

Rosebank Child Sexual Abuse Service Inc. – STRATEGIC UNDERPINNINGS

OBJECTS

Current Objects (from June 1988)

The objects of the Association shall be:

- a)** To provide support, counselling and such other services that may be necessary, to victims of Child Sexual Assault.
- b)** To provide, when appropriate, support, counselling and such other services that may be necessary to non-offending members of the families of victims of Child Sexual Assault.
- c)** To ensure that the services provided are available to all victims and/or non-offending members of their families and in particular to disadvantaged groups in the community such as the poor, needy, disabled and underprivileged, regardless of their sex, race, colour or creed.
- d)** To raise community awareness about Child Sexual Assault and its effects.
- e)** To conduct, in an area broadly located in the south west region of Sydney, ongoing research into and the provision of resources and services for, the victims of Child Sexual Assault.
- f)** To provide services for people who are working in the region with victims of Child Sexual Assault and their families by:
 - i)** acting as a resource,
 - ii)** acting as a catalyst to initiate and promote support programmes which address their training needs,
 - iii)** co-ordinating, preparing and implementing programmes which address their training needs when necessary,
- g)** To liaise with other organisations which provide services to victims of Child Sexual Assault when and where necessary.

OUR VISION: A world free of sexual violence

OUR CORE BUSINESS

- To heal the trauma related to sexual abuse through the provision of professional counselling, advocacy and support to children and young people who have been sexually abused and their non-offending family members and, where possible, to adult survivors of child sexual abuse (CSA).
- To raise community awareness about child sexual abuse and its effects.

OUR GOALS

1. To provide services including information, counselling, support, advocacy, referral, groupwork, court support, and early intervention and health promotion activities.
2. To reduce the possibility of systems abuse, by assisting families to negotiate the complex system of interagency organisations that are involved in responding to children who have been sexually abused.
3. To liaise, network and collaborate with relevant government and community agencies to assist in the provision of services to children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse and their families.
4. To provide consultation, resources, training and support for people working with those who have been sexually abused.
5. To ensure our work is informed by Rosebank's philosophy and principles, our assessment of community needs, best practice guidelines, and current research.
6. To manage the organisation to achieve better practice outcomes.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Child sexual abuse is a crime.
- Children are never to blame for child sexual abuse. The offender is totally responsible.
- The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount.
- We operate within a feminist framework that recognises abuse of power as underpinning sexual abuse.
- An interagency approach to working with child sexual abuse is essential.
- Effective intervention actively involves non-offending family members.
- Every person who has been sexually abused and their non-offending family members have a right to high quality counselling.

Empowerment of clients underpins all our activities.

NON-CURRENT: From original Rosebank P&P Manual

SECTION TWO – AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a direct service to children who have experienced child sexual abuse and their (non-offending) family members. Services include one-to-one counselling, family counselling, support, advocacy, referral, group work, court support and information.
2. To work towards empowering clients of this service
3. To help clients of this service understand the roles and procedures of agencies which may become involved following disclosure of child sexual abuse. Assist families to negotiate the complex system of interagency organisations which are involved in responding to children who have been sexually abused, to reduce the possibility of systems abuse.
4. To raise community awareness about sexual abuse and its effects.
5. To actively support programmes for people affected by sexual abuse within the community.
6. To liaise with relevant government and community agencies to assist in the provision of services to children who have experienced sexual abuse and their families.
7. To provide training and support for people working with children who have experienced sexual abuse and their families.
8. To ensure our intervention is informed by and consistent with current research.

CASAC Inc Objects:

Objects of the Association

The objects of the association shall be to:

- perform functions necessary as the peak body for community based child sexual assault counselling in NSW
- promote the improvement of standards of service in child sexual assault counselling
- support and promote the professional development of staff working within member organisations by identifying training needs and considering these when planning the annual conference
- encourage and facilitate networking and information sharing amongst members across NSW
- liaise with media, advocate and inform public opinion in relation to child sexual assault
- provide consultation and advice on child sexual assault matters either on request or on its own initiative
- lobby for systemic change and participate in social policy development in relation to child sexual assault, through representation on government committees
- identify needs and gaps in child sexual assault service provision and inform the relevant Government departments / agencies of these; and lobby to secure adequate resources to meet these needs
- promote and (where possible) undertake research about child sexual assault
- promote consultation and co-operation between, government and non-government organisations in all field child sexual assault