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JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH… Please see NSVRC’s assisting trafficking victims informational packet...

WCASA Announces New Executive Director

Accomplished community leader hired to head nonprofit membership association

Madison, WI  |  January 11, 2013 – The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) is pleased to announce that Pennie Meyers has been named to the position of Executive Director.

"After a thorough, national search, we feel fortunate to name such an outstanding leader to our organization. Pennie's commitment to and enthusiasm for our mission is matched only by her experience developing impactful nonprofit organizations. This is a pivotal moment for WCASA and for violence prevention in the state. We could not be more pleased to have Pennie as our Executive Director," said Maryann Clesceri, Executive Director of The Healing Center in Milwaukee, WI and WCASA Board Chair.

Read the rest of the press release….

A GREAT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
PREA TRAINING FOR Advocates
Please hurry up and register as space is limited. Application deadline is January 15 4pm.

JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 1, 2013 Stevens Point Wisconsin Holiday Inn and Convention Center

This 3 day training for SANEs and SASPs is part of an ongoing effort to provide comprehensive, collaborative and quality care to inmates, youth and offenders that are survivors of sexual abuse in detention. Lodging, meals and mileage will be covered by federal funds. Learn more and apply…

WCASA Board of Directors Information
WCASA would like you to know your 2013 Board of Directors Members and have a calendar of the Board Meeting dates.

Click here to get to the Board information on our website: http://www.wcasa.org/pages/About-Us_Board.php

All are welcome to attend the board meetings, but it would help us if you could contact us (608-257-1516) if you are interested in coming.

WCASA Membership Contest
Looking for a nice gift for the hard to buy for person? Would you like to show support for a survivor of sexual assault? Would you like to do something nice for someone while also taking a chance on a special gift for yourself? Learn more about our contest… See the membership form…

ONE BILLION RISING!
MESSAGE FROM PRIMARY PREVENTION
By Kelly Moe Litke

We had a nice group of folks join us this week for a call about One Billion Rising. You can find out more about this event at: One Billion Rising: http://onebillionrising.org/ or find it on Facebook. It is really growing into an amazing WORLDWIDE anti-violence movement. How exciting!

We will direct you to a few specific items, that folks have been finding the most helpful… Get the Toolkit at: http://www.onebillionrising.org/pages/toolkit or by clicking below. Read the rest of the message….
**Announcement**

The third and final episode of our three-part webinar series on state-level policy advocacy is available on YouTube at: [http://youtu.be/ECKsYfdSCsg](http://youtu.be/ECKsYfdSCsg)

Information and links for all three episodes can be found on our website at: [http://www.wcasa.org/pages/Policy-State-Webinars.php](http://www.wcasa.org/pages/Policy-State-Webinars.php)

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**News..Training..Events..Fundraisers..**

1.14.2013 Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Training [Learn more...](#)

1.15.2013 and 1.17.13 ASTOP – “Bunco” Night 6:00 – 9:00pm Whispering Pines Fond du Lac

1.23.2013 Webinar: Understanding Stalking 1:00-2:30pm National Indigenous Women's Resource Center [Register](#)

1.25.2013 Suicide Prevention Summit [Learn more about the summit...](#)

1.26.2013 [Safe Haven](#) – 6th annual “Crop to Stop Violence” Scrapbook fundraiser

1.31.2013 Recognizing and Responding to Stalking in Later Life webinar [Register](#)

02-06-8.2013 WHAT IS KILLING OUR KIDS? Delavan, WI [See training poster](#).

See WCASA’s [2013 calendar of events](#).

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**News From Your Regions**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thank you for your hard work for sexual assault movement in 2012 and we are looking forward to working with you in 2013.

WCASA Staff

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**America’s Rape Problem: We Refuse to Admit That There Is One**

By Jessica Valent, January 4, 2013 The Nation Online

The same week that a leaked video out of Steubenville, Ohio showed high school boys joking and laughing about an unconscious teenager in the next room who had just been raped—“They raped her quicker than Mike Tyson!”—House Republicans let the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) expire. They opposed an expanded version of the legislation that had increased protections for the LGBT community, immigrants and Native American women. [Read more...](#)

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**Congratulations to former VOC award winner and District Attorney Tim Gruenke for being elected as the Tribune Person of the Year**

Kathy Tabbert was thrust into the unfamiliar criminal justice system when her daughter was murdered last year. She put all her confidence in a stranger — confidence that this man, someone she’d never met before, would fight for justice. [Read the news article...](#)

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**Victim advocate says horrifying Indian rape bares common attitudes toward women...**

By Pat Schneider, Capital Times

Like many people, I was horrified by the story in India about a 23-year-old woman gang-raped on a moving bus in New Delhi on Dec. 16 and injured so severely that she died Friday from the assault. The medical student was beaten, stripped and dumped on the side of the road to die after suffering severe intestinal and brain injuries from assaults with an iron bar. [Read more:](#)

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**WCASA WOC NEWS**

**LUNCH, LISTEN AND LEARN**

Upcoming Meetings: January 10, 2013 noon
February 21, 2013 noon

Dial in: 712-432-0190
Code: 535946

[See the WOC newsletter...](#)

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**REGIONAL WCASA MEETINGS AND TRAININGS**

North Central Regional Meeting January 9, 2013 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Providing Inclusive Services: Working with LGBTQ Survivors of Abuse, First Congregational Church 311 2nd Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

South Central Regional Meeting: January 17, 2013, 10:00am-1:00pm, Planning Meeting-WCASA Resources and Organizational Structure, [See invitation and agenda...](#) 416 College Street, Beloit-WI

Communities with Disabilities January 28, 2013 Session 1: 9:00am-12:00pm Professionals and Direct caregivers. Session 2: 1:00pm-4:00pm Professionals and Direct caregivers. Sentry Theatre, 1800 North Point Drive Stevens Point, 54481. [See training poster...](#)

North East Region Prevention Educators February 6 10:00 – 1:00 “Getting Into Schools and other accessibility challenges” (Potluck - Bring a dish to pass) St Agnes Hospital Plaza Private Dining Room 430 E Division St. Fond du Lac WI 54935

Southwest Regional Meeting: February 11, 2013 10:00am-3:30pm, Outreach, Trauma Informed Care Training –Community Services Building (Richland County Health & Human Services) 221 W. Seminary, Richland Center, WI.