March is Women’s History Month; March 8th is International Women’s Day

Policy
Victim Accompaniment

On 2/20, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs voted unanimously to pass the Victim Accompaniment bill out of committee today. This is an amended version of the legislation that contains some of the compromise language that WCASA and others worked on last month. If you have questions about the language, feel free to contact Ian. Stay tuned for additional updates and/or action steps you can take to move this legislation forward.

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.

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

Survivor Spot
April 26th Events

Survivors & Allies Task Force Meeting 8:30-12:00pm

Attendees celebrate and share strength, vision and wisdom during a variety of breakout sessions. Sessions include art therapy, healthy boundaries, dance, as well as chances to network.

More info here.

Voices of Courage Awards Ceremony & Luncheon 12:00-2:00pm

Honor the outstanding work of individuals and organizations that have exceeded the highest standards in their efforts to end sexual violence and support survivors.

More info.

Wrap Around the Capitol 2:00-3:00pm

Survivors and allies encircle the capitol to show our support for survivors of sexual violence in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

More info.

Regional TA
Connect with your region.

March 14th, 3-5pm

The WCASA board and staff invite you to take a tour and socialize in our new space. Refreshments will be provided.

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

View Directions to WCASA.

Program Spotlight
PADA

People Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse of Jefferson County, Inc. (PADA) has been in the Jefferson community for over 25 years. In 2004, PADA recognized the need to expand services to victims of sexual assault, thus changing their name. PADA recently partnered with Fort Health Care to develop a SANE program in addition to helping develop a SART team. Read more.
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Read more here.

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Save the Date

3/17-3/19 Teen Summit on Dating & Sexual Violence
3/26-3/29 White Privilege Conference
4/26 Survivors & Allies Task Force/Voices of Courage/3rd Annual Wrap Around the Capitol
5/5/5-8 Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy School (SAVAS)
5/14-5/15 Director’s Meeting

Send us your SAAM events!

4/14-5/8 April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Nominate someone for a Voices of Courage Award