

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault



2024 Legislative Agenda

PROACTIVE AGENDA

1 Increase state investment in crime victim services

In collaboration, Minnesota's crime victim coalitions call for the State to fund the additional \$40 million per biennium requested in 2023 to support victims/survivors and the programs that serve them.

2 Establish statewide health education standards ensuring all Minnesotans receive essential health information & skill building for safe & healthy lives

These standards will represent and affirm the identities of all Minnesotans and empower students to make decisions about their own health. They will be established via a Minnesota Department of Education rulemaking process.

3 Establish a statewide Medical Forensic Coordinator position at the Office of Justice Programs

This new role will work toward statewide equity for victims/survivors in rural spaces seeking sexual assault examinations and provide training and technical assistance to emergency room staff.

SUPPORTIVE AGENDA

Pass the Survivors Justice Act

This allows judges to consider past experiences of abuse when determining sentencing for someone who commits a crime.

Expand eviction protections for victims/survivors under 504B.206

This will clarify the process for victims/survivors to vacate a rental or end a lease and expands how victim advocates can support victims/survivors in ending a lease.

Amend Crime Victims Reimbursement Program

This disqualifies "gifts and donations" to a victim/survivor from being counted against reimbursement and restitution determinations.

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF SUPPORT

Sexual Violence Prevention

MNCASA supports local community work to expand healthy relationships and sexual violence prevention education for children and youth.

Safe and Accessible Housing

MNCASA supports initiatives toward stable and accessible housing for all Minnesotans. Housing insecurity and unfair rental practices leave people vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. Safe and accessible housing is paramount to victims/survivors' safety and healing.

Racial Justice

MNCASA will apply a racial justice lens to our work and strive to center the needs and experiences of BIPOC victims/survivors. We believe all victims/survivors deserve justice and access to affirmation, safety, and systems they can trust and use.

ABOUT MNCASA

MNCASA is a statewide coalition driving transformative culture change to address sexual violence through advocacy, prevention, racial justice, and systems change and policy. We are a membership organization that acts as a collective voice of organizations and individuals committed to ending sexual violence.

