Our Experience:

- CALCASA has served as a leader and recognized expert via our statewide, national and international work in supporting communities and institutions in addressing and preventing sexual, domestic and stalking violence on college campuses.
- CALCASA’s work with universities and advocates provides us with a unique perspective that allows for our capacity building work to be informed by the experiences of survivors, advocates and communities while, at the same time, understanding the roles and responsibilities of universities and colleges in addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.
- CALCASA supports the development of community based, culturally specific models of addressing and preventing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on college campuses.
- CALCASA is committed to helping colleges, universities, community colleges, and trade schools adjust to the new landscape of campus sexual violence. We are excited to work with colleges and communities as they create change via tailored trainings and technical assistance for faculty, staff, campus security and law enforcement, advocacy partners, student groups, administration and others.

Our Approach:

- CALCASA uses community specific models to develop targeted support and technical assistance for communities and institutions. We have identified a framework that emphasizes the importance of survivor-centeredness, community engagement and comprehensive prevention as a method for addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on college campuses.
- CALCASA synthesizes its long term experience, current trends, as well as experiential, contextual and research evidence in developing its technical assistance. It accounts for the specific needs of its local and national constituents. while demonstrating leadership by projecting and anticipating future needs.
- The foundation for CALCASA’s Technical Assistance strategies is using a **survivor-centered approach** when addressing sexual, dating, domestic and stalking violence. This approach is embedded in the following **methods** we use for tailored technical assistance in our **areas of expertise**.

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Our Methods:

Web-conferences: CALCASA conducts content relevant web-conferences highlighting topics that universities and community partners encounter in their daily work.

Consultation: CALCASA works directly with its constituents to determine the best method of consultation, on or off site, electronic or by phone. Consultations can help form school practices and enhance understanding of the necessity in laying the groundwork to address sexual, dating, domestic and stalking violence on their college campus.

Training: CALCASA can provide expert and interactive training on a range of topics and for a variety of audiences, including disciplinary officials, faculty, staff, law enforcement, community partners, administration, students and other groups.

Policy Review: CALCASA can help to assess, review, revise and/or develop policies that are student centered and meet the compliance needs of the institution. Effective policies should be free from legal jargon and easy to access and understand.

Online Communities (Campus Connect and Prevent Connect): CALCASA, in partnership with the Office on Violence Against Women, will soon launch a website that will serve as a clearinghouse and online community where stakeholders in addressing and preventing sexual assault on college campuses can share resources, experience and best practices related to sexual, domestic, dating and stalking violence on college campuses. CALCASA is also the convener of PreventConnect, an online, interactive community of preventionists whose focus includes prevention in communities and on college campuses.

Tailored support based on needs: CALCASA can provide an assessment, in cooperation with the university and/or community partners, to identify the most effect method and topics for technical assistance.

Our Areas of Expertise:

Judicial and Disciplinary Affairs: Our trainings for judicial and disciplinary panels include disseminating knowledge of the law regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, consent and victim’s rights (Victim Advocacy Law). Additionally, we include information on the dynamics that increase these incidents on campus, the unique needs of students, specific issues college victims face, and available on and off campus resources for victims. We provide skills-based training and technical assistance on strategies for disciplinary proceedings that are informed by an understanding of trauma and implementation of effective strategies the ensure compliance and victim support.

Policy Development: Providing effective support for campuses includes working with the institution on developing thorough policies and protocols that address sexual violence, interpersonal violence, and
Coordinated Community Response: CALCASA helps colleges and their community partners organize, form, and further develop a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) team. A CCR team is a multidisciplinary response to sexual, domestic, dating and stalking violence on campus which involves the entire campus as well as the surrounding community. CALCASA believes it is essential to involve community partners in program planning, training and curriculum development and event sponsorship, as this is critical to a successful coordinated community response. The team is a place where members of the college community (survivors, students, faculty, staff, and administrators), community-based organizations, local law enforcement, schools, local residents, and other stakeholders work together with system/service providers. Together, they discuss sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and their effect on the community, and then equally and collectively participate in developing services, planning events, and creating prevention strategies needed to boost community awareness and decrease sexual violence.¹

¹ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault CCR Toolkit (2009) from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Our Testimonials:

**California State University, Humboldt**
“CALCASA is the best resource one can have when fighting against sexualized violence. The staff is very knowledgeable and can help to support and accelerate the work of institutional change. The advice of CALCASA staff has been very valuable to the work we have done at Humboldt State University. For those of you doing work to prevent and better respond to sexualized violence on college campuses, CALCASA is a vital part of the toolkit.” - Maxwell Schnurer, Ph.D. Co-chair of Humboldt State’s Sexual Assault Prevention Committee

**Loyola University - Chicago**
“Our campus has had the pleasure of working with CALCASA since 2010. From the very beginning of our working together, it was apparent that CALCASA has a strong grasp of what we were hoping to achieve on our campus around gender-based violence. It is clear to me and to others here, that CALCASA has taken the time to gain an understanding of the complexity of gender-based violence on college campuses. They also understand how seemingly minor improvements in a campus’ response can positively affect a survivor’s healing. CALCASA is in the know of best practices around education and training – and is always eager to share this information. They have always been a very easy phone call away for our campus and for this we are thankful.” - Stephanie Atella, MPH, CHES, Senior Health Educator, Loyola University Wellness Center

**Louisiana State University at Shreveport**
“Among other things, one of the first hurdles the CALCASA providers helped us with was communication. Sometimes it takes more than just sending something by email to get results and they took the time to make the call. As a result of the expertise and direction received from CALCASA, our campus has developed a mission statement for our CCRT that is being incorporated into our policies and posted to the website. Additionally, CALCASA also provided guidance in getting started with student policy development specifically regarding sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking for our campus which were previously non-existent. As a result, we were connected to the right people to advise us on policy development. Working with the TA providers also helped us discover there really is a difference between Theory and Reality. We have learned to now have more realistic expectations and set more reasonable goals.” - Sue L. Johnson, RN, CNOR, LSU Health Shreveport, SAVE Program Manager (Sexual Assault and Violence Education), School of Allied Health Professions