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CADA Receives \$225,000 Community Prevention Grant from Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA)

(MANKATO, MN) – The Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. (CADA) has received a \$225,000 grant as part of a three-year Community Prevention Partnership Program with the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA).

“At CADA, we recognize that sexual violence is a community problem that requires a community response,” said Porter Arch, Education Program at CADA. “As part of that response, we see prevention of violence as critical to our community’s well-being. We are excited to be working with MNCASA to explore how education and other prevention initiatives might bring our community together to reduce incidents of sexual violence. We plan to work closely with our community partners over the next few years to identify the best use of our resources and identify key players in our community and look forward to continued input on our collaborations. Together, we can we can drastically reduce all forms of sexual violence within our communities.”

The project, PICS (Prevention Initiatives in Communities and Schools), aims to provide sexual violence prevention to gender-and sexually-diverse (GSD) youth and their peers aged 13-20. The program will not only focus on establishing, exploring, and maintaining healthy relationships, but on helping youth gain the tools necessary for practicing healthy sexuality.

“The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault is looking forward to the partnerships with CADA,” said Adrianna Perez, MNCASA Prevention Program Coordinator. “It is clear to us that CADA has a passion for community-based work and is ready to begin implementing sexual violence prevention within their community. Sexual violence prevention will benefit everyone CADA impacts. Through this partnership, we hope to see changes in attitudes and behaviors leading to healthier, stronger, thriving communities within CADA’s service area. All of us, as communities, working together can prevent sexual violence.”

In 2017, CADA’s Emergency Shelter served 106 women and 111 child victims of domestic and sexual violence. The organization assists anywhere from 2,500 to 3,000 people a year throughout eight counties.

“We are excited about the opportunity that this funding brings to CADA’s mission,” said Jason Mack, CADA’s Executive Director. “We are often asked by community partners, ‘what are you doing for prevention?’ The funding we’re receiving from MNCASA has given us the ability to have a very clear answer to that question.”

About Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) provides leadership and resources for sexual assault programs and allies to prevent sexual violence while promoting a comprehensive, socially just response for all victims/survivors. MNCASA supports, convenes, and collaborates with sexual assault programs, advocates, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers to promote a more victim-centered response to sexual violence, and increase effective criminal justice.

About the Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA), Inc.

CADA provides safety and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through community engagement, advocacy, shelter, supervised parenting time services, and therapeutic support. CADA coordinates services across eight counties in south central Minnesota to address domestic abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking through education about the violence manifested in societal norms and behaviors like teen dating violence, battering, rape, child abuse, sexual assault, and the trafficking of women and children. For more information about CADA’s services and mission, visit: www.cadaMN.org. All services may be accessed by calling the 24-hour Crisis Line at 1-800-477-0466.

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