



The Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA) is a state chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. MnATSA is a non-profit, multidisciplinary organization of professionals working in various areas of sex offender management.

Our mission is to prevent sexual abuse and sexual aggression by advancing education, research, and professional interventions regarding sexual abuse issues in the state of Minnesota. **Public safety is our paramount concern.**

MnATSA has been in existence since 1996. We bring together the wide range of professional disciplines involved in sex offender evaluation, treatment, and management. Our membership includes community corrections officers, policy makers, researchers, mental health professionals, law enforcement agents, polygraph examiners, and victim advocates from throughout Minnesota. Our members are responsible for the evaluation, treatment, and management of all types of sexual offenders, including youth, adults, and those who are developmentally disabled.

As part of our commitment to the advancement of professional standards and practices in the field of sex offender evaluation, treatment, and management, MnATSA has held a successful annual training conference every year since 1997 and has sponsored a number of specialized training seminars for those working in the fields of victim services, sex offender treatment, and management of sexual offenders in the community.

In 2001, MnATSA produced an informational video which was distributed to libraries throughout the state. The video included important information about specialized treatment of those who sexually abuse. As part of our commitment to prevention, MnATSA provided start-up funding for Stop It Now! Minnesota, a comprehensive child sexual abuse prevention program. MnATSA has also provided support to other Minnesota non-profit organizations who share our public safety mission and goals. Minnesota is unique amongst the states in that we have on-going, collegial cooperation between the victim advocacy and sex offender management communities in pursuing **our shared goal of preventing sexual harm.**

MnATSA members have specialized knowledge about sexual offending. We stand ready to serve as resources to policy makers who are considering legislation addressing the costs (both financial and human) of sexual violence.

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