

## **Mission Statement**

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault is committed to ending sexual violence in Texas through education, prevention and advocacy. In the meantime, we desire to support survivors on their paths to hope, healing and justice. TAASA is the voice of the sexual assault movement in Texas. We are a unifying force bringing together parties involved in and affected by sexual assault as a catalyst for change.

## **TAASA's Code of Ethics**

Each member regards as its primary obligation the welfare of the victims of sexual assault, their family and friends.

The members provide services with respect to the dignity of all people, and will not discriminate based on nationality, religion, status, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

Members of TAASA accept responsibility for the consequences of their work and make every effort to ensure that their services are used appropriately.

Information received in confidence is revealed only after careful deliberation and when there is a clear and imminent danger to an individual or to society, and then only to the appropriate professional workers or public authorities.

Case studies and other materials are used in education, training, and writing only when the identity of the persons involved is adequately disguised or when prior written consent is obtained.

Each member will treat with respect the findings, views, and actions of colleagues and use appropriate channels to express concern on these matters.

We recognize our responsibility to contribute our ideas and findings in order to enhance the development of techniques and a body of knowledge in the area of sexual assault.

When making public statements, each member agrees to distinguish between member's opinions and that of TAASA.

Each member supports the principle that effective service delivery requires continuing education.

We recognize the importance of maintaining an ethical relationship with other agencies.