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**Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault announce
transition to strengthen statewide victim services**

DES MOINES, Iowa – January 28, 2026 – The Board of Directors and leadership of both the [Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(IowaCASA\)](#) and the [Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(ICADV\)](#) made a collective decision to move forward as one, unified organization. This transition responds to feedback from key stakeholders and strengthens support for the network of [25 statewide victim service provider organizations](#) currently supported by the coalitions. Direct victim services to sexual assault survivors are **still available and not affected by this transition**.

“The transition positions us to increase capacity to meet the evolving needs of service providers, manage significant threats to funding for victim services, and continue to offer coordinated and reliable support to organizations to help them effectively serve survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence across Iowa,” says Dr. Maria Corona, executive director of ICADV.

Today marks an important moment in Iowa’s anti-violence movement. By strengthening leadership expertise, and operational infrastructure, the unified coalition can bolster training and technical assistance for victim service providers and help ensure statewide access for all survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

“For more than four decades, IowaCASA has shaped Iowa’s response to sexual violence, building a legacy grounded in advocacy, survivor-centered practice and strong partnerships across the state and nation,” said Dawn Collins, board chair of IowaCASA. “I am confident the unified coalition will prioritize the needs of sexual assault service providers and survivors.”

IowaCASA's Board of Directors has appointed Mary Ingham, executive director of [Crisis Intervention Service](#), and Johna Sullivan, executive director of [Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center](#), as acting co-interim directors during the transition. Their extensive experience in both rural and statewide systems and long-standing commitment to sexual assault advocacy will be instrumental during the transition. Under their leadership, they will work closely with grant managers and stakeholders to answer any questions throughout the transition.

Once again, direct crisis response victim services to sexual assault survivors are still available and not affected by this transition. To find your local program and connect with an advocate in your community, [click here](#).

About the [Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)

The [Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(ICADV\)](#) is a membership-based organization with a network of 25 victim service provider agencies delivering support and advocacy for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking, and other violent crimes across all 99 counties. ICADV strengthens the capacity of victim service provider agencies and communities by offering training, education, and technical assistance to ensure services are effective, accessible, and responsive. As the state's resource center on intimate partner violence, ICADV works to increase understanding of the issue, and improve public policies and access to support. To learn more, visit www.icadv.org.

About the [Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)

The [Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault \(IowaCASA\)](#) provides training, resources and support across the state to rape crisis centers, culturally specific programs, emergency sheltering programs, and allied agencies. Our mission is to end sexual violence and improve support available to survivors of sexual assault. We are a bridge between advocates at sexual assault service programs, statewide policy makers, and federal responses to sexual violence. To learn more, visit www.iowacasa.org.

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