



Barwon CASA
Counselling Services



Barwon

Centre Against Sexual Assault Inc.



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**24 Hour Sexual
Assault Crisis Line**

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**24 Hour Women's Domestic
Violence Crisis Line**

1800 015 188

Specialist
**Sexual Assault &
Family Violence**
Counselling



Barwon CASA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

Sexual assault is never acceptable in any community or culture.

What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault is any sexual activity that you have not consented to, and can refer to a broad range of sexual behaviours that make you feel uncomfortable, frightened or threatened. Sexual assault includes rape, incest, indecent assault and child sexual assault.

What is family violence?

Family violence is the use of violent, threatening, coercive or controlling behaviour by an individual against a family member, or someone with whom they have, or have had, an intimate relationship.

Violent behaviour may include physical or sexual assault and power and control tactics such as direct or indirect threats, emotional and psychological abuse, economic control, social isolation and behaviour which causes a person to live in fear.

What is the aim of the program?

To provide free, confidential and specialised counselling and support to women, men, young people and children who have experienced sexual assault either recently or in the past.

To provide free, confidential and specialised counselling and support to women, young people and children who have experienced family violence either recently or in the past.

Sexual assault is never the responsibility of the person assaulted.

Professional education and secondary consultation

We provide information, professional training and secondary consultation to professionals and community organisations regarding sexual assault, family violence, and problematic sexualised behaviours.

Specialist services we provide:

Counselling

Barwon CASA provides free and confidential specialist sexual assault and family violence counselling

■ **Sexual assault**

We provide specialist counselling to women, young people, children and men who have experienced sexual assault either recently or in the past and to non-offending parents, partners, family and friends.

■ **Family violence**

We provide specialist counselling to women, young people and children who have experienced family violence either recently or in the past and to non-offending parents, partners, family and friends.

Sexually Abusive Behaviours Treatment Service

We provide support to young people under the age of 15 years, and children who have engaged in problematic or abusive sexualised behaviours towards others. We also support non-offending family members.

This program works holistically with young people, children and their family, school and community to provide assessment and intervention to address the broader needs of the child or young person.

A referral is not required.

Crisis care service

We provide a 24 hour crisis care service to people who have experienced recent sexual assault and to non-offending parents and caregivers of children who have recently disclosed sexual assault.

Our counsellors provide individual support, information regarding medical and legal options and advocacy with police and doctors.

Outreach services

Our specialist counselling services are provided across the Barwon and Wimmera regions. Contact us to find out if we provide a service in your area.

Barwon CASA and the Multidisciplinary Centre

Barwon CASA is a partner in the Barwon Multidisciplinary Centre (MDC). The MDC brings together key stakeholders involved in supporting those who have experienced sexual assault, their families and the community.

The MDC co-locates Barwon CASA with the Victorian Police, Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT) and members of the Department of Human Services, Child Protection. The MDC provides a coordinated service system for those who have experienced sexual assault.

Barwon CASA continues to support many people who do not have any contact with Police or Child Protection.



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