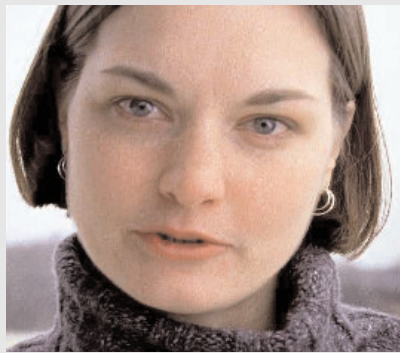


TAASA

Unifying Voices Against Sexual Assault in Texas



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Did you know?

Nearly **2 million Texans** (1,479,912 females and 372,394 males), or almost 13% of the population, have been sexually assaulted. (A Health Survey of Texans: A Focus on Sexual Assault, 2003.)

The proportion of sexual assault is much higher for females than males (**1 in 5 women** versus **1 in 20 men**). (A Health Survey of Texans: A Focus on Sexual Assault, 2003.)

Few victims report their assaults to law enforcement (20% of females and 12% of male victims). Overall, **18% of sexual assault victims report their assaults to law enforcement** officials. (A Health Survey of Texans: A Focus on Sexual Assault, 2003.)

Eighty-five percent of victims reported they were raped by a spouse, partner, date, boyfriend/girlfriend, relative or acquaintance. (National Violence Against Women Study 1996.)

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TAASA Membership Application

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Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Telephone (work) _____ (home) _____ Fax _____

Advocate Membership. Advocate level membership is open to those individuals or organizations that directly serve sexual assault victims or who actively provide public education about sexual violence.

\$225.00 Agency/Organization. May exercise 4 votes.

\$30.00 Individual. May exercise 1 vote and hold elective office on the TAASA Board of Directors.

Affiliate Membership. Affiliate level membership is open to individuals or organizations that, while not providing services or public education regarding sexual assault, support TAASA's mission to end sexual violence.

\$250.00 Agency/Organization. This is a non-voting membership.

\$30.00 Individual. May exercise 1 vote and hold At-Large positions only on the TAASA Board of Directors.

I am a student/senior (circle one) and am eligible for the Individual affiliate or advocate membership rate of **\$15.00**.

Check enclosed _____ Pay by credit card _____ Please Charge \$ _____ to my: Visa MasterCard Amex
Card Number: _____ exp. date _____

Cardholder's Signature _____ Name of the Cardholder _____

MAIL FORM TO: TAASA, 7701 N. Lamar, Ste 104, Austin, TX 78752 Fax: 512 474-6490

NOTICE: A new dues structure for agency/org. advocate membership will be in effect beginning Sept. 1, 2005. The new dues structure is based on your agencies' sexual assault program budget. For additional information contact: Elizabeth Morris at 512 474-7190 x 7227 or emorris@taasa.org.

WHO IS TAASA?

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault is a membership organization of agencies and individuals committed to ending sexual violence.

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) is a statewide organization committed to ending sexual violence in Texas. Since 1982, TAASA has advocated for victims of sexual violence through education, training, public awareness and legislative efforts. A non-profit organization, TAASA provides a collective voice to the state of Texas of survivor concerns and needs.

TAASA serves as a resource to the state on sexual violence issues. Each year, TAASA hosts a statewide conference, a youth conference, a criminal justice conference and numerous regional trainings across the state. TAASA produces brochures on diverse sexual assault related topics including: sexual abuse of seniors, male sexual assault, incest, stalking and more. In addition, TAASA distributes "A Survivor's Booklet," designed to guide survivors toward recovery, and a comprehensive "Sexual Assault Advocate Training Manual." Most materials are available in English and Spanish.

The work of TAASA is guided by members from across the state. Our members are individuals and agencies who are concerned about sexual violence and are representative of the many types of people who work together to meet the needs of sexual violence victims. Members include counselors, crisis centers, criminal justice professionals, medical professionals and allied service providers. Membership dues are used to advocate for funding for rape crisis centers and laws that protect survivors of sexual assault.

TAASA WORKS TO:

- Facilitate the formation of a society free from sexual violence
- Provide a network and facilitate communication, assistance, and collaboration among agencies and individuals that assist all victims of sexual violence
- Promote quality services to all survivors of sexual violence
- Actively confront and respond to all forms of oppression as they relate to sexual violence

MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- *TAASA Connection* TAASA's quarterly newsletter
- Free TAASA brochures, manuals and fact sheets, plus free shipping
- Email updates on current legislation and other issues affecting sexual assault survivors
- Input into statewide decision-making through regional meetings and annual membership meetings
- Reduced registration fees for regional and statewide TAASA conferences
- Eligibility to serve on the TAASA Board of Directors

Join us in the campaign against sexual assault.

CODE OF ETHICS

- Each member regards as its primary obligation the welfare of the victims of sexual assault, their family and friends.
- Members provide services with respect to the dignity of all people, and will not discriminate based on nationality, religion, status, age, sex or sexual orientation.
- Members of TAASA accept responsibility for the consequences of their work and make every effort to insure that their services are used appropriately.
- Information received in confidence is revealed only after careful deliberation and when there is a clear and imminent danger to an individual or to society, and then only to the appropriate professional workers or public authorities.
- Case studies and other materials are used in education, training, and writing only when the identity of the persons involved is adequately disguised or when prior written consent is obtained.
- Each member will treat with respect the findings, views, and action of colleagues and use appropriate channels to express concern on these matters.
- We recognize our responsibility to contribute our ideas and findings in order to enhance the development of techniques and a body of knowledge in the area of sexual assault.
- When making public statements, each member agrees to distinguish between member's opinions and those of TAASA.
- Each member supports the principle that effective service delivery requires continuing education.
- We recognize the importance of maintaining an ethical relationship with other agencies.