



Barwon CASA
Counselling Services



Barwon

Centre Against Sexual Assault Inc.



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**24 Hour Sexual
Assault Crisis Line**
1800 806 292

**24 Hour Women's Domestic
Violence Crisis Line**
1800 015 188

**Specialist
Family Violence**
Program

Women constitute the overwhelming majority of victims of family violence. Family violence affects one in five Victorian women over the course of their lifetime

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 specialised counselling and support to women, young people and children who have experienced or been exposed to family violence.

Family violence is never acceptable in any community or culture.

What services are provided?

- Counselling
- Advocacy
- Support
- Information and referral
- Professional education

Who can access the program?

Women, young people and children who have experienced or been exposed to family violence either recently or in the past.

How to access the program?

Call Barwon CASA on 03 5222 4318.

A referral is not required.

Barwon CASA Counselling Services provide:

- Specialised counselling programs for women, young people and children who have experienced sexual assault and/or family violence either recently or in the past
- Specialised counselling to non-offending parents, partners, family and friends of victims/survivors of recent or past sexual assault
- Outreach counselling services provided across the Barwon and Wimmera regions
- 24 Hour sexual assault crisis care service
- Community development/education
- Group work
- Professional consultation
- School based prevention programs

You have the right to:

- Be heard and acknowledged
- Be treated with dignity
- Respect, confidentiality and privacy
- Appropriate information in the language of your choice
- Make your own choices and have them respected



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