# **Advocates**

Your Helping Hand

## **CNADA**

Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault

## For Victims Of

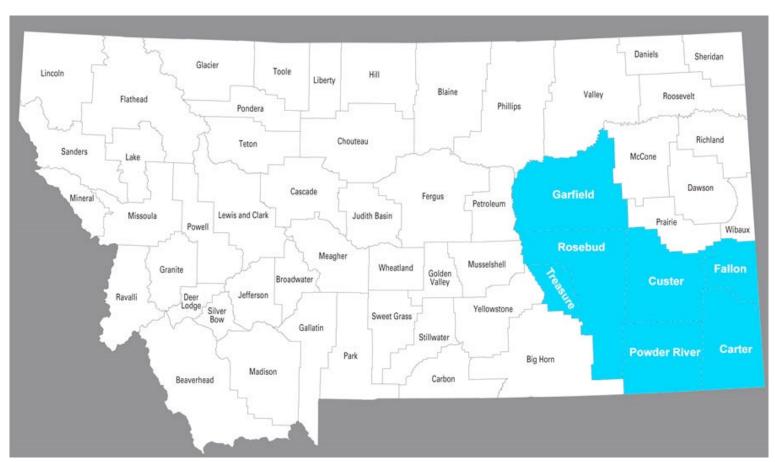
Domestic Violence • Dating Violence • Sexual Assault • Stalking

## **24-Hour Help Lines**

Miles City: (406) 951-0475 • (406) 234-0542 • Baker: (406) 853-2991

## **Serving The Montana Counties Of**

Carter • Custer • Garfield • Powder River • Rosebud • Fallon • Treasure Counties



## **CNADA Mission Statement**

Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault operates under the premise that individuals are entitled to a safe and secure environment, free from violence and the fear of violence. It is our belief that societal conditions that allow abuse and violence to exist will only be changed by education, awareness and ultimately the empowerment of the victims and the communities in which they live. Therefore, it is our mission to provide services that empower victims of violent and abusive behavior and to provide education to empower our community to change these conditions.

## **CNADA's Purpose**

- To provide confidential networking and support to people in our rural area who are suffering from domestic and sexual violence
- To encourage awareness and understanding of domestic and sexual violence through public education
- To provide training and supervision of volunteer advocates and peer counselors whose focus is one of confidential support to individuals suffering from violence
- To provide confidential referrals
- To other service providers
- To provide confidential emergency services to people in crisis situations

## About CNADA

CNADA (Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault) is a private, not-for-profit corporation that has been serving those victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking since 1996. We serve Custer, Fallon, Garfield, Powder River, Rosebud, Carter, and Treasure counties. Staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day to respond to crises and assist with follow-up care. We have offices in Forsyth, Baker and on the MCC campus. Our main office is located in Miles City. We are funded with local donations and grants from DPHHS, MBCC, MCADSV and OVW.

**CNADA is here** for anyone who has been abused or victimized by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. For anyone feeling unsafe.

## **What To Expect From An Advocate**

- · Complete confidentiality
- Caring, non-judgmental response
- Empathy and compassion
- Peaceful, nurturing environment

- Respect
- Understanding that you make decisions and choices concerning your life
- Information about resources in your community

CNADA advocates walk with those who are victimized by domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as they journey through abuse toward healing and health. We offer compassion, respect, and resources to help in the healing process and provide tools to empower you as you take back control in your life. Safety planning and empathetic support are critical components of CNADA advocacy.

Advocates will also offer referrals to other professionals and programs that may be helpful to you and have resources you feel you need.

## **CNADA's Services Include**

#### **Crisis Response**

- Advocates are available 24 hours a day to respond to crisis situations.
- Crisis Counseling
- In-person intervention, guidance and emotional support after a crime has taken place. We can meet you at the law enforcement department or hospital and at our office on an ongoing basis.
- Criminal Justice Advocacy
- Support and advocacy provided at any stage of the criminal justice process, including court accompaniment and post-sentencing services.

#### **Crime Victim Compensation**

Assistance in filing for the Montana Crime Victim Compensation to help pay medical expenses, lost wages or counseling expenses related to a crime.

#### **Education and Awareness**

Printed material and confidential conversation to help with understanding of the issues involved in domestic abuse, dating violence, sexual assault & stalking as well as public & group education offerings.

#### **Legal Advocacy**

Assistance with civil and criminal case issues including assistance in filing for Orders of Protection, and court accompaniment.

#### Legal Representation

Staff attorneys available through an application and approval process to represent victims on civil legal issues like dissolutions, parenting plans and housing issues related to victimization.

#### **Personal Advocacy**

Assistance in securing rights, remedies and service from other agencies; intervening with employers and others; locating emergency assistance; assistance in securing appropriate benefits.

#### Referrals

Confidential referrals to other service providers, such as medical and mental health services, the Office of Public Assistance, Job Service, DEAP/WIC, landlords, Child & Family Services, law enforcement, etc.

#### **Shelter/Safe Housing**

Short term, emergency shelter house or motel (subject to availability) and related support services following the victimization.

#### **Support Groups**

Available on Facebook at 'Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse Support Group'.

#### **Transportation**

Transportation assistance for survivors in the form of rides (subject to availability), public transportation and/or gas voucher.

Communication between survivors and advocates is strictly confidential
You are not required to report to law enforcement to receive CNADA services

## **Together We Can Prevent Family Violence**



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