



Membership Survey Result Summary 2016

As a Coalition and membership organization, WCSAP strives to:

- Provide current and applicable information and resources
- Respond in a timely and appropriate way to requests
- Offer opportunities for training and participation in statewide efforts
- Represent victim voices at the state and national level through committee participation and policy work

The membership survey offered members the opportunity to share how WCSAP is doing, what programs would like to see offered in trainings and activities, and ideas for future directions. We use feedback from the survey, training evaluations, and other member conversations to help guide our work for the next several years.

Respondents

- 75 people took the survey
- Mix of programs and individuals from around the state, in a variety of roles at their organizations, majority working in rural programs
- 54% working in the field for longer than 5 years

Technical Assistance

67% of respondents have contacted WCSAP for assistance at least once in the last year. 1/3 of respondents contacted WCSAP 3 or more times in the last year.

Those who contacted WCSAP for assistance in the past year:

- 98% agreed that the assistance they received was accurate and useful, 96% said the assistance provided manageable tools and resources, 92% said assistance was timely.
- Prefer to receive information and assistance through trainings, phone and email and peer-to-peer learning opportunities.
- Used the information to update policies and practices, enhance and/or develop services, provide training, respond to survivor needs, and provide resources.

Those who didn't contact WCSAP for assistance in the past year:

- Would be motivated to do so if they were more familiar with WCSAP's resources, couldn't get the information locally or on the WCSAP website or had legal advocacy-related questions.

Topic Areas

We asked survey respondents to share training topics that they want WCSAP to prioritize in future training.

There was a broad range of topics shared, below are topics that came up several times. Training on:

- providing services to underserved and diverse communities
- prevention programming
- advocacy services specifically for male, immigrant, elderly, younger children, and adolescents survivors
- advanced training such as neurobiology of trauma, vicarious trauma, resiliency, PREA, mental health needs
- Outreach and awareness strategies
- Support group facilitation and implementation
- Mandated reporting
- Advanced crisis response

Support needed from WCSAP on addressing intersections between sexual violence and oppression:

- Informational brochures, talking points, examples
- Trainings: developed ones that programs can use in the community, train the trainers and advanced trainings
- Continue to offer meaningful opportunities to keep learning about these intersections
- Understanding privilege
- Bilingual/bicultural supports and accommodations
- Updated information and research

Anti-racist work and sexual violence

57% of respondents said they feel comfortable explaining the intersections between racism and sexual violence. 32% of respondents said they can but feel uncomfortable and could use some assistance.

Practical tools that can help advance conversations about anti-racism work:

- Developmentally appropriate tools
- How to bring conversations into the community
- Talking points, research and trainings
- Peer-peer conversations
- Understanding microaggressions
- Addressing anti-racism in rural communities.

Things respondents like about WCSAP Membership:

- Access to staff for technical assistance
- Free trainings
- Printed publications and lending library
- SAAM Materials
- Legislative and policy advocacy

Services Provided by WCSAP

99% of survey respondents were satisfied with services provided by WCSAP.

Things WCSAP does well: publications, updated information and resources, leadership on state issues, listens and helps, responsiveness to requests, trainings, lobbying, financial assistance for trainings.

Things WCSAP could improve on: advanced trainings, coordinate trainings with other coalitions, more information and trainings for bilingual advocates, navigating legal advice, handouts for survivors, helping programs engage in new ways to talk about oppression and sexual violence, and pre-made curricula.

Top priorities for Programs for the coming year:

Increased prevention programming, increased awareness and education about sexual violence, engaging youth, increased outreach to Spanish-speaking community, Native American community and male survivors, and SANE services.

Top priorities for the Coalition for the coming year:

Continuing to support programs on addressing intersections and inequalities, passing SAPO bill, continued PREA and disability work, continue providing training all over the state, diversification of resources and handouts for advocates to use in community, prevention programming for school-aged children, racial justice, trans rights and anti-oppression, SANE.