Creating the social change necessary to end sexual violence…

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day. Consumers and practitioners are increasingly recognizing the impact of trauma as a contributing risk factor to mental health disorders and suicide.

80 Americans Die By Suicide Every Day. September 9-16 is recognized as the National Suicide Prevention Week in the United States. Around 650 people die by suicide in Wisconsin every year. The greatest number of suicides occur among individuals aged 35-54. Veterans accounted for one out of every five suicides in Wisconsin. American Indian/Alaskan Native groups had the highest rate of suicide followed by Whites, Blacks, Asian/Pacific Islanders and Hispanics. Firearms are the most frequently used method of suicide in Wisconsin. Over one third of all victims had alcohol present in their system at the time of death. Mental disorders, particularly depression, mood disorder, personality disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety or psychosis lasting over two weeks are among the high risk factors for suicide. Consumers and practitioners are increasingly recognizing the impact of trauma as a contributing risk factor to mental health disorders and suicide.

Learn more about Suicide Prevention Week from American Association of Suicidology. Learn about suicide prevention efforts in Wisconsin and Trauma and Suicide, risk and protective factors from Mental Health America of Wisconsin. Read the Burden of Suicide in Wisconsin Report.

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

Upcoming Regional Meetings
Northwest Regional Meeting: September 21. 10:00-3:00pm. Bolton Refuge House Eau Claire, WI
North Central Regional Meeting will be held on September 25 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at The T.B. Scott Public Library in Merrill.
Volunteer Coordinators Meeting: September 26 Marinette/Oconto (Contact Pam Malin, North East Regional TA for more info at cares.disability@gmail.com

Transgender 101 Webinar for Anti-Violence Professionals
September 13, 2012, 2:00-3:30pm Central

FORGE welcomes you to attend this webinar on transgender 101 issues, geared towards victim service providers, but all people who serve transgender, gender non-conforming and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family and Allies) survivors are welcome to attend. Please click on the link to register. https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/401746959
WCASA Welcomes,
Jane Benzschawel as the SAVS Program Coordinator for Portage and Waupaca counties and Jessica Hilgers in her new position as SAVS Victim Advocate at CAP Services.
Sharon Gage as the Family Advocate for the Sexual Assault Victim Services Program at The Women’s Community.

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

Upcoming Webinar!
Understanding the New Immigration Remedy of “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” and How This May Be Helpful for Immigrant Survivors.

On August 15, 2012 the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) began accepting applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This is a new policy which permits individuals under the age of 31, who arrived to the U.S. before the age of 15 and currently have undocumented legal status, to apply for deferred action if they meet certain criteria. Although this remedy is not specific to survivors, it is important for domestic violence/sexual assault programs to be familiar with this remedy and make sure survivors are aware of this option. Date: September 26, 2012. Time: 2pm (central). Click here for registration.

NCVAP ANNOUNCEMENT

Action Steps for an LGBTQ Inclusive Organization
Tuesday, October 9, 2012 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs’ (NCAVP) National Training and Technical Assistance Center invites you to our series of webinars on supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) survivors of violence. This webinar training will educate participants on the importance of committing to organizational change to meet the needs of LGBTQ survivors. This webinar will provide recommended action initiatives to create LGBTQ inclusive internal policies and procedures, organizational culture, programming, external relationships, and organizational materials, and will provide resources for ongoing support. Upon completing this webinar participants will have several LGBTQ-specific action steps to apply to various aspects of their organization’s programs. Register by clicking below. https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/386805134

WCASA Also Welcomes

Peter Fiala as the new Technology and Events Coordinator for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Welcome and Good Luck Peter!

Your Co-Workers at WCASA

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Phone Meetings
Hosted by Lilada Gee, WCASA Consultant
Next Meeting is October 11, 2012 at noon.
Dial-in: (712) 432-0190
Access: 535946

For more information
Resource List for Native American Women

Help Needed for the Run From the Cops Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed for The Run from the Cops! The Run is just over a month away and there are still many volunteer opportunities available. Come be a part of this amazing event! Organized by the Watertown Police Department and UW Health Partners Watertown Regional Medical Center, all proceeds benefit survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in Jefferson County. Contact liz.pada@yahoo.com http://www.watertownrunfromthecops.com/

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

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