

PROACTIVE AGENDA

1 **Increase state investment in crime victim services**

In collaboration, Minnesota's crime victim coalitions call for additional Crime Victims' Services funding to be included in the Governor's Supplemental Budget this year, and for the Legislature to add more support and resources to the recently authorized Minnesota Victims of Crime Account. (SF3820/3805)

2 **Establish statewide training standards to improve sex crime investigations**

MNCASA and MN Justice Research Center have proposed a bill that would require a specialized 2-day training for officers who investigate sex crimes. In addition, all peace officers in Minnesota would be required to complete training on how to interact with victims when responding to sexual violence calls.

3 **Reduce barriers to the crime victims' reimbursement program**

This policy would enable more victims to access critical resources in the aftermath of violence by extending the reporting timeframe, expanding reporting options, and providing more flexibility for the compensation board.

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. (SF3002)

Enact Contract For Deed housing protections for victims/survivors

This provides a clear, legal process to extinguish a joint interest in a contract for deed in the aftermath of domestic or sexual violence. (SF3907)

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.

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