

# casda

Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc.

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Annual Report for 2015

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*"I can honestly say between God and CASDA and the staff here at CASDA, they all have truly helped save my life. Thank you." - 2015 Client*



## From the Executive Director

*On behalf of the Board and Staff, I am pleased to share CASDA's 2015 Annual Report. Our report highlights the accomplishments of our programs and the services that we provide to victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault and child abuse. A sincere thank you goes out to the board, staff and volunteers who have dedicated their time and commitment to continuing our work to end violence within our communities.*

Kelly Burger, Executive Director, CASDA

***"The staff here are truly amazing. They are seriously devoted to what they do! Each and every staff member really, genuinely cares about each and every individual. ...they are willing to go above and beyond to help you in any way possible." - 2015 Client***

## Agency

### Statistics for 2015:

**438** individuals received in-person services

**41** emergency cell phones were distributed

**2,188** calls answered via the 24-hour helpline

**153** women and **110** children were served in shelter

**88%** of clients surveyed reported that they learned ways to plan for their safety because of the services they received

**85%** of clients surveyed reported that they enhanced their knowledge of community resources because of the services they received

## Mission Statement

CASDA's mission is to provide supportive services to individuals hurt by domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse while advocating for a community effort to end violence.

## Vision Statement

CASDA is a model organization that empowers communities and individuals who have survived the effects of violence through the provisions of quality programming, advocacy, and education.

## Agency History

CASDA was incorporated in 1988 when the Rape and Incest Advocacy Group and the Coalition Against Domestic Violence combined their efforts to provide more comprehensive, coordinated help to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

# 2015 PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

## Emergency Shelter Program

CASDA's Emergency Shelter Program is our largest program. The shelter provides safety and refuge to women and children feeling violence. It is staffed 24-hours a day with the help of the Director of Program Services, Case Manager, House Manager, and Shelter Advocates. Designed not only to meet the physical safety needs of victims, the shelter also provides basic needs such as meals and snacks, personal hygiene items and clothing. Case management and advocacy services are also offered that aid women in their journey toward self-sufficiency.

*"I have learned a lot. I care for all the staff — they are the best to me and my children. They helped me with a lot of housing resources. They were respectful to us and I give them a 5-star."*

*- 2015 Client*

**Provided services to 153 women and 110 children.**

**5,196 nights of safety**

**Average length of stay was 19 days**

**15,929 meals & snacks provided**

**Turned away 267 women and children due to being full**

## Domestic Abuse Program

The Domestic Abuse Program provides support and advocacy services to adult domestic violence victims. Services offered by the Program Coordinator include: emotional support, safety planning assistance, violence education, information and referrals, support group, and other types of support that assist one in living abuse free.

**Provided services to 115 individuals**

**Provided over 475 hours of direct services**

**51 women attended support/education group**

## Sexual Assault Program

CASDA's Sexual Assault Program provides short and long-term support and advocacy services to adult victims and survivors of sexual violence. Some of the services provided include: crisis counseling, emotional support, education, safety planning assistance, court accompaniment, information and referrals and support group services.

**Provided direct services to 56 individuals**

**Provided over 180 hours of direct service**



## Children's Program

The Children's Program provides a variety of support services and education to child victims of abuse as well as support to non-offending parents. Some of the services provided by the Children's Program include: crisis counseling; violence education; education on healthy communication skills, boundaries and self-esteem; safety planning assistance and court accompaniment.

*[CASDA's advocates]  
"always put our needs  
first."*

*- 2015 Client*

**Provided direct services to 85 individuals**

**Provided over 243 hours of direct service**

**Provided services, including safety planning education, to 62 children ages 4 to 18 years old**

**Presented education about healthy relationships and teen dating violence at 4 area middle schools and high schools**

## Bayfield County Outreach

CASDA's Bayfield County Outreach Program is staffed by one full-time advocate. The office is located in the city of Washburn. Services are provided to domestic violence victims residing in Ashland and Bayfield Counties. Services provided by the Outreach Program include: crisis intervention; follow-up support; legal advocacy including court accompaniment and restraining order assistance; safety planning; and transportation assistance.

**Provided direct services to 24 individuals and answered 67 calls via the helpline**

**Provided over 231 hours of direct services**

## Community Engagement Program

CASDA's Community Engagement Program provides a wide range of volunteer opportunities that assist staff in carrying out our mission. Volunteer opportunities range from office support to direct services. The Community Engagement Coordinator is responsible for volunteer recruitment and supervision.

**Provided volunteer opportunities to 256 individuals**

**Answered 448 calls via the telephone**

**Provided 3,544 hours of service and 817 direct service hours**

## Volunteer Highlight

In 2015, multiple groups from local businesses, college service clubs, faith-based organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, and university classrooms assisted CASDA with projects from painting to gardening to providing public education. Children volunteered alongside their parents at our Spring into Giving and Fall into Giving Donation Drives, as well as Night Without a Home. We hosted interns from four different colleges. Our weekly volunteers included high school students, retirees, and all ages in between. CASDA couldn't accomplish our mission without the time and talent donated by this diverse collection of individuals, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts!!

## Legal Program

The Legal Program consists of an attorney and legal advocate. The attorney specializes in providing representation in family law cases such as divorce and custody placement. The legal advocate provides advocacy and support in criminal and civil law cases including restraining order assistance.

**Provided direct services to 141 individuals**

**Provided over 786 hours of direct service**

**Provided legal representation to 25 individuals**

**Provided restraining order assistance to 42 individuals**

## Public Education Program (PEP)

CASDA's Public Education Program is overseen by the Volunteer Coordinator. The goal of the program is to provide education and awareness within the community about domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

**CASDA spoke on 32 occasions in our local schools reaching over 1,193 individuals**

**CASDA presented or tabled at 30 community events reaching over 3,365 individuals**

**CASDA was highlighted in the media 24 times through 12 media outlets**

### PEP Program Highlight:

During 2015, CASDA shared our message of non-violence with the greater community 86 times, reaching 4,558 people (not including the audiences from our media coverage).

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Immediate Response Program (IRP)

CASDA's Immediate Response Program is a partnership with the Superior Police Department and the Douglas County sheriff's Department. This partnership was created to ensure that victims of violence are made aware of the services that CASDA offers. Law enforcement contacts CASDA following a domestic violence incident and provides CASDA with contact information for the victim(s). CASDA follows up with the victim(s) to offer services, support, information and referrals.

**CASDA received 172 IRP calls from law enforcement**

**CASDA contacted 152 victims via telephone and/or mail**

**CASDA Provided DART services to 3 families**

### Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (DART)

The DART team is a partnership with law enforcement. DART works to reduce repeat incidents of domestic violence by pairing a law enforcement officer and a victim advocate to provide support, advocacy services, and information and referrals.



# FUNDING AND SUPPORT

## 2015

### STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS

WI Department of Children & Families	\$175,702
Office of Crime Victim Service	\$143,424
Sexual Assault Services Grant	\$45,682
Douglas County	\$25,027
Community Development Block Grant	\$9,735
HUD Emergency Shelter Grant	\$8,493
Bayfield County	\$7,500
WisTAF, Inc.	\$33,054
Otto Bremer Foundation	\$15,625
United Way	\$16,049
Essentia Health Corporate Contributions	\$25,000
TJX Foundation	\$5,000
AllState Foundation	\$11,710
US Bancorp Foundation	\$5,000
Northland Foundation	\$18,333
ECE Operation Round-Up	\$1,500
Transitional Housing Income	\$24,000
Legal Fees	\$1,357
Fundraising	\$57,374
Monetary Contributions	\$33,447
Miscellaneous Income	\$6,817

### PRIVATE FOUNDATION & CORPORATE GRANTS

### EARNED INCOME

### FUNDRAISING INCOME

### MONETARY DONATIONS

### MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

### TOTAL

**\$669,829**