

our mission

MCADSV is a statewide membership organization whose members represent a network of over 70 domestic and sexual violence programs and over 200 allied organizations and individuals. We have provided leadership as the statewide voice for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and the programs that serve them since 1978.

MCADSV is dedicated to the empowerment of all the state's survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Our mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

our goals...

- Provide statewide leadership on public policy issues affecting survivors and the programs that serve them.
- Promote comprehensive, community based social change efforts to end domestic and sexual violence and build peaceful communities.
- Promote the availability and accessibility of high-quality, culturally-relevant, domestic and sexual violence services and prevention programs.
- Build capacity for community-specific solutions to ending domestic and sexual violence.
- Encourage the leadership of women.

Advancing a clear and compelling vision for our policy and programming work...

This includes aggressively advancing our state and national policy agenda and providing leadership, technical assistance, training and resources throughout Michigan to benefit domestic and sexual violence survivors. These activities include:

- Promoting survivor, advocacy and prevention priorities by advancing our state and national policy agenda such as:
 - Participating in the introduction of legislation aimed at providing a state funding source for local Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Programs.

- Mobilizing support for the 2005 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA 2005).
- Adding protection for survivors of violence in dating relationships by working to pass Public Act 105 of 2005. It is critical that the law recognize dating violence, which occurs in the intimate relationships of persons ranging in age from pre-teen through adulthood. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the highest rates of domestic violence affect women ages 16-24 (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Factbook).
- Stalking Laws (1993); the 24-bill Domestic Violence Reform Package (1994); the Personal Protection Order Package (1995); securing 1.5 million dollars in funding for the operation of sexual assault prevention and intervention programs (2000); and the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Task Force Legislative Package (2001).
- Providing comprehensive issue-based training and technical assistance to advocates, allied professionals, and local and state organizations to improve the delivery of services to domestic and sexual violence survivors.
- Promoting public awareness for survivor services and prevention activities through special projects, events and awareness campaigns.
- Serving on statewide and national task forces, committees and workgroups to improve community and system responses to domestic and sexual violence.
- Producing state-of-the-art newsletters, manuals and other written publications on domestic and sexual violence issues.
- Acting as a catalyst for innovative, long-range plans to end domestic and sexual violence, and lead in the development and monitoring of state and national legislation.
- Operating, in collaboration with the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, the Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

our member programs...

Member program services and activities include:

- Comprehensive, community-based, social change efforts to end domestic and sexual violence
- 24-hour crisis intervention hotlines
- Advocacy, counseling and support groups
- Outreach and public education
- Legal advocacy/court accompaniment
- Forensic nurse examiner programs
- Emergency safe shelter
- Children's programming

In 2007, the MCADSV statewide network of programs provided emergency shelter services to 63,857 survivors of domestic and sexual violence and responded to 104,664 crisis calls from individuals seeking support.

MCADSV is a leader in Michigan in our efforts toward social change organizing and movement building. MCADSV needs your help in our efforts to create the social change needed to ensure that our children and grandchildren will inherit a world where fear does not exist and where domestic violence and sexual assault is unthinkable. Join our powerful movement by giving to the Apple Blossom Fund online at www.mcadsv.org.

For more information on how to join our movement, contact us via e-mail at general@mcadsv.org. MCADSV is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law.



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If you are in need of support, call your local domestic violence or sexual assault program, or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.800.799.SAFE (7233) or 1.800.787.3224 (TTY) or Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) at 1.800.656.HOPE (4673).

