The National Alliance for Safe Housing and the National Housing Law Project recently published a toolkit to educate advocates and other community service providers on "the basic [Federal] housing rights of survivors and provide information to help survivors get assistance accessing their housing rights." More specifically, this toolkit for non-legal advocates contains:

- An overview of the laws impacting survivors seeking housing
- Answers to common questions and responses to specific scenarios service providers may encounter when assisting survivors with housing
- Sample demand letters survivors and service providers can use in their advocacy efforts

Learn More!

REGISTER NOW!

Creating Meaningful Collaborations Among Mainstream and Culturally-specific Programs

August 12
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Although rates of violence vary from group to group, research indicates that beyond the
individual level, historically marginalized communities simultaneously experience multi-layered interpersonal and structural violence.

To work alongside and mobilize historically marginalized communities and partners, practitioners must find non-traditional methods of engagement. This webinar, hosted by the National Resource Center for Reaching Victims, is one of three webinars developed to help organizations understand the critical components of building effective and sustainable alliances.

Please note registration closes on August 5.

Register!

Wisconsin Serving Victims of Crime Conference

August 21 - 23
Wisconsin Dells

This conference, hosted by the National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College, brings multidisciplinary team members from around the state together to learn about best practice strategies on how to best serve and support victims of crime.

Please note there is a cost associated with this training, but a limited amount of financial assistance to cover lodging may be available for those who serve crime victims and are employed by a nonprofit organization in the state of Wisconsin. Awards are dependent on funding from the Department of Justice and based on financial need and justification.

Register!

Northeastern Regional Advocate Day of Training

August 28
Harbor House | Appleton

End Abuse invites advocates and community partners from every part of the state to join us for the Northeastern Regional Advocate Day of Training (RAD)!

In the workshop, Ann Laatsch from the National Clearinghouse on Abuse In Later Life (NCALL) will present on Abuse in Later Life with a focus on NE WI. Ann will address basic abuse in later life issues and provide information about NCALL as a resource.

In the afternoon, CJ Doxtater from End Abuse will facilitate a focused conversation on Trauma Informed Practices that are being used by attending domestic violence agencies. This includes assessment tools, policy updates, self-care techniques, and other tools and practices that agencies are using.

View Flyer!

Register!

SAVE THE DATE!
Western Regional Advocate Day of Training

September 6
Bolton Refuge House | Eau Claire

End Abuses invites advocates and community partners from every part of the state to join us for the Western Regional Advocate Day of Training (RAD)!

There are many ways that advocates can play a role in preventing domestic violence homicides in WI. In the morning workshop: What Does Homicide Prevention Look Like? we will review homicide risk factors, safety planning with victims in high danger, and strategies for proactively collaborating with community partners to identify victims at the greatest risk and connect them with help. Representatives from Menomonie Police Department and The Bridge to Hope will walk through processes they’ve formalized to prevent DV homicides in their community.

Many of us have worked to understand the needs of LGBTQ+ survivors of violence, and to make our programs welcoming and responsive. So why aren’t we serving more LGBTQ+ people? In the afternoon workshop, LGBTQ+ Inclusivity: Challenges & Strategies, we will look at some of the social determinants of health that can drive vulnerability to violence and keep LGBTQ+ populations from accessing services, along with strategies for overcoming these barriers.

Create a Process for Change for Men Who Batter

September 17-19
Duluth, MN

The curriculum Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter was developed using the Duluth Model method of organizing a coordinated community response to domestic violence. The men’s program is just one intervention that works in concert with all other interventions in the community and within the criminal justice system.

The training is perfect for anyone who is:

- Starting a batterer intervention program
- New to men’s non-violence group facilitation
- Looking to sharpen their facilitation skills and deepen their insight.

We strongly encourage anyone who is using early versions of the curriculum or parts or adaptations of more-recent versions to join us. Learning about the curriculum in this context should both deepen your understanding of the curriculum and how best to use it in a social change framework. This training is hosted by Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP) in Duluth.

Please note there is a cost associated with this training.
The Wisconsin Victim Assistance Academy provides victim advocates, counselors, attorneys, and law enforcement with basic knowledge, skills, and legal approaches for best serving victims of crime. Gain insights into victims’ rights as well as the trauma that victims are experiencing. The academy is highly recommended for those who are new to victim services (0-5 years of experience).

Please note there is a cost associated with this training.

Note on financial assistance: "A limited amount of financial assistance to cover lodging may be available for Wisconsin-based service providers who serve crime victims AND are employed by a nonprofit organization. After you register, please provide a current resume, letter of support, and a signed supervisor support form (found in resources tab) to Rachel Staedt at staedt@fvtc.edu. This Academy is supported by the Victims of Crime Act funds awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime."

WEBINARS

Working Hard for the Money: Survivors and the Gig Economy

August 13
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

The gig economy is growing, and survivors may interested in it as a way to increase economic stability. Safety Net is excited to announce a webinar focused on technology safety and economic empowerment considerations to help advocates work with survivors to answer: "Is the gig economy good for me?" "Can I participate safely?" "If so, what platform?"

Co-presented by staff from NNEDV’s Safety Net and Economic Justice teams, this webinar is great for people new to the term, “Gig Economy,” and for people already active in it.

Register!

Building Cross Cultural/Multi-disciplinary Partnerships

August 19
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

Although rates of violence vary from group to group, research indicates that beyond the individual level, historically marginalized communities simultaneously experience multi-layered interpersonal and structural violence.

To work alongside and mobilize historically marginalized communities and partners, practitioners must find non-traditional methods of engagement. This webinar, hosted by
the National Resource Center for Reaching Victims and presented by Women of Color, Inc., is one of three webinars developed to help organizations understand the critical components of building effective and sustainable alliances.

Please note registration closes on August 12.

Register!

From Classroom to Dorm Room: Serving Survivors with Disabilities on Campus

August 20
1:00pm - 2:30pm CST

In a recent study, 31.6% of undergraduate females with disabilities reported nonconsensual sexual contact compared to 18.4% of undergraduate females without a disability. Despite this increased likelihood of sexual assault on campus, survivors with disabilities continue to be underserved by programs designed to serve student survivors. This webinar, hosted by the Vera Center on Victimization + Safety, will provide an overview on the barriers that student survivors with disabilities face in seeking out and receiving services on campus as well as solutions that educational institutions can implement to address those barriers and ensure that they are equipped to meet the needs of all student who experience sexual assault.

Register!

Empowering Children in Shelter: Woksape Un Kpazo Pi (We are showing it through wisdom)

August 21
2:00pm - 3:30pm CST

The Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains developed a culturally specific curriculum for advocates to use in shelter when working with children. This webinar, hosted by the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, will introduce the curriculum which uses culturally relevant skills and knowledge with a focus on safety, self-esteem and family empowerment. The skills introduced come from a place of values that not only help the child develop a safety plan but include the parent in the development and implementation of the plan. The activities identified are meant to be an easy tool for shelter staff to use and are cost effective. The idea is to help the mom as well as the child to create a life without violence and identify resources that will help and support them.

Register!

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