



WISCONSIN COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

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“Someone was hurt before you, wronged before you, frightened before you, beaten before you, humiliated before you, raped before you...yet, someone survived...You can do anything you choose to do.”

– Maya Angelou

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Mission:

*The Wisconsin
Coalition
Against Sexual
Assault
creates the
social change
necessary to
end sexual
violence.*

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (WCASA) is a statewide coalition consisting of individual, affiliate, and sexual assault service provider members. The member programs provide comprehensive sexual assault services in counties across the state. WCASA staff impacts state policy development and provides technical assistance, training, public awareness, and prevention education. WCASA is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1985. WCASA is committed to effecting changes in policies, in systems, and in society with the goals of improving services for victims/survivors of sexual assault and ending sexual violence. These goals are reflected in the initiatives and programs supported and driven by WCASA.

Our mission is based on the following philosophy:

We believe it is a basic human right to live free of sexual violence.

We believe that everyone has a role and a responsibility in this work.

We do not do this work in isolation. We believe in the importance of collaborations and alliance building.

Our work is driven by survivors' voices. Survivors and all those affected by sexual violence deserve compassionate services, dignity, privacy, and respect.

We believe that this work is based in a feminist perspective that sexual violence is rooted in oppressive power relations.

We believe that sexual violence is any unwanted sexual contact (verbal and/or physical), including rape, incest, child sexual assault, ritual abuse, acquaintance rape/assault, intimate partner or marital rape, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism. Sexual violence refers to acts of violence where sex is used as the weapon.

We believe that diversity and safe, accessible services are fundamental to social change.

We believe in the power of advocacy, education, prevention, and driving public policy as agents of social change.

2011 Highlights

OUR COMMITMENT TO TRAINING

Legal Training

WCASA decided to revamp the format of the legal trainings after the last statewide annual legal training was held in September of 2010. In 2011, legal trainings took place on regional basis throughout the state, in conjunction with WCASA's Regional Technical Assistance (TA) Model. The impetus behind making this change to the Legal Training was to provide a greater number of trainings to a wider

Very impressive!! Great – fabulous comprehensive information. I got a lot out of the entire experience. Necessary information every DV/SA advocate should have. So appreciate to have been a part of this experience. Thank you for making it possible! I'll take MUCH back with me!!

audience. This was in response to a 2009 survey of service providers, which indicated legal technical assistance and training were some of the most utilized services provided by WCASA. Holding trainings several times per year through-

out the state allowed more participants to attend. It also allowed programs and stakeholders that are facing increasing budget constraints impacting ability of staff to travel outside their region to access training more readily. Topics were determined by the TA Specialists in collaboration with the programs in their region and WCASA staff; they included: Mandatory Reporting, Expert Witness Law changes, and Overview of Wisconsin Sexual Assault Laws.

Law Enforcement Training Project

As a pacesetter in enhancing the quality of interactions with individuals who have been sexually assaulted, WCASA's multidisciplinary team provided over 25 training days to 1435 law enforcement officers, advocates, district attorneys, and other members of the criminal justice system. Trainers covered sexual assault dynamics, victim reactions, SART, and sensitive crime investigation techniques and strategies.

Northern Training

Each year our training reaches the far north in a collaborative effort with the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV) and American Indians Against Abuse (AIAA). In 2011, 53 advocates from sexual violence and domestic violence programs came together at the Bad River Lodge and Casino to learn about "Domestic Violence Advocacy and Working with Law Enforcement", "Art Therapy and Crafts", and "Tribal and Non-Tribal Outreach Strategies".

Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Schools (SAVAS)

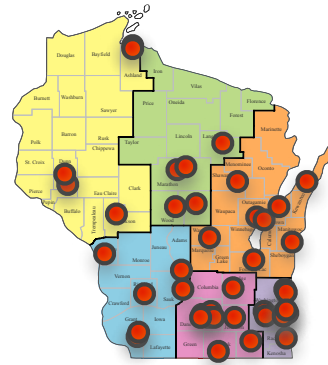
More than 90 novice and experienced sexual assault advocates shared their skills and built their knowledge at one of our two biannual, week-long advocacy schools. WCASA staff and other experts offered guidance on such vital topics as the dynamics of sexual violence, its impact on victims, supporting the healing process, facilitating support groups; conducting effective awareness and outreach; working with law enforcement; and engaging communities to work for change. In addition, 2011 marked the deepening of our partnership with UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence, allowing us to co-host our first SAVAS en Español for 25 spanish-speaking advocates!

Beneficial in that it renewed my passion for nursing – we can make a difference – refreshing that the focus is the patient versus the focus being reimbursement for the hospital.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training

More than 50 registered nurses attended WCASA's two five-day training seminars that addressed adult and adolescent survivors; the five-day pediatric/advanced seminar drew 17 participants. Together, these three seminars provided medical

personnel with training on interviewing children, mandatory reporting, pediatric physical findings related to trauma, strangulation and responding to domestic violence within sexual assault cases.



WCASA training across the state

PARTNERSHIPS & OUTREACH

Prevention

In 2011, WCASA moved forward in our prevention efforts with Kelly Moe Litke stepping into the Director of Prevention position. The Prevention Team managed the Rape Prevention Education (RPE) grant, a national program out of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Injury Prevention & Control Center in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. In a grant year which crossed November 2010 through October 2011, the

Prevention Team lead the way on RPE objectives encompassing tasks from the creation of an Español section of the WCASA website, to an agency-wide assessment and survey of SASP's done in conjunction with the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission (MHRC). This report included an additional Media Analysis, a review of newly implemented media tracking and newly created Media Kits for SASP's and members of statewide media. Staff also attended the annual National Sexual Assault Conference (NSAC) in Baltimore, Maryland (2011 theme: "Changing Our Communities; Changing Our World").

Survivors & Allies Task Force

In 2011 WCASA and our community partners took survivor support to the next level. The Survivors & Allies Task Force (SATF) held two meetings, besting last year's attendance and continuing to grow the group. The following meetings were held: May 14th in Wausau with 33 participants - including two teen survivors; October 22 in Fond du Lac with SASP partner ASTOP, which led a session for 14 teens concurrent with an art therapy session for 46 adult survivors and allies, for a total attendance of 60. In addition to being aware of

"It was great being a part of the team today and meeting new people and seeing the ones I've known for years."

multigenerational representation, the SATF continues to be intentional about having representation from women of color in the planning and execution of their activities.

"Keep up the good work, excited to see us grow from our 1st meeting, let's keep growing and adding workshops/meetings."

ENACTING LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

2011 was a challenging year for enacting legislative change. The year began with our budget advocacy efforts, which were focused on increasing and stabilizing funding for the Sexual Assault Victim Services (SAVS) program, which is the sole source of state funding for sexual assault victim services. WCASA engaged in extensive lobbying efforts around SAVS funding, however, the program was cut 10% in the budget that was enacted in the summer. Despite this, WCASA was successful in educating legislators about the work of Sexual Assault Service Providers (SASPs) across the state as well as the nature of how that work is funded. As a result, we not only laid the groundwork for our future budget advocacy efforts, but we also obtained legislative champions who will be instrumental in the future.

2011 Staff & Board

Unfortunately, further negative developments regarding SAVS occurred at the end of the year. In November, WCASA and SAVS grant recipients received news that funding in 2012 would be reduced even further. Due to additional cuts contained in the budget and declining surcharge revenue which funds the program, SAVS recipients learned their awards would be reduced by 42.5% in 2012. In response, WCASA engaged in a response that included raising media awareness as well as encouraging both members and non-members to contact their policy-makers. As a result of these efforts, the SAVS cuts received unprecedented media coverage across the state. During the last few days in December, we learned that SAVS would be exempted from the cuts attributed to the 2011-12 budget, which amounted to a restoration of about \$300,000 for 2012. While this was undoubtedly positive news, it still leaves SAVS grant recipients facing a nearly 28% reduction in their awards for 2012. This sets the stage for our advocacy efforts in 2012 and beyond, which include not only attempting to fully fund SAVS in 2012, but also to increase and stabilize the SAVS program for the future.

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2011 SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Advocates of Ozaukee
Ozaukee and Surrounding Counties

Association For the Prevention of Family Violence
Walworth

ASTOR, Inc.
Fond du Lac and Surrounding Counties

AVAIL, Inc.
Langlade and Marathon, Lincoln, Oneida, Menomonee, Shawano upon request

Bolton Refuge House, Inc.
Eau Claire, Jackson, Buffalo

Brighter Tomorrows
Monroe

CAP Services, Inc.
Portage, Waupaca, Waushara

CASDA
Douglas

Community Referral Agency
Burnett, Polk

Family Advocates–Sexual Assault Services
Grant, Iowa, Lafayette

Family Center, Inc.
Wood

Family Support Center
Chippewa, Eau Claire

Forest Co. Potawatomi Domestic Violence Shelter
Forest

Friends of Abused Families
Washington

Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, Inc.
Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau

HAVEN, Inc.
Lincoln

Hope House
Columbia, Sauk, Marquette, Juneau, Adams

LCO Oakwood Haven
Sawyer

Manitowoc Co. Domestic Violence Center
Manitowoc

Mayo Clinic Health System
La Crosse and surrounding counties

New Day Shelter
Ashland, Bayfield

New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Center
Trempealeau

Passages
Crawford, Juneau, Richland, Vernon, Grant, Sauk and Iowa

Pathfinders
Milwaukee

People Against a Violent Environment
Dodge, Jefferson

People Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse
Jefferson

Project RESPECT
Dane

Rape Crisis Center
Dane

REACH Counseling Services
Winnebago

Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County, Inc.
Sheboygan

Safe Haven
Shawano

Sexual Assault Center
Brown, Door, Oconto, Marinette

Sexual Assault Crisis Center–Fox Cities
Calumet, Outagamie

Sexual Assault Recovery Program
Rock, Green, Lafayette

Sexual Assault Services of LSS
Racine

Sexual Assault Treatment Center
Milwaukee

Stepping Stones, Inc.
Taylor

The Bridge to Hope
Dunn, Pepin

The Healing Center
Milwaukee

The Women's Center
Waukesha and surrounding Counties

The Women's Community
Marathon

Time-Out Family Abuse Shelter
Rusk, Washburn, Price

Tri-County Council on DV & SA
Forest, Oneida, Vilas

Turningpoint for Victims of DV & SV
Pierce, St.Croix

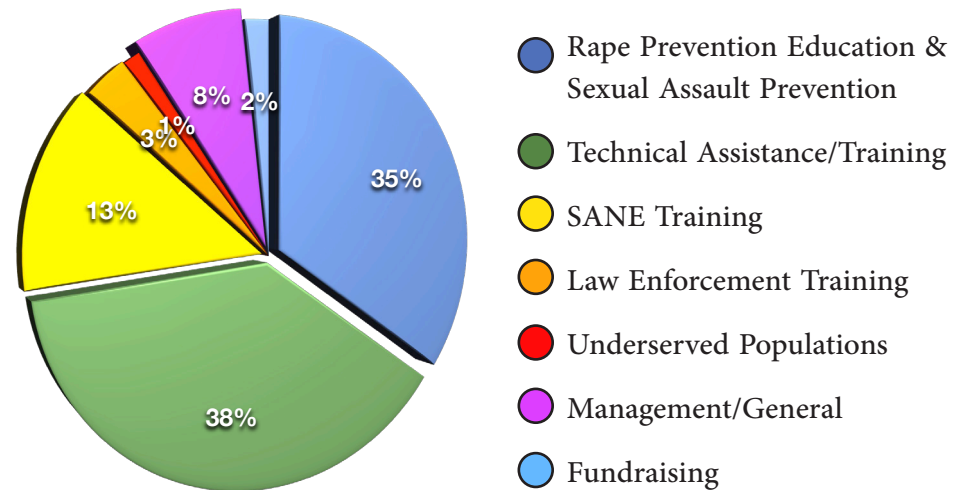
Violence Intervention Project
Kewaunee

Women & Children's Horizons
Kenosha

2011 Finances

Financial Statement

Prevention Education	\$589,423
Technical Assistance/Training	\$652,413
SANE Training	\$222,428
Law Enforcement Training	\$50,538
Disability Rights WI	\$20,447
Total Program Services	\$1,535,249
Management/General	\$131,692
Fundraising	\$30,356
Totals	\$1,697,297



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