

Maintain Crime Victim Services (CVS) Funding at Current Level of 23.8 million.

- Crime victim services are essential core public safety services that are a first line of intervention for victims/survivors and their families. CVS programs include: community based advocacy programs and shelters, criminal justice intervention programs, legal programs, culturally specific advocacy programs and shelters.

Pass the legislation proposed by MNCASA in the 2018 legislative session.

- **Position of Authority (HF 480, SF 111):** This will create a 120-day lookback period for criminal sexual conduct cases involving position of authority and add language to define position of authority when someone assumes a parent's rights, duties and responsibilities. For example, if a student is being groomed during the school year, the current statute would not consider teachers, coaches, etc. a "person in a position of authority" during the summer break. This adjustment will correct that.
- **Repeal the Voluntary Relationships (Minn. Stat. 609.349) statute (HF 15, SF 235):** This will remove any potential cohabitation loophole to criminal sexual conduct. The existing statute is problematic as it is similar to a "marital rape" exception.
- **Remove language in Minn. Stat. 609.3451 (HF 74, SF 22)** that excludes the intentional touching of clothing covering the immediate area of the buttocks. This is a loophole in Minnesota's criminal sexual conduct statute.
- **Bar sexual contact by peace officers (HF 341, SF 111)** when an individual is physically or constructively restrained.

Create a work group to redraft the criminal sexual conduct statute.

- **Create a multidisciplinary work group to comprehensively review and redraft Minnesota's Criminal Sexual Conduct statutes (HF 418):** This must include an intentional focus on meaningful input from victim/survivors, advocates, and marginalized communities. This will address the definition of mental incapacitation to improve prosecution of some alcohol or other substance related criminal sexual conduct cases.

Sexual Harassment.

- **Clarify the definition of sexual harassment (HF 10, SF 1307).** Add the following language to Minn. Stat. 363A.03 subd. 4(b): *An intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment under paragraph (a), clause (3), does not require the harassing conduct or communication to be severe or pervasive.* Currently an individual would have to experience severe and pervasive harassing conduct before they could seek relief under this statute.

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MNCASA

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) is a membership organization that supports the work of sexual assault programs state-wide. We represent 70 plus agencies throughout Minnesota and tribal lands, most of whom are community based advocacy agencies providing direct service to victims/survivors within their communities. For over 40 years MNCASA has provided leadership and resources for sexual assault agencies and allies to prevent sexual violence while promoting a comprehensive, socially just response for all victims/ survivors.

*MNCASA works to provide (1) **Victim and Survivor Support** by helping partner programs and medical personnel, law enforcement, and legal and social service providers deliver state of the art victim advocacy and support, (2) **Prevention Support** by developing the capacity of partner programs and others to design and implement effective community level primary prevention strategies, (3) **Policy Reforms** through public policy education and advocacy, and (4) **Systems Change** by developing capacity in medical, criminal justice, social service and judicial systems to incorporate a coordinated and victim-centered approach into their responses.*

Mission

MNCASA provides leadership and resources for sexual assault programs and allies to prevent sexual violence while promoting a comprehensive, socially just response for all victims/survivors, regardless of immigration and/or refugee status, nationality, religion, citizenship, race, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, or any other protected class.