

# Legislative Agenda

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# CALCASA

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Sexual Assault  
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## TIER 1 – SPONSORED LEGISLATION

**Elimination of Adult Mandated Reporting** - Mandated reporting of the sexual assault of non-dependent adults precludes a victim's right to if, when and how they choose to report their assault to law enforcement agencies. CALCASA will support legislation that eliminates mandated reporting for legally competent adults.

**Right to an Advocate / Advocate Notification** - Current law provides for a sexual assault victim's right to an advocate and that victim advocates will be notified before a victim undergoes a forensic medical examination. CALCASA will support legislation that clarifies the statute and helps ensure victims receive advocacy in a timely manner.

## TIER 2 – PRIORITY POLICY ISSUES

### Victim Services

- **Victim Service Funding** - Ensure current victim service funding stays with victim services in addition to seeking out new and different funding sources.
- **Protocols for Community Notification / Investigations** - Clarify best practices for community notification and investigation of sexual assault.
- **Victim Witness Fund Distribution Clarification** - Insert express breakout of rape crisis center funding in Victim Witness Fund.

### Prevention / Community Education

- **Blueprint / Taskforce for K-12 Schools** - Conduct an assessment of California's K-12 schools to determine the availability, content and effectiveness of sexual assault education and prevention materials and curricula.
- **Prevention Policy** - Develop a framework to define and enhance prevention policy efforts in California.

### Sentencing / Offender Accountability

- **Study: The Effects of Sentencing on Reporting and Convictions** - Study the outcomes of enhanced sentencing schemes on the likelihood of victim reporting and successful prosecution of crimes.
- **Statute of Limitations** - Supports the extension / elimination of statutes of limitations on sexual assault.

### Community Safety / Offender Management

- **Opposition to Adam Walsh Act** - Attempts to come into substantial compliance of this Federal act are inconsistent with best practices in the field of offender management and override successes already achieved in California.
- **Right to an Advocate Through CDCR Notification Program** - While current agency policy directs victims to receive notification of offender movement, this right is not codified in statute. CALCASA will support legislation that guarantees a victims right to offender notification.

### CALCASA SUPPORTS A BROAD RANGE OF LEGISLATION:

that expands or enhances sexual assault victim services and prevention activities, promotes offender accountability and improves community safety and offender management strategies. The coalition will prioritize support for proposals that are culturally appropriate, evidence based and demonstrate a commitment to appropriate evaluation.

### Our Vision:

A world free from  
sexual violence