

Become a Member of IowaCASA

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault is a non-profit corporation whose members include sexual assault crisis centers in Iowa and other concerned agencies and individuals.

IowaCASA staff work on several initiatives including: technical assistance and training to member centers; civil legal assistance for survivors of sexual violence; including immigration assistance; improving responses to sexual assault within communities of color; statewide sexual assault prevention; training for allied professionals; and public policy efforts at the state and national level.

IOWACASA'S MISSION IS TO UNITE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE A SOCIETY FREE FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS.

Civil Legal Assistance for Sexual Assault Survivors

If you are a survivor of sexual assault and you are:

- ◆ concerned about your privacy and others finding out about the assault;
- ◆ worried about your job or school;
- ◆ concerned about your immigration status;
- ◆ worried about your physical safety; or
- ◆ confused about the criminal or civil justice systems

legal assistance may be available for you. The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault provides civil legal assistance to victims of sexual assault. In addition to employing a staff attorney, IowaCASA has established relationships with many attorneys across the state of Iowa who may offer legal services at no cost to survivors of sexual assault. Contact your local sexual assault crisis center or staff at IowaCASA.

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BREAK THE SILENCE ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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IOWA SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE 1-800-284-7821

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS IN IOWA 24 HOUR CRISIS LINES

*Adel	800-400-4884
*Ames	800-203-3488
*Atlantic	800-696-5123
*Burlington	800-693-1399
*Cedar Rapids	800-208-0388
*Clinton	800-381-9319
*Council Bluffs	888-612-0266
*Creston	888-782-6632
Davenport	563-326-9191
*Decorah	800-383-2988
Des Moines	515-286-3535
*Dubuque	888-557-0310
*Fort Dodge	888-356-2006
*Grundy Center	888-746-4673
*Iowa City	800-228-1625
*Keokuk	800-498-5095
*Marshalltown	800-779-3512
*Mason City	800-479-9071
Muscatine	563-263-8080
*Oskaloosa	800-270-1620
*Ottumwa	800-464-8340
*Sioux Center	800-382-5603
*Sioux City	800-982-7233
*Spencer / Spirit Lake	877-362-4612
*Waverly	800-410-7233
*Deaf Iowans Against Abuse (TTY)	877-244-0875
*Latinas United for A New Dawn	866-256-7668
Monsoon - United Asian Women of Iowa	866-881-4641

*TOLL FREE, OTHERS ACCEPT COLLECT CALLS

Many programs serve multiple counties. To find your service provider please call the program closest to you or the toll-free Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline.

Sexual assault is a humiliating, terrifying and brutal crime which violates a person's innermost physical and psychological being.

- ◆ Each year in Iowa sexual assault crisis centers serve over 4,000 victims of sexual assault. Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 those centers served nearly 1,900 child and adolescent victims of sexual assault.
- ◆ For each year since 1997, the largest number of sexual assault victims in Iowa were females age 13-17.
- ◆ Among Iowans who have ever experienced sexual violence, two-thirds (67%) experienced sexual violence before age 18.
- ◆ Among women who experienced sexual violence before the age of 18, the perpetrator was most commonly a family member or friend, acquaintance, or a date.

Sexual assault occurs whenever a person is forced to submit to another person against her or his will. Sexual assault includes:

- ◆ Sexual assault by acquaintances, friends, and strangers
- ◆ Child sexual assault and incest
- ◆ Marital/partner rape
- ◆ Sexual exploitation by counselors, therapist, teachers, and others in positions of power over a victim

If you are sexually assaulted you have the following rights under Iowa law:

- ◆ To receive written notification of your rights, in English and Spanish, from law enforcement;
- ◆ To request the presence of a victim counselor at any proceeding related to the offense including medical exams, law enforcement investigations, and court hearings;
- ◆ To have a sexual abuse examination performed at state expense;
- ◆ To request that an officer assist you in obtaining transportation to the nearest hospital or otherwise assist you if you are in need of medical treatment;
- ◆ To file a complaint for threats, assaults, or other related crimes;
- ◆ To receive information from law enforcement about how you can register as a victim with the county attorney in your area;
- ◆ To contact the county attorney or local law enforcement to determine the status of your case; and
- ◆ To apply for victim compensation.

