

# CASA

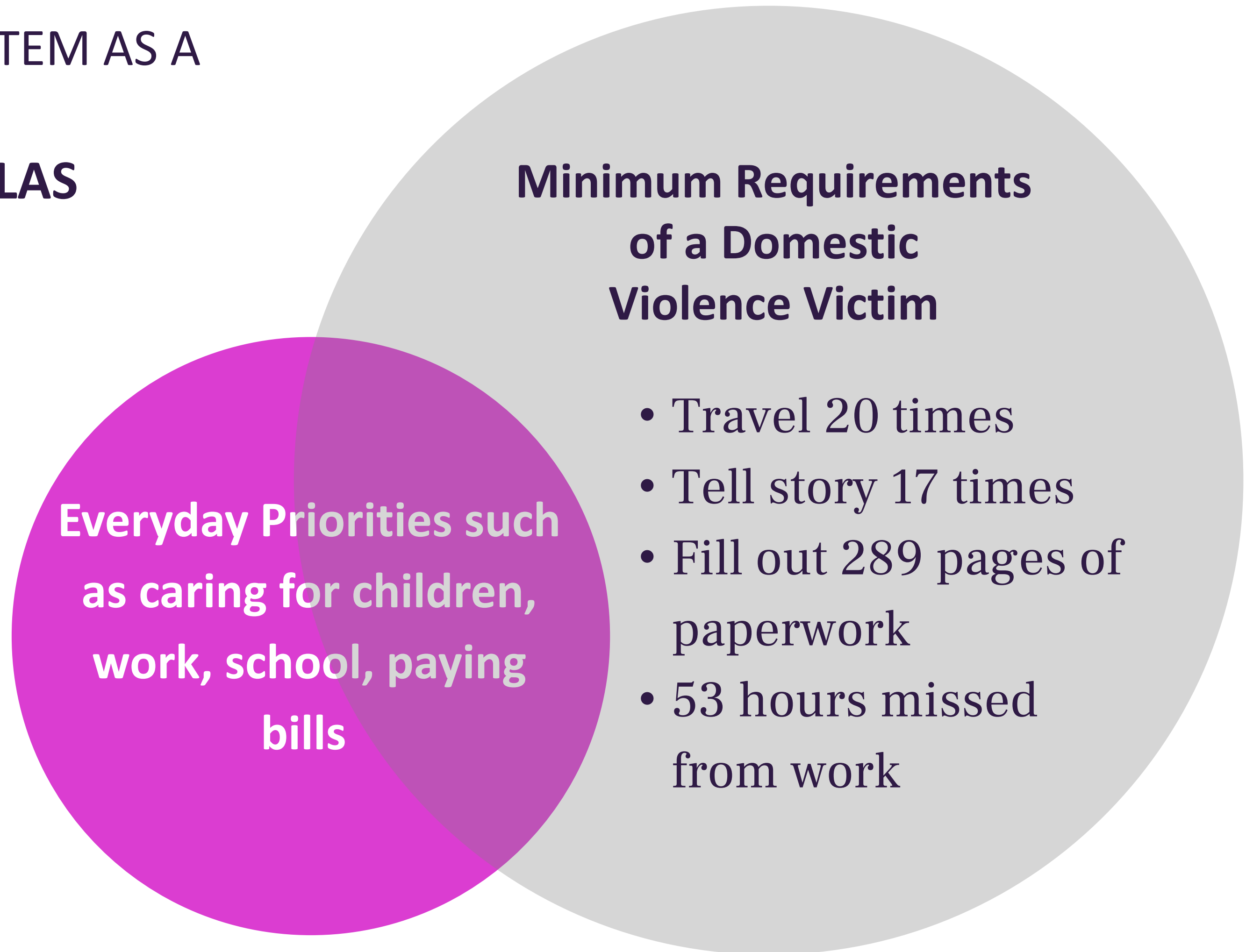
**STAND UP TO SILENCE**





# NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM AS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR IN PINELLAS COUNTY

Based on the first 45 days following a  
domestic violence incident with  
children





Dear CASA FJC Steering Committee,

Our team at Alliance for HOPE International has been honored to work with you as your vision for beginning a Family Justice Center in Pinellas County has developed.



The vision for the CASA Family Justice Center is powerful and viable. The Family Justice Center Alliance, a program of Alliance for HOPE International, is the training and technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Justice for all Family Justice Centers in the United States. During two hybrid in-person events, a community assessment/study tour and a two-day strategic visioning event, the Alliance team had the opportunity to meet with elected officials, policy makers, funders, allied partner agencies, survivors, CASA staff members, and many others.

There is no question that the CASA Family Justice Center vision deserves funding and support from philanthropists, foundations, local government, state government, and other potential supporters. It is a transformative vision that will increase safety, hope, resiliency, and wellbeing for adult and child survivors of trauma, violence and abuse.

The CASA Family Justice Center is poised to impact the entire way government entities, the City of St. Petersburg, other cities throughout the county, community-based agencies, and the State of Florida departments handle domestic and sexual violence and how they work with trauma-exposed youth in Pinellas County.

The Alliance is committed to doing all that we can to support your planning and development process, and we look forward to seeing a CASA-led Family Justice Center framework emerge in Pinellas County that will better serve adult and child survivors of violence and abuse.

With Great HOPE,

  
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President, Alliance for HOPE

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# THE PLAN

comprehensive, collaborative, trauma-informed, free services

## Advocacy

The Family Justice Center by CASA will provide free & confidential services to adults, and children affected by domestic violence, human trafficking, elder abuse, and child abuse.

Advocacy services include but are not limited to:

- Crisis Counseling
- Safety Planning
- Lethality Assessment
- Rapid Rehousing Program Referral
- Domestic Violence Relocation Assistance\*
- Address Confidentiality Assistance\*
- and much more

\*Only certified Domestic Violence Center Advocates can assist with a Domestic Violence Relocation & Address Confidentiality

## Childcare

Children have a safe, calm environment to play while a parent or caregiver receives support services on-site.

## Law Enforcement

Police take reports, gather evidence and help enforce court orders.

## Mental Health Services

Trauma-informed counselors provide free individual and group therapy for survivors and their children at all stages of healing.

## Connection to Resources

The CASA Family Justice Center will meet the immediate needs of survivors and their children. Advocates will provide a warm connection to additional resources unique to the survivor or child's needs.

## Criminal and Civil Legal Services

- Specialized attorneys for Injunction for Protection restraining orders
- Civil attorneys to assist with divorce and/or dependency cases, immigration, and more
- Justice advocacy to support in prosecution of domestic violence offender

## Medical Services

Provide trauma-informed healthcare

- Strangulation Assessment
- Evidence Collection
- Forensic Medical Exams for Sexual Assault
- Behavioral Health

Health care services are available to domestic violence victims and their children, with or without insurance.





# ANCHOR PARTNERS

State Attorney's Office Of The Sixth Judicial Circuit

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

St. Petersburg Police Department

Baycare/ St. Anthony's Hospital

Gulfcoast Legal Services

Pinellas County School District

Learning Empowered

Suncoast Sexual Assault Services

Office of the Attorney General Injunction Team

Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Community Law

Juvenile Welfare Board

The Well for Life



**ST. PETERSBURG POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**996 FT**



**0.464 MILES**

**PINELLAS CLERK OF  
THE COURT**





# ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Reduced homicides
- Reduced re-traumatization for victims & their children
- Increased victim cooperation
- Increased prosecution
- Increased direct services for children
- Increased communication & collaboration with professionals working with victim & their children

**FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER**



**BY CASA**



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