Dear Reader,

We created WCASA’s technical assistance map here on our newsletter so that you can easily access your region’s news. Please click on your region to see related news, updates and also your technical assistance specialist’s contact information.

**NEWS FROM YOUR REGION**

Congratulations and Thank you to ASTOP from WCASA for 20 years of providing Sexual Assault services to Fond Du Lac County.

**Important WCASA Dates**

- **Fall Directors Training**
  September 19th-21st
  Black Wolfe Lodge, WI.Dells

- **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Adult and Adolescent Seminar**
  October 15th-20th Crowne Plaza Hotel, Madison

- **Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy School (SAVAS)**
  October 22-26 Metropolis Hotel, Eau Claire

- **Survivors and Allies Taskforce Meeting (SATF)**
  October 20th UMOS Meeting Hall, Milwaukee

- **WCASA Annual Meeting**
  November 15th, Madison

P.S. From WCASA: Clickable" SASP map is available on the Find Help page on wcasa.org.

WCASA Welcomes,

- **Blythe Newbur**: Trempealeau County SA Advocate
- **Chad Kowalski**: Domestic Violence Counselor at Hope House,
- **Jane Benzschawe**: SAVS Coordinator for Portage/Waupaca Counties
- **Sue Mueller**: Victim Advocate-Waupaca County.

Congratulations and good luck in your new positions…

WCASA Staff
**MATURING YOUR SERVICES PROJECT**

NSVRC is currently developing a training tool titled “Maturing your Services”, which will help advocates to improve their ability to serve older survivors. They would like to include voices of survivors in this course to show the real impact of creating welcoming and accessible services. They are looking for older survivors who would be willing to share short narratives or quotes about the impact of creating welcoming and accessible services. They are looking for older survivors who would be willing to share short narratives or quotes about the impact of creating welcoming and accessible services.

For more information or to submit a quote, contact Sinem Bertling at sinemb@wcasa.org.

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**Reader’s Voice**

What made my life so marked with domestic violence?

Is it the coincidence that I’m a woman? Or is it because I lived it so much as a child? Even now, I don’t live with an abusive husband but yet my ears ring with the voices of my friends and how they have been assaulted, oppressed, taken for granted…continued…

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**Featured WCASA Consultant**

**Ray Maida**

WCASA Members, Associates and Community Partners,

My name is Ray Maida and for over 10 yrs I have been a Law Enforcement Training Consultant to the WI Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the WI Office of Justice Assistance. I know so many of you, because of previous contacts and mutual training’s, but for those that don’t know me, I thought I would give some background, before reporting on some of this years training and technical assistance activities. Read More….

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**Deaf Unity and UNIDOS Open House Hosts Friends and Colleagues**

It was a great day at Deaf Unity and UNIDOS last week where many colleagues and friends got together to see their home and partnership. Thank you to Deaf Unity and UNIDOS staff members (seen on left) for their great hospitality.

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**Upcoming Events in August**

**South Central Regional Meeting:** August 16th 2012- Multipurpose Rooms2&3 Green County Justice Center, Monroe-WI- 2841 6th Street, Monroe-WI 53566

**South East Regional Meeting:** August 15th from 9:30 to 12pm-Women’s Center in Waukesha. 505 North East Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186.

**National Sexual Assault Conference:** August 22nd-24th 2012- Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Chicago-IL

**Time Out 24 Hour Radio-thon:** August 23

**Save the Date**

**Southwest Regional Meeting:** September 6 in Platteville from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

**Northwest Regional Meeting:** September 21.
10:00-3:00pm. Eau Claire, WI

**SART Community Meeting:** September 27, 2012-Dodge Correctional Institution

**Volunteer Coordinators Meeting:** September 26 Marinette/Oconto (Contact Pam Malin, North East Regional TA for more info)

**JAVA Jive Coffee Tasting For RCC** September 30, 2012