Creating the social change necessary to end sexual violence…

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WCASA’s Bi-weekly Newsletter

ARE YOU READY FOR A GREAT DAY?

4th Statewide Survivors and Allies Taskforce
10.20.2012 at UMOS Headquarters in Milwaukee

Join us on a day of music, dancing, good food and good company… Register now… Scholarship applications end September 28.

The 4th Statewide Survivors and Allies Taskforce Meeting is right around the corner. The SATF advisory committee has been working hard on the details to make this an unforgettable day for all members of the SATF. We will start the day off with a Native American smudging ceremony and then we will do some relaxation and centering exercises. We will continue with breakout sessions and have a break later on for good Mexican food and a dance show by Mexican Dance Company. In the afternoon we will listen to two awesome presenters, Alice and Biv from the Wise Women Gathering Place will lead us in finding out our mission, vision and goals. And we will finish the day off with some yoga. Please visit http://wcasa.org/pages/Events-SATF-October-2012.php for more details.

Featured TA: Ann McKinley—An Interview

This issue’s featured SA professional is WCASA’s Northwest Region technical assistance specialist Ann McKinley. With over 35 years of experience in the field, Ann kindly answered our questions with wisdom and patience.

“Look out for and take good care of # 1! (Yourself!)” (Ann McKinley)

W: Hi Ann, can you tell us a little bit about your current job and responsibilities?

A: Retired, but…working 8-10 hours/week as WCASA’s TA Specialist for the Northwest Region; also serving as Executive Director and SA Advocate at various SASPs from time to time.

Read more of Ann’s Interview with WCASA….

Important WCASA Dates

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. 11:00am-3:30pm
Crowne Plaza Madison

WCASA Welcomes

Heidi Verhulst, Barron County (an outreach program of Community Referral Agency)

Audrey Neal, Washburn County (an outreach program of Time Out in Ladysmith)

Gaosheng Xiong, Eau Claire Hmong Mutual Assistance Association

Welcome and Good Luck in your New Positions—WCASA Staff
A couple of years ago, the book *Half the Sky* by journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, was purchased for the WCASA Resource Center. I have to confess, I have not yet read it. However, my eye was caught by an announcement of a video screening by the same name at a local library recently and I went to see it. It turned out to be a follow-up project by the same husband and wife team who’d written the bestseller book. They’d chosen 6 American actresses to accompany them in “an unforgettable journey to the hotspots of gender inequality”. Because it is a 4 hour series, we were only shown two of the segments – one on the sex slave trade in Cambodia, and another on educating girls in Vietnam. Meg Ryan and Gabrielle Union were part of these segments respectively, while the rest includes America Ferrera, Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, and Olivia Wilde. However it is the women living in the midst of these problems and their courageous stories that make it so spell-binding and inspiring. “Stories of heartbreaking challenge, dramatic transformation, and enduring hope, they prove what is fast becoming the rallying cry of a global movement: Women are not the problem, they are the solution.” I now know two things that I am going to do and which I would like to recommend to you: I am going to read the book and I am going to watch the full presentation of the video when it is presented on local PBS stations October 1st and 2nd as part of the Independent Lens series. Recommended by: Kathleen Brandenburg, Office Manager at WCASA