Public Policy

MCASA is actively involved in advocating for state legislation to promote justice for survivors and accountability for offenders. MCASA's policy projects also address areas of special concern, including college sexual violence, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), and sexual assault evidence kits (SAEKs).

Community Outreach

MCASA connects survivors and their families to community-based member rape crisis and recovery centers, and promotes public awareness of sexual violence issues through public events, statewide media, literature, and online at www.mcasa.org.

Education and Training

MCASA is a professional resource for those working directly with survivors of sexual assault and provides literature, online resources, and local and regional trainings.

Technical Assistance and Expert Advice

MCASA provides technical assistance and resources to professionals in the field through our Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), MCASA's Maryland Women of Color Network (WOCN), College Consortium, the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) project, and the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam and Sexual Assault Response Team (SAFE/SART) program.

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about mcasa

The mission of the Maryland **Coalition Against Sexual Assault** (MCASA) is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and work to hold offenders accountable. Founded in 1982, MCASA has worked for more than four decades to end sexual violence in the State of Maryland through public policy, community outreach, education and training, technical assistance, and legal services.

College Consortium

In the spring of 2001, MCASA established the College Consortium to address campus sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic and dating violence, and stalking. The Consortium is a statewide network of college staff and other professionals that works collectively to prevent violence and respond to the needs of survivors on Maryland campuses.

SAFE/SART Coordination

MCASA supports forensic nurse examiners (FNEs) in promoting consistency of care and high standards across the state while also providing training opportunities and workforce support. MCASA also provides support to local communities in creating and maintaining multidisciplinary, interagency teams that provide comprehensive and coordinated responses for sexual assault survivors, known as Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs).

Maryland Women of Color Network

MCASA's Maryland Women of Color Network (WOCN) promotes education, advocacy, and leadership in communities of color to increase access to services and improve responses to survivors of sexual assault. Maryland WOCN has developed trainings, literature and programmatic resources specifically geared towards women of color and hosts an annual statewide conference on preventing sexual violence in communities of color.

Rape Crisis and Recovery Centers

MCASA provides referrals to statewide member rape crisis and recovery centers. These centers provide the following confidential services to adult and child survivors, as well as their families, partners, and loved ones:

- Crisis intervention, counseling and referrals
- Accompaniment to hospitals, police interviews, and court
- 24-hour crisis hotlines with trained advocates

- Individual, group, and family counseling and support
- Assistance navigating the criminal and civil legal systems

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CASA, Inc.

(4357)

Southern Maryland

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Hotline: (410) 749-HELP

Hotline: (301) 739-8975

(Hearing impaired: 711)

Center for Family

ALLEGANY

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Hotline (410) 997-2272

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Hotline: (240) 677-2337

SALI Sexual Assault Legal Institute

MCASA's Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) provides comprehensive legal services to Maryland survivors of sexual assault, including issues ranging from criminal justice advocacy, family law, employment, housing, education, immigration, and financial support. SALI's services are free and confidential. SALI also offers legal training and technical assistance for professionals working with sexual assault survivors. SALI is one of the only legal services offices in the country devoted exclusively to providing legal services to survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

For more information, contact **SALI**:

(301) 565-2277 Toll-free:

(877) 496-SALI

SALI also operates the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative's (SAKI) victim **notification services**. This project focuses on offering survivors the opportunity to learn about the statuts of their rape kit, including testing status and results, through notification and collaboration with law enforcement personnel. Survivors can contact dedicated SAKI staff to outline how, when, and why they want to be contacted about their kit through the survivor opt-in lines.

SAKI "Opt-In" Information Lines:

(833) 364-0046

notification@mcasa.org