



VIOLENCE FREE
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A statewide coalition of allies, advocates, survivors, working toward preventing sexual violence.

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Provides education, resources, systems advocacy, technical assistance for 66 member programs and partners through state and national programs.

Partner Programs

- 360 Communities
- 934th Airlift Wing SAPR Program
- Alexandra House, Inc.
- Bluff Country Family Resources
- Bois Forte Tribal Government - Victim Services Program
- Breaking Free
- Canvas Health- Abuse Response Services
- Casa de Esperanza
- Central MN Sexual Assault Center
- Clay County Victim/Witness Program
- CLUES - Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
- Committee Against Domestic Abuse Inc.
- Community Health Services, Inc.
- Community University Health Care Center
- Cook County Attorney's Office
- Cornerstone Advocacy Service
- Crime Victims Resource Center
- Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Victim Services
- Family Pathways
- Freeborn County Crime Victim's Crisis Center
- Friends Against Abuse
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hands of Hope Resource Center
- Hmong American Partnership
- HOPE Center
- HOPE Coalition
- Jacob Wetterling Resource Center
- Lakes Crisis and Resource Center

- Mahnomen County Victim Service's Office
- Martin County Victim Services
- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
- Minnesota National Guard SAPR
- New Horizons Crisis Center
- Nobles County Attorney's Office
- OutFront Minnesota

Ally Programs

- Civil Society
- Isanti County Victim Services
- Kandiyohi County
- Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
- Men As Peacemakers
- Minnesota Elder Justice Center
- Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Olmsted County Public Health
- Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
- St. Cloud State University
- Stevens County Attorney's Office
- Through the Jungle
- Unspoken Voices
- Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment
- You Have The Power





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THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE

VIOLENCE FREE MINNESOTA MEMBER PROGRAMS

Violence Free Minnesota is an association of 90 programs that provide critical public safety and crime victim services in all 87 counties.

*360 Communities/Lewis House

Advocacy Center of Winona
Advocates for Family Peace
Advocates for Human Rights
*Alexandra House
*American Indian Community Housing Org
*Anna Marie's Alliance
The ARRC Emergency Shelter
*Asian Women United of Minnesota
Battered Women's Justice Project
Bemidji Area Advocates
Bluff Country Family Resources
Bois Forte Victim Services
Breaking Free
*Casa de Esperanza
*Committee Against Domestic Abuse
Community Health Service
Community Stabilization Project
Community University Health Care Center,
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicios (CLUES)
*Cornerstone Advocacy Services
Crime Victim Resource Center – Mayo Clinic
Crisis Resource Center of Steele Co.
CURA - POT
Dakota County Attorney's Office
Division of Indian Work
Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs
Domestic Abuse Project
East Side Neighborhood Services
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Family Safety Network
Freeborn County Crime Victim Crisis Center
Friends Against Abuse
Gender Violence Institute
Global Rights for Women
Hands of Hope Resource Center
Hmong American Partnership
Healing Opportunity Provided Equally (HOPE)
Hope Center
*Hope Coalition
Hope for the Brave
Indigenous Women's Life Net,
Karen Organization of Minnesota
*Lakes Crisis & Resource Center
Le Sueur County Victim Witness Program
Mahnomen County Victim Services Office
McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
Martin County Victim Services
Men and Masculine Folk Network – a Program of Men As
Peacemakers
*Mid-Minnesota Women's Center
*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Family Violence Prevention Program
Minnesota Elder Justice Center
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
*Missions, Inc./Home Free
New Horizons Crisis Center
North Shore Horizons
Northwest Indian Community Development Center
*Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter
Oasis of Love Crisis Intervention

OutFront Minnesota
Pearl Crisis Center
Phumulani
Pillsbury United Communities
Praxis International
Rape & Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead
*Refuge Network – A Program of Family Pathways
Rivers of Hope
*Safe Avenues
*Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Center
SEWA-AIFW (Asian Indian Family Wellness)
Sexual Violence Center
*Sojourner Project
Someplace Safe
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
Southern Valley Alliance
Southwest Crisis Center
St. Paul and Ramsey County Intervention Project
Standpoint
ThinkSelf
Transforming Generations
*Tubman
*Violence Intervention Project
Violence Prevention Center
White Earth DOVE Program
WISE
*Women of Nations
*Women's Advocates
WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs
*Women's Shelter & Support Center
Yellow Medicine County Victim Services

*Emergency Shelter Program
Greater Minnesota Programs

Programs Located in St. Paul

Metro SOS Sexual Violence Services

ThinkSelf

Hmong American Partnership

Women of Nations

Breaking Free

Casa de Esperanza

Women's Advocates

**St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Violence Intervention Project
(SPIP)**

Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE)

Transforming Generations

Community Stabilization Project

CURA-POT

East Side Neighborhood Services

Karen Organization of Minnesota

Minnesota Elder Justice Center.



Ramsey County Sexual Assault System Review

Highlights of the review:

- A significant number of victims/survivors who report to law enforcement have difficulty staying connected with the investigation and eventually drop out.
- Victims/survivors experience long waiting periods with little information about the status of the investigation or prosecution.
- Although offenders may commit sex offenses in various communities, law enforcement agencies operate with separate data management systems and do not have a simple method of sharing information on offenders.
- Prosecuting sexual assault cases requires specific experience and training.

Barriers for Victims and Survivors

- Fear of how they will be treated by members of the criminal justice system (secondary victimization)
- Not provided with enough information about the process (i.e., not given up-to-date info or referred to support organizations)
- Fear of not being believed because of their race/ethnic background
- Pressure to drop the charges the crime was serious enough

We Are Here To Help



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