A week in Chicago with 1,200 of our friends...

Stephen Montagna from WCASA reports....

As I write this, the 2012 NSAC (National Sexual Assault Conference) is just wrapping up in Chicago, IL. Over 1,200 participants packed the 5th floor ballroom of the Sheraton on Water Street to participate in three days of plenaries, workshops, and valuable networking and face-to-face contact with survivors, violence prevention educators, advocates, counselors, and community activists from across the country.

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.

Upcoming Regional Meetings

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

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

Volunteer Coordinators Meeting: September 26
Marinette/Oconto (Contact Pam Malin, North East Regional TA

IAFN Outraged by False Claims About Pregnancy and Sexual Assault

Press Release

The International Association of Forensic Nurses shares the outrage expressed by our colleagues who have decried the baseless claims of Rep. Todd Akin (R-Missouri) about pregnancy and sexual assault. As healthcare professionals who treat victims of sexual violence, our member Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) know that pregnancy can and does occur after sexual assault....read more

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Communities with disabilities

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Creating the social change necessary to end sexual violence...
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WCASA’s Bi-weekly Newsletter
A fun night in Chicago after a hard day of work…

This year’s National Sexual Assault Conference was held in Chicago last week. The conference was successfully hosted by ICASA. The conference gave a chance for SA workers to meet, network, learn and have fun. A group of WCASA TA Specialists and staff members are seen in the below photo posing in their sunglasses at night after a long day of seminars.

SURVIVOR STORIES

SASHA Walters (right) and her sister Kim are speaking out in order to create change.

“You can rebuild your life after rape. But sometimes, you need a safe place to go to begin that process.”

Sasha Walters Wisconsin

On a family vacation near the Wisconsin Dells, Sasha Walters was raped by a 16-year-old boy staying with his family at a nearby cabin. She was 13. “I lost forever the person I was before that day. I learned that rapists take what they want, even if they look like – or literally are – the boy next door. They take your childhood, your innocence, and your spirit. Read more…

Photography by Patricia Evans & Text by Anne Ream, The Voices and Faces Project.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Survivors & Allies Task Force Registration and Scholarship Form is now available through the WCASA website! We’d love to have you join us for the special event whether you’ve participated in the past or are new to this group. The Meeting will be October 20, 2012 and the location is UMOS Headquarters in Milwaukee. We encourage you to see more details on the Events page for this gathering.

UMOS Latina Resource Center’s 7th Annual Brides Walk Against Domestic Violence

Saturday, September 8, 2012
Registration: 11:00am at 802 W. Historic Mitchell St. Milwaukee, WI
www.brideswalkmilwaukee.org

WCASA Welcomes,
Muneebah Abdullah—Counselor at the Healing Center and Audrey Neal—S.A. Advocate, Kristina Tauchen—Executive Assistant, Marilyn Peterson—Night/relief staff at the Timeout of Ladysmith.

Good Luck and Best Wishes in your new position. WCASA Staff

BOOKS...DVDs...BOOKS...DVDs.....BOOKS

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The second one is Sin País (Without Country), a short documentary that intimately follows one family’s journey as they are fractured by deportation after living in the U.S. for seventeen years.

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