FEBRUARY IS **TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!**

In recognition of the teen dating violence awareness month, we are inviting you to share your thoughts, poetry, articles, artwork and stories. Please read a [survivor’s story](http://groundspark.org/respect-for-all/) which was kindly and generously shared with WCASA… A heartfelt thank you to her for sharing it with us…

**Teen Resource: Let’s Get Real – A curriculum from the Respect For All Project**

[http://groundspark.org/respect-for-all/](http://groundspark.org/respect-for-all/)

This resource is geared for teen audiences; while focused on name-calling and bullying, it can be good foundation work for getting at the underlying culture from which dating habits and sexual harassment/assault emerge. Video features voices of teens relating their own experiences; curriculum has lesson plans and exercises." This resource is recently added to the WCASA Resource Library.

February is also Black History Month. More info coming in the next issue…

**30 New DOC PREA Investigators Receive 5 Day Training**

Last week in January, DOC staff members gathered with WCASA Staff, advocates, SANE nurses, and members of law enforcement to train 30 new DOC PREA Investigators. The new investigators come from all divisions within DOC, including: the Division of Adult Institutions, the Division of Juvenile Corrections, the Division of Community Corrections, and the Division of Management Services. These new investigators will join a core of experienced investigators in responding to reports of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, and/or sexual harassment within the DOC.

The training was held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

[Read WCASA’s interview with PREA Director Marion Morgan and PREA Grant Coordinator Keeley Crowley](http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/news-events/)

Participants enjoyed a well-prepared series of presentations at the PREA Investigators training last week at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point.

**For WCASA Staff, advocates and SANE nurses the training also included a tour of the Oshkosh Correctional Institution.**
MEET KOIRA

You are wondering what this little cute puppy is doing here in our newsletter. Well in fact Koira is doing a lot because she is a therapy dog at Reach Counseling in Neenah, Wisconsin and she is working with child victims of abuse. She is a labradoodle and she works with Liz Walker, the child therapist at REACH Counseling.

Learn about TASK (Therapy Animals Supporting Kids Program) and the healing influence of therapy animals on abused children.

New online course Evaluating Sexual Violence Prevention Programs: Steps and Strategies for Preventionists by NSVRC released.

Article: Uncomfortable Places Closed Spaces: Emerging research and information about sexual assault in detention. An article by Dr. Brenda Smith

SAFE: Women's Self Defense Class Villari's Martial Arts; 401 N Lake St Madison WI 53703 Winter: February 9 & 16, Spring: April 13 & 20, Saturdays 9am-12pm. Instructor: Ali Treviño-Murphy. Learn more…

Empowerment for Women: A Dance/Movement Therapy Group at Hancock Center for Dance/Movement Therapy, downtown Madison. Learn more…

UNIDOS needs volunteers. Call/email Cecilia at: ceciliag@unosagainstdv.org 256-9195

REGIONAL WCASA MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

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

Northwest Regional Meeting: February 8-10:00am-3:00pm. Family Support Center (403 High Street) in Chippewa Falls. We will view "The Invisible War," an award winning investigation into the epidemic of rape within the US military.

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

North Central Regional Meeting: February 27, 2013. Topic: Planning for Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities. Location: T.B. Scott Public Library, 106 W. First St., Merrill, WI.