

CAASE Young Professionals Board Policy Positions and Resources

Before committing to the Young Professionals Board, CAASE would like to share more about our policy positions and invite interested members to ensure they feel comfortable and aligned with these values and stances, especially as you serve as ambassadors for our mission and work. In particular, please note the survivor-centered positions we take when it comes to decriminalizing selling sex as well as reproductive rights.

Decriminalizing Selling Sex: CAASE supports a distinct approach to the sex trade: we believe buying sex and pimping should always be criminalized, but individuals selling sex should never face criminal charges, regardless of their age. We promote an approach sometimes called partial decriminalization, the Survivor Model, or the Equality Model.

Decriminalizing people who sell sex while holding buyers and pimps accountable for the pain they cause is essential to supporting survivors and reducing the endemic harms of the sex trade.

Reproductive Rights: Affirming people's agency to make decisions about their bodies is key to sexual safety. Comprehensive education, care, and access to choices lead to greater sexual and reproductive health autonomy.

CAASE understands that, while abortion access is a critical component of reproductive rights, a multitude of other factors affect these rights and require the attention of our efforts, too.

To learn more, please explore the resources below on the survivor model and reproductive justice. Please reach out if you would like to talk to CAASE's staff about these stances more in depth.

CAASE Materials on the Survivor Model

Blogs from CAASE

- [Workers Rights Won't Fix the Sex Trade](#)
- [Legalization Isn't an Antidote to Prostitution's Harms](#)
- [When Allies Disagree](#)

- [Rising From the Ashes: Reclaiming My Life, My Voice, and My Purpose by Dr. Joel Filmore – Survivor Voices](#)

Research and Reports from CAASE

- [We're Listening: What Black Survivors Say About the Sex Trade](#)
- [Policing and Enforcement of Prostitution Laws in Chicago](#)

Other resources on the Survivor Model:

- [equalitymodelus.org](#)

CAASE Materials on Reproductive Justice

Blogs from CAASE

- [The Power to Control Your Own Body](#)
- [The Path to Abortion Protections in IL](#)