

Legal Consultation Referrals

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation: CAASE represents victims of sexual harm and advocates for the prosecution of rapists, pimps, and men who buy sex. Work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services. Through the Sexual Assault Justice Project, CAASE's attorneys meet confidentially with survivors and provide legal advice, consultation, and representation related to sexual assault and commercial sexual exploitation.

Contact: (773) 244-2230 ext. 4, and visit www.caase.org

LIFE SPAN: Life Span attorneys provide representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and immigration legal services in Cook County's Domestic Relations Division.

Contact: (312) 408-1210 and visit www.life-span.org

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago (LAF): LAF provides legal assistance to low-income residents of Cook County in civil cases only. LAF helps individuals and families with problems in such areas as domestic violence, housing, immigration, crime victims, and elder law. LAF does not do criminal, traffic, personal injury cases or wills/estates.

Contact: (312) 341-1070 and visit www.lafchicago.org

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (Legal Aid Society): The mission of the Legal Aid Society is to protect and strengthen families by providing equal access to justice for our most vulnerable citizens, including those who are impoverished, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence.

Contact: 312-986-4200 and visit www.metrofamily.org

Supportive Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault in Cook County

Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline: 1-888-293-2080 (available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week)

Between Friends: Between Friends' comprehensive domestic violence programs and services include a toll-free Crisis Line (800-603-HELP), counseling for victims and their children and court advocacy. Offices are located in Roger's Park, on Chicago's North Side.

Contact: (773) 274-5232 and visit www.betweenfriendschicago.org

Heartland Alliance, Violence Recovery Services (VRS): VRS provides a range of community and home-based counseling, case management, legal advocacy, parenting support, and prevention education to children, adults, seniors, and families who have been impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault or abuse, or community violence and trauma.

Contact: (773) 847- 4417 vrs@heartlandalliance.org, or visit www.heartlandalliance.org

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA): ICASA is a statewide network of 30 community-based sexual assault crisis centers working together to end sexual violence. Each center provides 24-hour crisis intervention services, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and their significant others. Centers also serve prostituted and trafficked individuals. Each center presents prevention education programs in Illinois communities.

Contact: (217) 753-4117 and visit www.icasa.org

KAN-WIN (Korean American Women in Need): KAN-WIN offers bilingual and bicultural comprehensive services to women and children affected by domestic violence, including a 24-hour Crisis Hotline: (877) KANWIN-1 or (773) 583-0880. KAN-WIN services include a traditional housing program, a monthly support group for survivors and their children, legal and social service advocacy and job skills training.

Contact: (773) 583-1392 and visit www.kanwin.org

Mujeres Latinas en Acción: Mujeres offers a comprehensive range of services such as counseling, therapy, legal and medical advocacy, community education, and 40-hour sexual assault trainings for their volunteers. Bilingual services are available and all services are free of charge. Main office is located at 2124 W. 21st Place with counseling services available at a Mujeres satellite located in North Riverside.

Contact: (773) 890-7676 and visit www.mujereslatinosenaccion.org

Northwest Center Against Sexual Abuse (Northwest CASA): Northwest CASA provides free services, including a 24-hour hotline (888) 802-8890, to sexual assault survivors and their loved ones within the North and Northwest suburbs of Cook County, with office locations in Arlington Heights and Evanston (via the Evanston/NorthShore YWCA). A range of services is offered: crisis intervention, group and individual counseling (children and adults), legal advocacy, prevention, community education, and training.

Contact: (847) 806-6526 and visit www.nwcasa.org

Pillars: Domestic and sexual violence services offered at eight sites in 36 communities throughout Chicago including a 24-hour hotline (708) 482-9600, and crisis intervention, shelter (Constance Morris House), counseling, and legal advocacy for women and children whose victimization includes child sexual assault, incest, rape, and sex trafficking. Pillars runs a diversion program at the Maywood court house for women charged with prostitution offenses.

Contact: (708) 745-5277 and visit www.pillarscommunity.org

Rape Victim Advocates (RVA): RVA provides victims of sexual assault a wide range of services such as advocacy, counseling, education and training. RVA teams with a number of hospitals, counselors and schools to ensure victims are connected with the resources they need.

Contact: (312) 443-9603 and visit www.rapevictimadvocates.org

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago: The YWCA provides free medical & legal advocacy, education, and professional trainings, as well as confidential and free individual counseling to sexual assault survivors and their non-offending family members, in a variety of locations in Chicago as well as the South and West Suburbs.

Contact:

(312) 372-6600 (Chicago) and visit www.ywcachicago.org

(630) 790-6600 (West Suburbs)

(708) 754-486 (South Suburbs)