February is **Teen Dating & Sexual Violence Prevention & Awareness Month**

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### Policy

#### Victim Accompaniment

SB354/AB 204, the Victim Accompaniment bill, had a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs in January. We are continuing to work to secure passage of this extremely important piece of legislation. For our most recent Action Alert on Victim Accompaniment, please [go here](#).

### Help support victims

The Victim Accompaniment bill and other lobbying strategies (including reinstating SAVS funding) could not have happened without your support. Please help us continue to fund these important endeavors.

![Donate to WCASA](#)

WCASA is the only statewide coalition providing state and national level influence in the area of sexual assault prevention and victim support.

### Survivor Spot

#### SATF on the Local Level

This past year, the Department of Justice opened grant opportunities to strengthen statewide development of the Survivors & Allies Task Force by supporting services to survivors and their allies on a local level. In addition to WCASA’s efforts, four projects are beginning to serve their communities:

- **Hope House**
- **Women & Children's Horizons**
- **UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence**
- **ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center and Reach Counseling Center**

[Read more about these projects.](#)

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### WCASA Board Invites You

#### Open House

The WCASA board and staff invite you to our open house, March 14th, 3-5pm. Please come meet the board, the WCASA staff and see our new building!

We are located at 2801 West Beltline Highway, Suite 202, Madison, WI 53713.

#### Open Seats

WCASA is continuing the process of diversifying the board. Applicants need to commit to six, 3-hour meetings per year, be willing to sit on board committees and be able to contribute to fund development. We are not able to provide compensation but we are willing to work with you if there are any barriers.

Possible areas of expertise include: previous board governance experience, employment law, human resources, fund development, philanthropy, nonprofit management, and finance. If you are interested in being considered for a seat on the board, please contact the Chair of WCASA’s Governance Committee, Anne David at (414) 390-5800 or adavid@jfsmilw.org. Also...

[View more information on the board.](#)

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### Regional TA

#### Connect with your region.

This conference line is free with phones with a long distance plan: 605-475-4700, #1042414.
Regional Highlight
New SE Regional TA
Stephanie Collins, an Intern Therapist at The Healing Center in Milwaukee, has just become the new Regional Technical Assistance Specialist for the Southeast Region.
More on the RTA page.

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Also, help us promote your event: If you are hosting 1BR and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) events, please send them to us so we can promote them.

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