



WISCONSIN COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

Anti-Oppression Framework

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Position Statement

WCASA believes that to achieve our mission of ending sexual violence, we must also end all forms of oppression. Anti-oppression work is, in fact, also sexual violence prevention work. We stand in solidarity with our allies working on issues of racial justice and other oppressions. Recognizing that women of color* face multiple layers of marginalization with race/ethnicity and gender, WCASA commits to focusing on all forms of oppression while keeping women of color at the center.

Strategies

- Devote full attention and investment to communities of color
- Recognize and value culturally-specific organizations and their work
- Listen to and honor the voices of women of color and then act, based on guidance
- Grow support for women of color in the movement
- Understand historical trauma and its ongoing impact today
- Educate ourselves about anti-oppression
- Aspire to be an ally
- Acknowledge your white privilege and use it to challenge systems of oppression

*WCASA uses the Women of Color Network definition of 'women of color'
(<http://www.wocninc.org/about-wocn/term-women-of-color/>)