Program Spotlight
UMOS Latina Resource Ctr

WCASA’s Board of Directors recently approved the UMOS Latina Resource Center as SASP. The UMOS Latina Resource Center provides comprehensive, culturally and linguistically supportive services and advocacy to adults, youth and children impacted by sexual assault, as well as domestic violence and dating violence.

Survivor Spot
Denim Day Milwaukee

Learn more about the inspirations behind Denim Day in Milwaukee by reading our interview with Dawn Helmrich.

VOC Awardees
We are Proud to Announce...

On April 26, WCASA will recognize the following individuals for their extraordinary work and commitment to ending sexual assault:

- **Lifetime Achievement:** Linda Davis
- **Victim/Survivor Advocacy:** Alma Mann & Janice Griffin
- **Criminal Justice:** Jackie Larson
- **Community Support:** Mariana Rodriguez
- **Courage:** Pamela Christopher
- **Health & Human Services:** Sara Chesmore
- **Prevention Education:** Tanvi Kumar

We hope you can join us to celebrate. See the full Press Release & VOC Page.

Statewide Events
Celebrating SAAM

Click the map to see what’s going on in your area! Email Peter if you don’t see your event.

(Click banner to access NSVRC SAAM webpage)

also in April
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week (4/7-11)
- National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (4/6-12)
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Regional TA
Connect with your region.
CREATING THE SOCIAL CHANGE NECESSARY TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Send us your SAAM events!

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

VOICE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WISCONSIN COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

April 2014

ISSUE 31

As part of SAAM, on April 1, WCASA is co-sponsoring a showing of Brave Miss World, a documentary film about the story of Linor Abargil of Israel, winner of the Miss World pageant in 1998 just weeks after being abducted and raped. After a 10 year healing process, she found herself ready speak out about her rape and reach out to other survivors. Today she is once more a survivor who shares her story, a lawyer, and a global advocate in the fight against sexual violence.

Resources
Brave Miss World

Evaluation
Community Norms Assessment

I had the fantastic opportunity to visit staff from the Minnesota Coalition last month and we had a conversation regarding community involvement in prevention. They shared this exercise as a way some of their communities get feedback for prevention, while keeping the conversation outside of a victim-blaming framework. The activity has the dual purpose of evaluating needs specific to your community as well as engaging new partners. Please see the instructions as well as the slides needed for the activity. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Continue on to these files:
• Community Norms Continuum Planning Exercise Instructions
• Community Norms Continuum from slides

Save the Date

4/9 WCASA Webinar Series - PREA BUILDING NETWORKS Webinar: Intersections of Violence & Reproductive Health
4/15 Survivors & Allies Task Force/Voices of Courage/3rd Annual Wrap Around the Capitol (DUE 4/7)
4/26 Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy School (SAVAS) (WAITLIST ONLY)
5/5-5/8 Director’s Meeting (DUE 4/9)
5/14-5/15 Paths to Healing (OPENS SOON)

Membership & ALL* Committees
As a member, you are eligible to sit on either of these two board committees. For more information on these, contact Kathleen at 608-257-1516 or kathleenb@wcasa.org.

Open Seats
The WCASA Board is continuing the process of diversifying the board. A variety of areas of expertise are being sought, including survivor seats to make the survivor voice heard. View more information on the board.

Prevention
Bullying or Sexual Harassment?

Have you ever heard the term “sexual bullying”? It is likely that this language is used to minimize sexual harassment. Prevention educators and advocates can play a role in helping our schools and communities understand the differences between bullying and sexual harassment, and implement appropriate prevention and intervention services. This month we highlight an article which describes legal differences, the link of homophobia, and the relationship between bullying and sexual harassment. Read more.

WCASA Board Invites You

As part of SAAM, on April 1, WCASA is co-sponsoring a showing of Brave Miss World, a documentary film about the story of Linor Abargil of Israel, winner of the Miss World pageant in 1998 just weeks after being abducted and raped. After a 10 year healing process, she found herself ready speak out about her rape and reach out to other survivors. Today she is once more a survivor who shares her story, a lawyer, and a global advocate in the fight against sexual violence.

Read on here.
Survivors & Allies Task Force Meeting
9:00am-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 opportunities to network with others. Scholarship are available.


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

The Voices of Courage Awards honors the outstanding work of individuals and organizations that have exceeded the highest standards in their efforts to end sexual violence and support survivors.

*Attendees of the SATF Meeting are welcome to attend the VOC Luncheon. Scholarships are available.

Register at: https://www.wcasa.org/pages/Events-VOCAwards.php

The 3rd Annual
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). We will meet at the North Hamilton (NE) entrance immediately following Voices of Courage.