

Rural Sexual Violence Response National Conference

Transforming—Ourselves. Our Community. Our Response.



Rural TTA Project

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About MNCASA

MNCASA is a statewide coalition driving transformative culture change to address sexual violence through advocacy, prevention, racial justice, and systems change.

We envision a world free of sexual violence in which all human beings are treated with dignity and respect and communities are transformed through safety, healing, and partnerships.



Our Work



ADVOCACY

We provide leadership and resources to advocates in providing services to all victims/survivors in their communities.



PREVENTION

We work to prevent harm and address root causes of sexual violence using an anti-oppression lens.



RACIAL JUSTICE

We work toward a Minnesota where BIPOC survivors have access to safety, affirmation, and systems they can trust and use.



SYSTEM CHANGE & POLICY

We invest in community-focused work alongside our efforts to transform systems, prioritizing underserved communities.

Our Values

Collaboration

Integrity

Courageous
& Bold
Action

Prevent
Harm

Social
Justice

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) is a statewide coalition driving transformative culture change to address sexual violence through advocacy, prevention, racial justice, and systems change.

The Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) is a national program operating within the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault. SVJI creates long-term sustainable systems responses to sexual violence that meet the specific needs of each community.

Rural SARTs

- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Multi-disciplinary representatives
- Focused on collaboration and systems change
- Devoted to changing SV response in community
- Uses a continuous improvement process
- Strategy to improve outcomes for V/S

Unique Needs of Rural SARTs

- Variety of landscapes, needs, demographics
- Similar issues, different strategies
- Response needs to be tailored to community
- Build on the connection, creativity, and resilience



Phases of Systems Change



SVJI Projects

- We have three national OVW training and technical assistance (TTA) grants
- Rural TTA – SARTs, other collaborations, supporting sexual assault services, State/Territory level teams, and TA to other TA providers
- National SART TTA - capacity of SARTs and SART leaders and improve response to survivors from underserved populations
- STOP – working with STOP funders to strengthen response to SV
- We have one stated based project
 - SMART – working specifically with Minnesota SARTs

Technical Assistance (TA)

- One-on-one technical assistance
 - Brain-storming.
 - Walk through resources.
 - Review information.
 - Support.
- Connections
 - Other TA providers.
 - Each other!

Training

- Customized trainings to individual teams, programs, disciplines, etc.
- Statewide trainings
- Regional trainings
- National trainings
- National conferences

Training Topics

- SART 101
- Virtual Engagement
- Protocol Development
- Evaluation
- Case File Review
- Frameworks for SART Effectiveness
- Community Resource Mapping
- And more!

Resources

- Rural Realities Blogs
- A Ten-Factor Framework for SART Effectiveness
- Are We Making a Difference?
- Sexual Assault Response Team Starter Kit
- Virtual Engagement for SARTs
- Case File Review Workbook
- What Can We Talk About? Confidentiality Requirements for SARTs
- Community Resource Mapping

How do you get a hold of us?

- Email us!
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- Call us!
- Chat with us during our monthly Connection Calls.
 - Every second Wednesday of the Month
- We're happy to connect with you on the communication method of your choice.