

Ballarat CASA's services for Children and young people

Children's Counselling

CASA provides therapeutic counselling for children who have experienced past and/or recent sexual assault. Counselling sessions include play, sand tray, art and narrative therapy tools to assist the child to heal and to make sense of their experiences.

Specialist Assessment

CASA provides specialist assessments when a child has not verbally disclosed sexual abuse but it is strongly suspected that it has occurred. Specialist assessments are conducted under a therapeutic framework, in the pursuit of a verbal disclosure. A written or verbal report will be provided to relevant parties upon the completion of the assessment, with recommendations for any further appropriate interventions. Specialist assessments are up to 6 sessions and are only accepted from DHS. There is to be no contact between the child and the alleged perpetrator/s for the duration of the assessment.

Problem Sexual Behaviours / Sexually Abusive Behaviours Treatment Program

CASA provides therapeutic treatment programs for children aged 3-10 years exhibiting problem sexual behaviours and young people 10-15 years exhibiting sexually abusive behaviours, this may include a Therapeutic Treatment Order, instigated either by Child Protection or Police and ordered through the family division of the Children's Court.

CASA's treatment programs encompass the exploration of the behavioural and emotional issues that lead children and young people to act out sexualised behaviours. Treatment aims to facilitate the awareness of - risks (to self and others), the impact of the behaviours on the victims, empathy and managing difficult emotions and feelings. As well as working towards risk prevention strategies. The family and support system of the young person are an important part of the treatment team in supporting the young person to cease sexualised behaviours.

CASA's work with children necessitates that the child/young person is safe and the abuse has been appropriately responded to.

Ballarat Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA)

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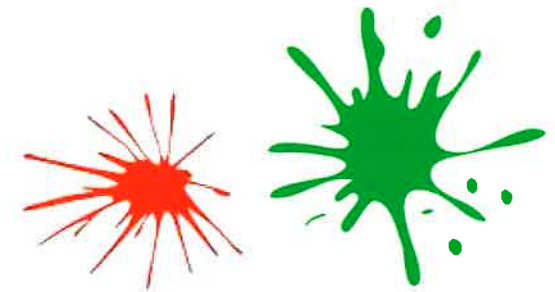
A CASA Duty Worker is available to take referrals weekdays from 9am to 5pm
Late Appointments Available



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Required Information for Referral

- Date of Birth
- Address
- Parent / Guardian contact
- Developmental history
- Past and present services involved
- Email / contact phone and address of referring worker and team leader
- Genogram
- School attending and details of school contact person.

Intake – Referral Pathways to CASA

