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www.wiwomensnetwork.org

→ Events from Our Members

August 13-14

Strengthening the Revolution: Mobilizing Men, Educating Allies and Honoring the Voice of Advocates, Appleton

WCADV and WCASA are proud to jointly host their 13th Annual Leadership Institute for Communities of Color Working to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. For more info: Valerie Nash, 608-255-0539.

August 22

"Feministic Stimulus" Moving Wisconsin Forward - WI NOW State Conference 2009, Madison

10:00 AM-2:30 PM, Goodman Community Center. Cost: \$10. To register and for more information: [WI NOW](#).

[For a complete events calendar, click here.](#)

→ News

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

Women Speak Out for Health Care Reform

A group of Milwaukee area women say the current health care system has failed them. They spoke out Wednesday night at an event designed to highlight the need for health care reform. The speak out was sponsored by WWN member [Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health](#).

Sex Education Amendment Passes in House Committee

The US House Energy and Commerce Committee approved legislation to support comprehensive sex education, adding the Healthy Teen Initiative amendment to the proposed health care reform bill, Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009. The amendment is intended to expand on the more limited teen pregnancy initiative outlined in President Obama's first budget request.

Report: Defending Human Rights: Abortion Providers Under Siege

From the Center for Reproductive Rights, a report on the culture of harassment and intimidation faced by abortion providers in the United States.

Action: Anti-Choice Forces Hijacking Health Care Reform

WWN is on Facebook!

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Anti-choice groups are trying to hijack health care reform, jeopardizing women's health for their own political agenda. And this time, the misinformation they spread could result in taking away existing benefits from women and denying them access to the trusted providers of their choice. The bottom line: women's reproductive health care must be a priority, and that means women must not be worse off under health care reform. Reproductive health care must be covered and women must be able to access that care through providers they trust.

LGBT Rights

[Amendments Threaten Passage of Hate Crimes Act](#)

The US Senate passed several controversial amendments to the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act yesterday. Three amendments introduced by Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) were backed by many Republicans who oppose the expansion of hate crime protections, according to The Hill. The most contentious amendment, SA 1615, authorizes use of the death penalty in some fatal hate crimes.

[Pride House Planned for 2010 Olympics in Vancouver](#)

Every Olympics includes temporary, carefully designed places for athletes and officials from various countries to socialize - a U.S.A. House, a Canadian Pavilion, a Russia House and so on. Holland House, sponsored by Heineken, is often the biggest and boldest. Pride House is believed to be the first such house for gay and lesbian athletes and their friends and families.

[Report: GLAAD Network Responsibility Index](#)

The third annual GLAAD Network Responsibility Index is an evaluation of the quantity, quality and diversity of images of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people on television. It is intended to serve as a road map toward increasing fair, accurate and inclusive LGBT media representations. Primetime programming on the five broadcast networks (ABC, CBS, The CW, Fox and NBC) was evaluated as well as 10 highly-rated cable networks (A&E, FX, HBO, Lifetime, MTV, Sci Fi, Showtime, TBS, TNT and USA). Based on the analysis, a grade was assigned to each network: Excellent, Good, Adequate, or Failing.

Women and Democracy

[Opinion: Our Children are Watching](#)

The knowledge we are imparting to girls is this: you may work really hard and make it to the top of your class. You may get distinguished degrees from Princeton and Yale, have a successful career, and even be hand-picked by the President of the United States for the highest court in the land. Yet people on TV will call you "domineering" because you're an outspoken woman. They will bring up your menstruation and call it "really bad" for the decisions you make. If you're a woman of color, they may even joke about sending you vacuum cleaners to clean up after meetings. At the

very least, you will be asked to cut off the parts of yourself that reflect your race or gender in exchange for a seat at the tables of power.

[Obama Supreme Court pick Sotomayor clears panel](#)

President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed by the Senate Judiciary committee on Tuesday, all but ensuring she will become the first Hispanic justice on the U.S. high court. The panel voted 13 to 6 to confirm Sotomayor even though several committee members complained the approval process prevented her from stating her true views on controversial issues.

Economic Equity

[Opinion: Pay Equity in the Obama White House](#)

The White House recently released its Annual Report To Congress On White House Office Staff, a fascinating list of the 487 employees who work in the West Wing. The men's mean average salary was \$84,728.37, while the women's mean average salary was \$78,816.99. This means that in the Obama White House women make \$0.93 for every \$1 men make, much higher than the national average.

International Women

[Iranian Women's Rights Activist Beaten and Arrested](#)

Iranian women's rights activist, lawyer and journalist Shadi Sadr was beaten and arrested by plainclothes police officers last week as the government continues to crack down on dissidents. Sadr was subsequently detained in Ward 209 of Tehran's Evin prison, the same ward where human rights activist Shiva Nazar Ahari, who was arrested June 14 and for whom Sadr was acting as a defense lawyer, is believed to be detained.

[War Complicates U.S. Aid Efforts for Afghan Women](#)

A U.S. effort on behalf of women in Afghanistan is gearing up, but it comes in tandem with a controversial escalation of the war that some women's rights activists consider a greater threat.

[UN committee discusses new forms of discrimination against women](#)

The United Nations committee which monitors compliance with the international convention on eliminating discrimination against women is 30 years old this year, but as it meets this week at UN Headquarters in New York, it is considering some very modern problems. "We're asking countries about the impact of the financial crisis on their basic social services, including women's salaries and women's unemployment," says the chair of the committee, Naela Mohammed Gabr, in an interview with UN News Centre. She adds that committee is also considering the "scourge" of trafficking in women, and the impact on women of diseases including outbreaks of influenza.

[1 Plus 1: Shanghai Tweaks Child Rules](#)

Thirty years after China began enforcing a one-child policy, this city is actively encouraging young couples to have a second child. City officials are planning to visit homes, slip leaflets under doors and offer emotional counseling and financial incentives. The world's most populous country, it seems, wants to be a little bigger.

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Job Openings

Posted: 7/23/09

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Position: Therapist

Description: Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) preferred, but will consider candidates who need supervised hours. Certification in AODA or SAC desired. Provide individual and group services including assessments, education, treatment planning, case review and follow up. Qualified candidates will be highly motivated and self-directed, have excellent oral and written communications skills and good organizational skills. Experience working with survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse from diverse backgrounds. Bilingual (English-Spanish) preferred.

To apply: Send letter of application, current resume and a one-page description of your understanding of domestic and sexual violence to: Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Posted: 7/23/09

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Position: Domestic Violence Advocate

Description: The Domestic Violence Advocate provides direct client services to increase safety, explore options and resources, and encourage self-sufficiency among program participants. The DV advocate provides community awareness and education on issues pertinent to domestic and sexual violence. This position provides shelter coverage and participates in the on-call rotation every 4-6 weeks. A combination of education, knowledge, skills and abilities equivalent to bachelor's degree and one year of professionally supervised experience providing direct services to individuals and families. Bilingual (English-Spanish) preferred.

To apply: Send letter of application, current resume and a one-page description of your understanding of domestic and sexual violence to: Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Posted: 7/17/09

Org: Wisconsin Community Fund

Location: Madison

Position: Project Coordinator

For more information and to apply: [click here](#)

Deadline: 8/10/09

Volunteer Opportunities

Posted: 7/1/09

Org: Independent Living

Activity: Independent Living, Inc. is looking for volunteers to help keep seniors and people with disabilities independent and in the home of their choice. We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Opportunities include:

Chore Corps: Help an older or disabled adult with running errands, grocery shopping, meal preparation or light housekeeping. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

Evening Meals on Wheels: Deliver hot, nutritious meals to the home of frail or homebound older adults or people with disabilities. Routes start between 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and generally take about an hour to complete. Delivering meals make a great group or family activity.

Friendly Visiting: Help prevent social isolation by offering weekly companionship to an older adult in their home or on an outing. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

Kitchen Volunteers: Assist our professional chef in preparing and packaging meals for our Evening Meals on Wheels clients.

Reception Volunteer: Assist with answering the telephone, greeting visitors and general office projects. 3-4 hours per week. Shifts are available at the Independent Living Headquarters, 815 Forward Drive, or The Gardens, 602 N. Segoe Road, both in Madison.

Telephone Reassurance: Make daily calls to provide a safety check, medication reminder or companionship for an older adult in our community.

For more info: [Amanda Purington](#), Volunteer Services Program Manager at 608-274-7900

Posted: 6/17/09

Org: Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

Activity: research and survey design, writing and editing, community outreach, event-planning, mentoring, policy advocacy, and more

Location: various (in Madison)

When: opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons; very flexible scheduling

Description: Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization with several exciting summer initiatives: the creation of a Platform for Action and related policy advocacy on several key social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women, including community-based research on issues like sexual violence and sexual harassment, reproductive health, education, mental health, and more; the creation of a resource guide for young women interested in taking action locally to affect change; the development of an interactive website connecting girls interested in discussing and taking action on local issues; and the development of a workshop series to empower girls as social

change agents.

More info/sign up: Email madisonsos@yahoo.com

For Equality,

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