Dear Colleagues and Friends,
Greetings from WCASA!
April is finally here. There is so much work to be done, many words to be said, and emotions to be felt. The joy, the passion and the courage with which we all do this work is in the air. Take time this month to celebrate how far we've come as a movement, even as we raise awareness across the state of how far we have yet to go. Happy SAAM from us to you!

STATE CAPITOL HOSTED AROUND 100 PARTICIPANTS FOR WCASA/WCADV LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY

The WCASA/WCADV Legislative Advocacy Day was held on March 27 and was a great success! Attendance was fabulous with about 100 people attending from all across the state. The feedback from participants regarding their meetings with legislators was generally very positive which reminds us of the power of our collective voices. Thanks to all of you who attended and made the 2013 Legislative Advocacy Day a huge success!

April 27th, 2013
Madison, WI
Voices of Courage Awards
2nd Annual Wrap Around the Capitol

This year’s national campaign is called: Talk Early, Talk Often. The campaign kicks off with a blog post by Janet Rosenzweig, MS, PhD, MPA, author of The Sex-Wise Parent. In her post, she highlights the importance that parental discussions about sex have on kids developing healthy sexuality. Read the article...

April 1–7th is National Public Health Awareness Month. Is sexual assault a public health issue? You bet it is… A conversation with WCASA’s Rose Hennessey, MPH...
5 Ways We Can Teach Men Not to Rape

Zerlina Maxwell, political analyst, recently spoke out on FOX News about rape prevention. While facing resistance she eloquently stated, “I don’t think we should be telling women anything. I think we should be telling men not to rape and start the conversation there with prevention.” Despite negative remarks written about her on social media, she continues to be a strong, passionate advocate and a true role model for social change.

When asked to comment to those who have written racist death threats and rape threats against her she replied, “I wish them well.” What a powerful voice in our anti-violence movement; WCASA commends and supports her! See a short segment on the story.

Maxwell released a fantastic article entitled “5 Ways We Can Teach Men Not to Rape.” We’ve bulleted those 5 items for you below. Read the full article.

1. Teach young men about legal consent
2. Teach young men to see women’s humanity, instead of seeing them as sexual objects there for male pleasure
3. Teach young men to express healthy masculinity
4. Teach young men to believe women who come forward and not to blame the victim
5. Teach young men about bystander intervention

Sexual Abuse of Children with Disabilities

A National Snapshot

Children with disabilities are three times more likely than children without them to be victims of sexual abuse. We would like to thank WCASA’s Developmental Disabilities Specialist Pam Malin to be a part of this very important project. Read the report...

WCASA Events

Registration Open:
♦ 4/15-20: SANE Adult & Adolescent Seminar, Weston
♦ 4/27: Survivors & Allies Task Force Meeting, Madison
♦ 4/27: Voices of Courage Awards, Madison
♦ 4/27: Wrap Around the Capitol, Madison

Save the Date:
♦ 5/6-10: SA Victim Advocacy School, Carter
♦ 7/17-18: Northern Training, Lac du Flambeau
♦ 11/5-6: Transform the Conversation: Explore, Expand & Create (WCADV, WCASA, AIAA), Wisconsin Dells

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS

04/03/2013 WEBINAR One in Eight: The Reality of Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention 11:00am (Pacific Daylight Time). Register...

04/09/2013 WEBINAR Children Need Us All 2:00pm EST unique roles of victim service professionals in responding to child sexual abuse. Register now.

04/10/2013 Manejo Del Estrés.5:00pm-7:00pm. The Healing Center (“El Centro Para Sanar”) Milwaukee Learn more...

04/11/2013 WEBINAR Power and Control Tactics Specific to Trans People 2:00 - 3:00pm Central Register...

04/15/2013 Webinar: “Raped or ‘Seduced’? How Language Helps Shape Our Response to Sexual Violence” Time: 3:00-4:30 PM EST Presenter: Claudia J. Bayliff, Project Attorney, National Judicial Education Program, Legal Momentum. Register...

04/18-19 2013 Independencia Financiera Para Latinas Sobrevivientes de Violencia Domestica A 2-Day Train-the-Trainer Workshop for OVW Grantees & other DV Providers that Serve Latina Survivors (including Immigrants), New York Register and learn more...

PADA y PAVE se han unido para ofrecer un Grupo de Apoyo totalmente en Español para mujeres víctimas y sobrevivientes de crímenes de tipo sexual en el área de Watertown. See poster...

Also see Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calendar for events across the state of Wisconsin.

News From Your Regions

REGIONAL WCASA MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

Northeast Regional Training: Wednesday, May 8, 2013 Providing Inclusive Services: Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ) Survivors of Sexual, Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence Goodwill Industries, NCW 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha (behind store) 8:30 - 4:30 Space is limited. Register early to reserve your space. See poster...

Southwest Regional Meeting: Thursday May 23, 2013 Platteville, WI Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ) Survivors of Sexual, Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence. Location TBD 9:30-4:30pm