

**Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA) Mission
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Mission Statement:

To provide safety and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, and shelter.

Philosophy Statement:

Abuse encompasses emotional, physical, sexual, economic, political, and other aspects of life. Abuse includes Ablism, Classism, Heterosexism, Racism, Sexism, and crosses all cultures and classes. Abuse is learned behavior whereby the abusers gain power and control over their victims.

CADA is committed to bringing women's strengths together to claim power and control over their own lives, protecting victim of Domestic Abuse and their children from further violence; and educating communities about realities of violence in their homes.

Purposes

CADA's purposes include securing and organizing existing talents and energies of people in Brown, Blue Earth, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan counties. (Region IX Economic Development Region of the State of Minnesota) who are concerned for Battered Women and their Children.

Acting in conjunction with the Stated Feminist Philosophy and Mission Statement, as vehicles for consciousness raising and social change, and modeling the operation of a Feminist organization.

Acting both as personal and group advocates on behalf of women and their children.

Submitting grant proposals to the various public and private money sources in an effort to have an ongoing program for Battered Women and their Children. Other moneys are anticipated through Donations, Gifts, and Fundraising Events that will be used to further the goals of this Corporation.

Establishing and Maintaining a Shelter and Support Services for Battered Women and their Children.

Developing and Maintaining a close working relationship with Social/Human Services, Law Enforcement, Legal Services Providers, and Health Care System, with the objective of alleviating the problem of Domestic Abuse.

Developing and maintaining a capacity for program Evaluation, Data Collection and Community Education as these functions pertain to Battered Women, and their children and Domestic Violence.

Promoting Programs by various Governmental or Private Agencies to alleviate the oppressive situation of Battered Women.

Committee Against Domestic Abuse Philosophy & Mission Statement

CADA strongly believes that much of the violence in our society is the result of an interlinked set of oppressions including sexism, racism, ageism, homophobia, and ablism. Members of oppressed groups often experience violence because their identities. CADA is committed to working to lower the barriers of sexism, racism, homophobia, ageism, and ablism in the communities we serve.

CADA offers:

Emergency Shelter and Transportation

Community Advocacy Programs, Culturally diverse programming, Sexual Assault programming, support groups, parenting time center.

Public and Professional Education

24-hour advocacy and referral services

CADA is a feminist, social change organization and believes that no one deserves to be abused emotionally, physically, or sexually abused.