Thank you to DV advocates and WCADV…Keep up the good work!

October is domestic violence awareness month and we would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our colleagues who work in the domestic violence field and remember those whose lives are touched by domestic violence. We also acknowledge the great work that our sister coalition WCADV is doing in leading the efforts to create awareness for and prevent domestic violence. Please visit WCADV’s event page. Also click to see UNIDOS’s October activities.

WCASA Staff

October is breast cancer awareness month…

Please click to learn about activities in Wisconsin.

WCASA Welcomes

Braden Bayne-Allison as the Vilas County Advocate and Jamie Walrath as the DV/SA Advocate for Forest County-Tri County Council.

Joan Boyd as the Domestic Abuse Program Coordinator and Nicole Calhoun as the DV/SA Program Coordinator-Forest County Potawatomi.

Brittany Wathen-Jackson County Outreach Office

Heidi Verhulst SA as dvadvocate-Community Referral Agency

Twyla Gunn Volunteer Intern Counselor- Sexual Assault Services of LSS (SAS)

Welcome and Good Luck in your New Positions-WCASA Staff

OCTOBER IS LGBT HISTORY MONTH
31 DAYS 31 ICONS...

Click to learn more....

The Powerful Healing of Art
By Judy Brodjeski from the Women’s Community

I have always loved the act of creating and remember weaving those little potholders on a loom with my brother when I was five... Read More...

On the right is a painting which is made by a survivor in Judy’s art program...

Click to see more amazing artwork...

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
**THE INVISIBLE WAR**

From Oscar® and Emmy®-nominated filmmaker Kirby Dick (This Film Is Not Yet Rated; Twist of Faith) comes The Invisible War, a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of America’s most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. The film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem-today, a female soldier in combat zones is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. The Department of Defense estimates there were a staggering 19,000 violent sex crimes in the military in 2010. The Invisible War exposes the epidemic, breaking open one of the most under-reported stories of our generation, to the nation and the world (http://invisiblewarmovie.com/).

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**Famous People & Celebrities Who Have Survived Abuse: Whose Inspiring Story Do You Want to Read?**

Check this web-site to see which celebrities are advocating for violence prevention and awareness and to read their personal stories…..

**SANE NEWS**

**Oral Cephalosporins No Longer a Recommeded Treatment for Gonococcal Infections**-read the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Article.

**Read the SANE REPORT**

**PADA ANNOUNCES NEW SANE PROGRAM… VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** In early 2013 Fort Health Care in Fort Atkinson-Jefferson County, will offer a SANE program. We are pleased with this news as there is currently no SANE program in Jefferson County, and victims of sexual assault are forced to drive 45 minutes or more to get medical treatment. We are looking for volunteer victim advocates, training will be provided. Please call PADA with any questions. (920) 674-6748

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**NEWS FROM YOUR REGION**

**South Central Regional Meeting:** 11.1.2012 10:00a.m-3:00pm-Understanding the Cultural Characteristics of Deaf Community Location: TBA

**South West Regional Meeting:** 11.8.2012 10:00am-1:00pm.Trauma Informed Care.

**North Central Regional Meeting:** November 28, 2012 Topic, Time and Location to be determined.

**Job Opening**

The Sexual Assault Center of Family Services (Brown County) is seeking applicants for an African American Coordinator to provide direct services to sexual assault victims in the African American community. Please contact Susan Lockwood for more info, sllockwood@familyservicesnew.org

**SURVIVORS AND ALLIES TASK FORCE MEETING-UMOS Headquarters-Milwaukee.**

As of today we have 65 participants for our upcoming meeting. You can still join us on October 20, in Milwaukee for the statewide SATF meeting. Please check our web-site for more info…