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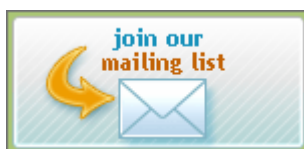
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Be sure to visit our new and improved website:

[www.wiwomensnetwork.org](http://www.wiwomensnetwork.org)

## → Events from Our Members

### August 12

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Monthly Meeting, Madison**

7:00 PM, usually at the South Police Station on Hughes Place. For more info: [Mary Sanderson](#).

### 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 16

**Pride Parade, Madison**

1:00 PM, circling the Capitol, starting at Café Montmartre and ending at the corner of Pinckney St. and East Washington Avenue. The parade will be followed by a community picnic celebration at Willow Island at the Alliant Energy Center from 2 - 7 pm. All welcome to join the celebration of gay rights and human rights. Family friendly activities and performances by local groups and organizations will be the focus of the day's events. Admission on Sunday will be free, however Wisconsin Capital Pride will be asking for donations. For more info: [Wisconsin Capitol Pride](#).

### 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

[House Zeros out Existing Abstinence-Only Funding; Invests in Evidence-Based Prevention Efforts](#)

On Friday, July 24, 2009, the House of Representatives passed the

## WWN is on Facebook!

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Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (FY10 Labor-HHS) appropriations bill.

Appropriations Committee Chair Congressman David Obey (D-WI) took the spending bill, which funds the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, in different directions than he has in the past, investing in evidence-based prevention efforts, shepherding in the elimination of abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, and lifting of the ban on needle exchange funding.

### [Embryo Rights Laws Go Viral in Mexico](#)

In a backlash to Mexico City's move to decriminalize abortion two years ago, states across Mexico have been rewriting their constitutions to grant embryos legal rights. So far 13 states out of 32 have approved the changes and six are debating it.

## Women Veterans

### [Female Veterans Fight for Healthcare](#)

Nearly 8 percent of the veteran population is female. But the Department of Veterans Affairs' health system was designed for a male military, and it shows. A Government Accountability Office report released in July found that two of 19 facilities audited did not offer even basic gender-specific services like cervical cancer screenings, and none fully complied with the VA's policy on privacy for female veterans.

## Economic Equity

### [Report: Improving Employment and Economic Security for Pregnant Women and New Mothers](#)

Workplace policies affecting work and family balance are out of touch with the reality of modern family life in the United States. Worker benefits-including paid leave and health care-are modeled on a traditional two-parent household in which one parent works a single 9 to 5 job while the other manages household and childcare responsibilities. People who do not conform to this model are often left out in the cold. Part-time workers, for example, often have little or no access to benefits, including unemployment insurance when they lose their jobs.

## Violence Against Women

### [Fitchburg Man Convicted In Wife's Murder](#)

Julio Marin-Garcia was found guilty of first-degree intentional homicide for the brutal murder of his wife Oct. 17, 2007, in the apartment they shared in Fitchburg, by a jury which rejected a defense claim that Marin-Garcia was acting in the heat of passion when he realized his eight-year marriage was coming to an end.

### [New Policy Permits Asylum for Battered Women](#)

The Obama administration has opened the way for foreign women who are victims of severe domestic beatings and sexual abuse to receive asylum in the United States. The action reverses a Bush

administration stance in a protracted and passionate legal battle over the possibilities for battered women to become refugees.

### International Women

#### [Pushed to Return to Rwanda, Women Farmers Uprooted](#)

In Uganda's U.N.-run camps for Rwandan refugees, the July 31 repatriation deadline is causing particular hardships for women. For one thing, it has disrupted many families' growing season. The last of three stories on repatriation turmoil.



## Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

### 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.

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### 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:** [Teri Barr](#), 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](mailto:madisonsos@yahoo.com)

**For Equality,**

Johanna Hatch, Administrator  
Wisconsin Women's Network

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