

Voices Against Sexual Assault



MONTHLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2010

VOICES: Events Recap and Schedule

Did you know that as many as 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually abused by the time they reach adulthood?

On October 20th, VOICES members spoke in a WMU sociology class about childhood sexual abuse. Panel members included VOICES co-chairs Sherry Brockway and Vicki Vanas, and members Regina Badger, Maria Newhouse and Mimi Otto.

Panelists at the event gave students a brief overview of their involvement in working with childhood sexual abuse, including personal stories and experiences, and took questions from the class.

This valuable opportunity provided students with a unique opportunity to talk with victim advocates, therapists and members of the criminal justice system.

This event represents VOICES second panel discussion at WMU—and we look forward to conducting more!

Did you know that 1 in 4 college women will experience sexual assault?

Voices Against Sexual Assault is proud to be raising awareness in the Kalamazoo area! Our next event is on Wednesday, November 10th when we are scheduled to attend the WMU Health and Wellness Expo!

This event, and others like it, provide VOICES with a valuable connection to provide education in our community. This also provides people with a valuable chance to become VOICES against sexual assault!

At this event, VOICES will provide students with the opportunity to sign our 2010 Pledge Against Sexual Assault. The more signatures we collect, the more VOICES in this community will stand against sexual assault!

Please email info@voicesasa.org with event suggestions!

VOICES Is Growing! Welcome New Members!

Voices Against Sexual Assault would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members! Our last Planning Committee meeting in October saw two new members join our ranks as VOICES against sexual assault in Kalamazoo County!

There are lots of ways for members to get involved with VOICES! Attending Planning Committee meetings on the first Thursday of the month (please see the changed date for November) is just one of these ways!

VOICES always needs male and female volunteers who are willing to sit on panels, help work booths at events and spread the word about our events. If you think you would like to become more involved, please let us know!

If you know someone who would make a good VOICE against sexual assault, please pass our information along to them!

In November, VOICES will be electing new officers to serve in the coming fiscal year! If you are a new member and are interested in serving as a co-chair or secretary of VOICES, please be sure to attend our upcoming meeting!

VOICES could not operate and provide services to those in need in Kalamazoo County without the support of our members and MPRI. As we move into a new fiscal year, we would like to take a moment to recognize those contributions! **Thank you to everyone who makes our work possible!**

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 11th @ 2:00
YWCA Kalamazoo

VOICES meets regularly at the YWCA of Kalamazoo on the FIRST Thursday of the month at 2PM. Please RSVP to info@voicesasa.org to join us!

