

Welcome to Take Back the Night 2008!

A place free from sexual assault and domestic abuse. We invite you to become part of the solution, part of the end to violence in our communities. Here is a place to take a stand, a place to break the silence. Here we can Take Back the Night!

Some basic definitions:

- **Sexual Assault is any unwanted** touching, fondling, groping of sexual body parts or penetration (oral, digital, vaginal, anal).
- **Dating and Domestic Violence** can be emotional, verbal, physical or psychological.

Facts about Sexual Violence:

- **89% of total sexual assault victims** are female, 11% are male.
- **88.9%** of all sexual assaults **are perpetrated by someone know to the victim.**
- **58% of all assaults take place** in either the victim's or the offender's home.
- **77% of all sexual assault victims are juveniles.** Over 70% of all victims were 15 years old or younger.
- **75% of sexual offenders** report using alcohol to facilitate sexual assault. Often waiting for victim to become intoxicated.
- **Female college freshman** are at the highest risk for sexual assault between the first day of school and Thanksgiving break.
- **Only 5% of undergraduate women** reported their sexual assault to police.
- **1/4 of all college-age rape victims** blame themselves entirely for the attack.

For Help Call:

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services 235-5998

2006 REACH Counseling Services 426-1460

UWO Victim Advocate 424-3127

Facts about Dating or Domestic Violence:

- About **one in three high school students** have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship.
- **40 % of teenage girls ages 14 to 17** say they know someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.
- Approximately **1.5 million women are physically assaulted** by an intimate partner annually in the United States.
- **3 million children** in the United States are exposed to domestic violence in their homes.
- Approximately **90% - 95% of domestic violence victims** are women.
- There were **40 domestic homicides in 19 counties in Wisconsin** in 2006. The youngest victim was under one year old; the oldest was 85.
- **Victims were most often females** killed in their residence by a family member using a firearm or a knife.
- **25,531 domestic abuse incidents** were reported in 2006.
- In 2006 Winnebago County with a population of 160,593 reported **976 domestic violence incidents** with 96% of incidents ending in arrest.

How YOU can Stop the Violence:

- **Don't be a Bystander** to violence.
- **Believe** the victim.
- **Listen to the victim** and let them know you care.
- **Support** the victim and connect them with community resources (medical, emotional, legal).

References:

Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services:

Domestic Abuse Incident Report (DAIR)

www.acadv.org/dating.html

www.wcasa.org