



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland.

The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA) is the statewide collective voice advocating for accessible compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and accountability for all offenders.

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Public Policy

MCASA supports legislation that promotes justice for survivors of sexual assault, accountability for offenders, and protection for the general public. MCASA responds to policy questions and legislative initiatives throughout the year and is represented in Annapolis during the legislative session.

Public Education

MCASA is a professional resource for those working directly with survivors of sexual assault through literature, its website at www.mcasa.org, as well as by sponsoring local and regional trainings for *professionals working in the field, including rape crisis & recovery center staff, law enforcement, legal professionals, and forensic nurses. The organization also supports annual conferences focused on preventing sexual assault.*

Technical Assistance

MCASA provides technical assistance and resources to professionals in the field through our Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), the Maryland Women of Color Network (WOCN), and the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) programs. *MCASA provides direct technical assistance to professionals working in the field as well as targeted technical assistance to and through community-based rape crisis & recovery centers, SARTs and others.*

Legal Services

The Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a program of MCASA, provides direct legal services for survivors of sexual assault in both the civil and criminal justice systems. SALI also provides technical assistance and training for attorneys, rape crisis & recovery center staff, volunteers, and other professionals working in the field. *SALI is one of the only legal services programs in the country dedicated solely to serving survivors of sexual assault. SALI assists more than 300 survivors annually.*