

## Contact

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### Printed/Web Resources

Chesley, L., MacAulay, D., & Ristock, J. Abuse in Lesbian Relationships, Toronto, 1992

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Lehman, M. At the End of the Rainbow, 1997

Lobel, K. Naming the Violence: Speaking out about lesbian Battering, Seal Press, 1985

Renzetti, C. Violent Betrayal Partner Abuse in Lesbian Relationships, Sage, 1992

Renzetti, C & Miley, C.H. Eds., Violence in Gay and Lesbian Domestic Partnerships, Harrington Park Press, 1996

(Most titles available in Toronto Public Library and Education Wife Assault Library)

## Support Services & Resources

519 Anti-Violence Program..... 416-392-6877  
 519 Counselling Program ....416-392-6877 x335  
 Anduhyaun Women’s Shelter ..... 416-531-0330  
 Assaulted Women’s Helpline .....416-863-0511  
 David Kelly Lesbian and Gay  
 Counselling Program / FSA .... 416-595-9618  
 Counterpoint Counselling &  
 Education Services ..... 416-920-0268  
 Education Wife Assault (Library)..416-968-3422  
 Distress Centre (24hrs) .....416-598-1121  
 Gay Partner  
 Abuse Project .....416-925-9872 x 2288  
 Interval House ..... 416-924-1491  
 Na-Me-Res (men) ..... 416-652-0334  
 New Directions.....416-487-5317  
 Parkdale Community Health..... 416-537-2455  
 Police ..... 911/416-808-2222 (non emergency)  
 2 Spirited People of theFirst Nations  
 ..... 416-944-9300  
 Toronto Rape Crisis Centre ..... 416-597-8808  
 Toronto Woman Abuse Council...416-944-9242  
 Women’s Health Centre ..... 416-530-6850  
 Women’s Counselling, Referral,  
 and Education Centre.....416-534-7501  
 YWCA Breakthrough Program ... 416-961-8100



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**Mission Statement**

The Coalition Against Same-Sex Partner Abuse (CASSPA) recognizes that partner abuse affects all segments of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual/transgendered communities. The Coalition is committed to education, outreach, research, support and advocacy for direct service and policy development on same sex partner abuse.

**Guiding Principles**

CASSPA believes that everyone has the right to live free of violence.

CASSPA recognizes that violence impacts people differently, based on the community they belong to.

**OBJECTIVES**

**Education**

To coordinate and support public education events for: service providers; LGBT communities; public institutions

**Research**

To centralize and make accessible current research.  
To make research accessible through the Internet.  
To support research initiatives.

**Outreach**

To raise awareness among the LGBT communities and service providers of CASSPA's work.

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service providers of the work of the coalition members.

To link to other related service providers local, provincial and national.

To distribute CASSPA promotional materials.

**Service Delivery**

To support and initiate initiatives for direct service provision to GLBT community around same-sex partner abuse.

To advocate for appropriate services for victim/survivors of same sex partner abuse and perpetrators of abuse with major public institutions (Courts, police, hospital).

**History**

The coalition began meeting in 1997 at the initiation of Mary Anne Meloche, Family Violence Coordinator of 2-Spirited People of the First Nations and Vivien Green, Project Coordinator of Metro Women Abuse Council.

**Founding members:**

David Kelly Lesbian and Gay Community Counselling Program/FSA  
The 519 Anti-Violence Programme,  
Education Wife Assault,  
Parkdale Community Health Centre,  
Woman Abuse Council,  
2-Spirited People of the First Nations,  
Assaulted Womens Helpline,  
Counterpoint Counselling and Education Services