



Committee Against Domestic Abuse

<b>Legal Name</b>	Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc.
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### **Mission**

The mission of the Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. is to alleviate the problem of domestic violence in the communities of southcentral Minnesota.

### **Organizational Overview**

CADA was incorporated in 1979 by a group of women who were concerned about the problem of domestic violence in the lives of women they knew. In 1981, they opened a shelter in Mankato. CADA serves the nine counties of Region 9 Economic Development Area.

In 1993, in an effort to be accessible to victims at the further reaches of this area, CADA opened satellite offices in other communities. CADA currently has offices in St. James (serves Watonwan County), Waseca (serves Waseca County), Gaylord (serves Le Sueur and Sibley Counties), and Blue Earth (serves Faribault County). The two program coordinators who serve Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties are housed in the Mankato office.

CADA also has programs in Watonwan County to serve Latina battered women, in Waseca County to serve general crime victims, and in Watonwan and Waseca Counties to serve sexual assault victims. CADA operates Keep Me Safe, a visitation and exchange program for children of parents that are separated because of abuse.

### **Programs/Services**

CADA provides a shelter in Mankato and is licensed for 22 beds. A staff cook provides lunch and dinner. Food is provided so that women can make their own breakfasts and snacks.

Advocates assist with securing medical services, housing, financial assistance, legal services, school enrollment, clothing, and transporting and/or accompanying women to appointments or court if they wish. Child care is provided for women attending appointments. Programming in the shelter includes hair cuts, manicures/pedicures, nutrition education, support group, and parenting discussions. Fun and outings are also part of the programming, including trips to the zoo, picnics, swimming, etc.

Program Coordinators also provide services to those people not needing shelter (women and men), including helping prepare Orders for Protection or Harassment Restraining Orders and referral to legal services. Other services provided include safety planning, support groups, emotional support, transportation, reparations, interpretation/translation, and referral to a variety of resources within the communities.

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