Rachel Beauchene, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and the violence prevention specialist at UW-La Crosse and Western Technical College, recently traveled to Washington D.C. to talk with a few of our state senators and representatives.

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June is National Internet Safety Month, which highlights an ever growing field of concern for parents and teachers. See what titles WCASA’s Resource Center has regarding this topic. To make a resource request, visit our Resource Center Catalog. Ordering can be done online, by mailing or FAXing in a Request Form or by calling us.

Joint Finance Committee Approves SAVS Increase

The Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee approved the Governor’s increased budget allocation for the Sexual Assault Victim Services grant program. The budget bill contains an increase in SAVS funding to $2 million per year, and importantly switches the funding source from the very unreliable surcharge currently funding the program to general purpose revenue. If this provision remains in the budget as it makes its way through each house and is then signed into law later this summer by the Governor, it will mark the first time in the state’s history that general tax dollars have funded sexual assault services.

Struggling with burnout or secondary traumatic stress???

We know that trauma can impact those in helping professions. A harder question is determining what is wrong and when to seek help. One tool that can help is the Professional Quality of Life Screening tool. The “PROQOL” is a 30-item, free, accessible, validated (fancy word to describe good science behind its development) measure that separately measures three items: compassion satisfaction, burnout, and secondary traumatic stress. Many agencies have used this with staff. To complete, and score the measure: Click here.

To learn more visit: http://www.proqol.org/

WCASA would like to thank Vicki Biehn for her contributions as South East regional TA Specialist. Her decision to resign was made because of her passion for direct service work with survivors. We are sad to see her go but glad she is fulfilling this part of her work.