

SEXUAL ABUSE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN CASS COUNTY

24/7 CRISIS LINE: 1-800-828-2023

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES: Our Sexual Assault Coordinator may work with survivors 12 years and older – there does not need to be an intimate relationship with sexual assault survivors and the assault may be recent or at any time in the past. We may also work with non-offending family members of child victims.

SUPPORTIVE COUNSELING: We provide information and assistance in exploring options and developing a personalized plan of action, whether the abuse has been recent or in the past.

SUPPORT GROUPS: Groups meet weekly for survivors or family members to help with the healing process and receive support from DASAS staff and other survivors. Childcare is available.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: DASAS staff is available to provide presentations to county and private agencies and groups regarding the dynamics of sexual assault and domestic violence and ways to best serve those affected. Please contact Mallory Dowd, Program Coordinator, at malloryd@dasasmi.org if you are interested in a brief presentation for your workplace or group.

PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS (PPO): Legal Advocates are housed in both St. Joseph and Cass County courthouses to provide assistance in obtaining and enforcing PPO's.

ACCOMPANIMENT TO COURT PROCEEDINGS: Advocates attend court hearings and other proceedings, as well as communicate with law enforcement officers and the Prosecuting Attorney's office on behalf of survivors and help survivors to better understand the court process.

EMERGENCY SHELTER: DASAS provides temporary shelter at our safe house in Three Rivers. Food, bedding, personal care items, laundry facilities and 24-hour staff including a Children's Advocate, are a few of the needs that are met. Advocacy is available even after the client exits the shelter.

TRANSPORTATION: May be provided to assist clients with court, mental health, medical and other relevant appointments.

COMMUNITY REFERRALS: DASAS will provide clients with information for other agencies who can help them meet their needs in a variety of areas.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: Staff and volunteers provide 24-hour emergency response when a sexual assault or domestic violence situation has occurred. Please contact Rita Reed, Volunteer/Emergency Response Coordinator at 273-6154 extension 109 for more details regarding how to utilize this program.

For more information about DASAS, please visit us online at www.dasasmi.org.

You may reach our 24/7 crisis line at 1-800-828-2023.

For questions regarding our Sexual Assault Program, please contact Mallory Dowd at 269-273-6154, extension 106.