**Program Updates**

By Lynn Johnson

One of my projects for the summer months is to contact every SASP in Wisconsin, by either phone or in person. One of the best parts of my job is going to programs and learning about the awesome work you are doing to support victims of sexual violence. Read on.

**SASP Websites & Facebook**

We have compiled all of our SASP websites and Facebook pages into one listing for ease of use. See here for listing.

Please RSVP: surveymonkey.com/s/SATFSummerPicnic2014

**Policy**

By Callen Harty

On June 5, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Bill unanimously.

According to the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV), highlights include increases in VOCA, SASP, STOP, LAV, Campus and the Rape Kit Backlog.

The Rural Grant Program saw a decrease in funding. The bill contains an exemption from PREA for the STOP Program in FY 15 as well as exemptions for several other programs at DOJ. The full Senate will consider the bill at the end of June or early July. Read more here.

**Paths to Healing**

By Callen Harty

On Thursday, June 19, WCASA and other local organizations sponsored the second annual Paths to Healing conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison. The conference was about child sex abuse survival, with a particular emphasis on male survivors, an underserved population. The conference originated last year when survivor Callen Harty teamed up with Rape Crisis Center Executive Director Kelly Anderson to launch the idea. Harty then talked to several organizations and signed on a number of co-sponsors, including WCASA, which was instrumental in the planning both years. This year’s conference featured keynote speaker David Lisak, Ph. D., a renowned expert in the field of sexual assault. Read on.

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Evaluation
Climate Surveys

With new guidelines pertaining to campus issues we’re hearing a lot about climate surveys. A climate survey can allow programs to (1) get a more accurate snapshot of the occurrence of sexual assault; (2) understand knowledge of policies/resources, attitudes about violence, and community perceptions; (3) gain information to tailor responses accordingly to each community. Climate surveys are not exclusive to universities and colleges and can be used in multiple settings. The NotAlone project was launched in connection with the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault... Read on.

Prevention
Primary Prevention - K-5th

Here’s an idea for a dose of primary prevention targeting direct risk factors for sexual violence! Give young children the foundation to challenge stereotypical gender roles at a young age. Building these skills now can plant a seed to challenge norms more directly linked to sexual behavior when they are older. The CDC lists these risk factors as societal norms that “support male superiority and sexual entitlement” and “maintain women’s inferiority and sexual submissiveness.” Even at very young ages, our youth are aware of gender expectations. Think of a boy who likes pink or a girl who doesn’t want to wear dresses. An added benefit to challenging these norms at a young age is they also help to unpack masculine gender socialization, which may help males come forward to get help if they do experience sexual assault. Read on.

Fund Development

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Save the Date

7/16-17 Northern Training
8/13 WCASA Webinar Series: Policy
8/16 Survivors & Allies Picnic
9/10-11 Fall Director’s Meeting
10/8 WCASA Webinar Series: ALL*
11/3-6 Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy School (SAVAS)
11/13 Annual Meeting
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This Request for Proposals (RFP) is written as a component of the “Building Networks for Advocacy and Reproductive Health” initiative. See here for more info.

WCASA on YouTube
Webinars & Resources

It’s true, WCASA has a YouTube channel! On it you can find the Building Networks for Advocacy & Public Health webinar series, the Prevention Webinar Series and specialty topics. See YouTube. 

Resources