



WISCONSIN COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

Announcing the 2016 Voices of Courage Awards Ceremony & Luncheon at Training Institute, Kalahari Resort, 9/9/16

May 9, 2016 — Madison — On June 9, 2016, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) will recognize the 2016 Voices of Courage awardees at a luncheon at the Kalahari Resort (12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Wisconsin Dells, [register here](#)) as part of the [WCASA Training Institute](#). The Institute is a multidisciplinary conference covering an array of topics for professionals committed to addressing sexual assault.

“WCASA’s annual Voices of Courage Awards highlight the leadership of amazing people across Wisconsin in the movement to end sexual violence,” stated Pennie Meyers, executive director of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “We are excited that this year WCASA is able to recognize these distinguished awardees at our statewide Training Institute.”

Sexual violence is pervasive in Wisconsin. The most recent National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey found that 41.3% of women and 23.7% of men in Wisconsin experience sexual violence during their lives.

The 2016 Voices of Courage Awardees:

- **Lifetime Achievement:** Lt. Faye Schouten (retired), UW-Whitewater PD; Linda Selk-Yerges, executive director (retired), ASTOP
- **Courage:** Callen Harty, survivor, activist, author, playwright
- **Criminal Justice:** Jill Karofsky, executive director, Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services
- **Health & Human Services:** Catina Cole, MPower Theater, UW-Milwaukee Women's Resource Center
- **Policy:** Jason Mugnaini, chief of staff for State Senator Robert Cowles
- **Prevention:** Maria Schirmer, director of education and outreach, Rape Crisis Center
- **Victim/Survivor Advocacy:** Paula Schoenberg, sexual assault services coordinator, Family Advocates, Inc.

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The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA, www.wcasa.org) is a membership agency comprised of organizations and individuals working to end sexual violence in Wisconsin. Among these are the 51 sexual assault service provider agencies throughout the state that offer support, advocacy and information to survivors of sexual assault and their families. WCASA works to ensure that every survivor in Wisconsin gets the support and care they need. WCASA also works to create the social change necessary to ensure a future where no child, woman or man is ever sexually violated again.