

Mission Statement

The Coalition Against Same-Sex Partner Abuse (CASSPA) recognizes that partner abuse affects all segments of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual/transgendered communities. The Coalition is committed to education, outreach, research, support and advocacy for direct service and policy development on same sex partner abuse.

Guiding Principles

CASSPA believes that everyone has the right to live free of violence.

CASSPA recognizes that violence impacts people differently, based on the community they belong to.

OBJECTIVES

Education

To coordinate and support public education events for: service providers; LGBT communities; public institutions

Research

To centralize and make accessible current research.
To make research accessible through the Internet.
To support research initiatives.

Outreach

To raise awareness among the LGBT communities and service providers of CASSPA's work.

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service providers of the work of the coalition members.

To link to other related service providers local, provincial and national.

To distribute CASSPA promotional materials.

Service Delivery

To support and initiate initiatives for direct service provision to GLBT community around same-sex partner abuse.

To advocate for appropriate services for victim/survivors of same sex partner abuse and perpetrators of abuse with major public institutions (Courts, police, hospital).

History

The coalition began meeting in 1997 at the initiation of Mary Anne Meloche, Family Violence Coordinator of 2-Spirited People of the First Nations and Vivien Green, Project Coordinator of Metro Women Abuse Council.

Founding members:

David Kelly Lesbian and Gay Community Counselling Program
The 519 Anti-Violence Programme,
Education Wife Assault,
Parkdale Community Health Centre,
Woman Abuse Council,
2-Spirited People of the First Nations,
Assaulted Womens Helpline,
Counterpoint Counselling and Education Services