same region, share needs and concerns with MNCASA, and pick up new skills.

### **Site Visits**

MNCASA staff may travel to visit Partner Programs upon request.

### **Voting Privileges**

Partner Program Members have full voting privileges at MNCASA's Annual Meeting and special meetings

### **Scholarship Reimbursements and Reduced Registration Fees**

Members are eligible to apply for and receive scholarship reimbursements to participate in MNCASA events, and we offer reduced registration fees for members.

### **Leadership Institute**

The Leadership Institute is a cohort of people from different member programs learning together about leadership, networking, and sharing their strengths. Participants will deepen their leadership abilities, which will strengthen sexual assault response and prevention in Minnesota.

### **Bi-Weekly Newsletter**

The Advocacy, Membership, and Prevention Newsletter contains news about MNCASA and our members, updates from the field, information about upcoming trainings, and more.

### **Podcast (Coming Soon!)**

Sign up for your MNCASA membership at  
[mncasa.org/get-involved/become-a-member](https://mncasa.org/get-involved/become-a-member).

# MNCASA Membership Levels

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## Partner Program

Partner Program membership shall be open to entities throughout the State of Minnesota that, as one of their primary functions, provide services to sexual violence victims. The Coalition will only accept as partners those entities whose philosophy is consistent with the mission and philosophy of the Coalition. A signed Mission and Philosophy Commitment Form will be required by all entities applying for membership to the Coalition.

### **Privileges of Partner Program Membership:**

- Have full voting privileges at the Coalition Annual Meetings and special meetings
- Have access to resource materials available through the Coalition, and have the opportunity to attend Coalition sponsored events at a reduced attendance fee
- Receive all newsletters, training materials, and other products produced by MNCASA
- Receive Access to ongoing training opportunities throughout a membership year as determined by Board policy
- Receive the benefit of united public policy initiatives, trainings on public policy education, and materials to promote policy change
- Receive ongoing updates on legislation and other public policy initiatives at the state and national level
- Receive a standardized Advocate Training Manual, with training components
- Eligible to serve on the MNCASA Board of Directors

## Allied Organization

Allied Organization Membership shall be open to entities in Minnesota which are engaged in services and activities that support directly or indirectly the end of sexual violence and the mission and vision of MNCASA. A signed Mission and Philosophy Commitment Form will be required from all entities applying for Allied Organization membership. Allied Organization Memberships are not available to entities which qualify for Partner Program Membership.

### **Privileges of Allied Organization Membership:**

- Have access to resource materials and Coalition sponsored events at a reduced rate
- Allied Organization members will receive all newsletters produced by MNCASA
- Receive the benefit of united public policy initiatives, trainings on public policy education, and materials to promote policy change
- Receive ongoing updates on legislation and other public policy initiatives at the state and national level
- Are eligible to serve on the MNCASA Board of Directors.

## Individual/Student/Senior/Survivor

Individual Memberships shall be open to any individual who is not affiliated with a sexual assault program, but works towards the end of sexual violence. A signed Mission and Philosophy Commitment Form will be required from all persons applying for individual memberships. Individual Memberships are not available to entities which qualify for Partner Program Membership.

### Privileges of Individual Membership

- Have access to resource materials and Coalition sponsored events at a reduced rate
- Receive all newsletters produced by MNCASA
- Receive the benefit of united public policy initiatives, trainings on public policy education, and materials to promote policy change
- Receive ongoing updates on legislation and other public policy initiatives at the state and national level
- Eligible to serve on the MNCASA Board of Directors

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