September is National Campus Awareness Month

Prevention

Public Health Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention

PublicHealth.org is a group dedicated to connecting patients, students, and professionals to the latest and most useful healthcare information and resources available. They offer a section dedicated solely to sexual abuse as a public health issue. You may find this useful when searching for information. Additionally, although many of the resources which are provided are not new, it’s nice to have them in one place when providing resources on our websites, pamphlets, or in presentations with our communities.

Click on the link above or copy this link below to access: http://publichealth.org/resources/sexual-abuse/

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Program Spotlight

Back to School!

As the school year begins you will soon be asked, hopefully, to come into your area schools. At WCASA we have a wide range of resources that you can check out from our library. You can find the request link on our website at the Resource Center, or here.

Getting your foot in the door at some schools can be a challenge. View some tips that might help.

Survivor Spot

Monument Quilt in Oshkosh

On 8/18 at UW-Oshkosh the Monument Quilt was on display as part of its national tour. Designed to be a healing space for sexual assault survivors, the quilt is based on an art and activist project from the organization called “FORGE: Upsetting Rape Culture”. Reach Counseling services and The Women’s Center of UW-Oshkosh were the sponsors. Read on!

Evaluation

What can Forbes magazine and the Green Bay Packers teach us about program evaluation?

Quite a lot! When doing program evaluation work I frequently hear questions such as, “Can we really measure that?” or “What is effective advocacy?” or “How do we know if people are actually going to be bystanders?” Forbes recently released a great evaluation (they call it “market research”) to answer the question, “Who are the best fans in the NFL?”

I can just imagine a group of people sitting down and saying – “How are we going to measure that?” and “What makes someone a ‘fan’ in the first place?” The market researchers Nielsen Scarborough came up with 5 criteria that have to do with being good fans; based on those criteria they would then determine which fans are the best. (The fancy program evaluation translation of this sentence would be: The market researchers came up with 5 indicators to operationalize the “best fans in the NFL”) So what criteria or indicators did they use? Read on.

Resources

Just Sex: Students Rewrite the Rules on Sex, Violence, Activism, and Equality offers the writings of leading student activists and young scholars. Based on 10 years of collaborative research, the editors have chronicled the student movement begun in the 1980's to “end all forms of sexual violence... Read on.

PREA in Fond du Lac

On August 7, 2014 Fond du Lac County made history when their Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) held a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony. Read here for more!

Save the Date

9/10-11 Fall Director’s Meeting
10/8 WCASA Webinar Series: ALL*
10/18 Survivors & Allies Task Force Mtg
Date TBD Regional SART Meeting
11/3-6 Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy School (SAVAS)
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