



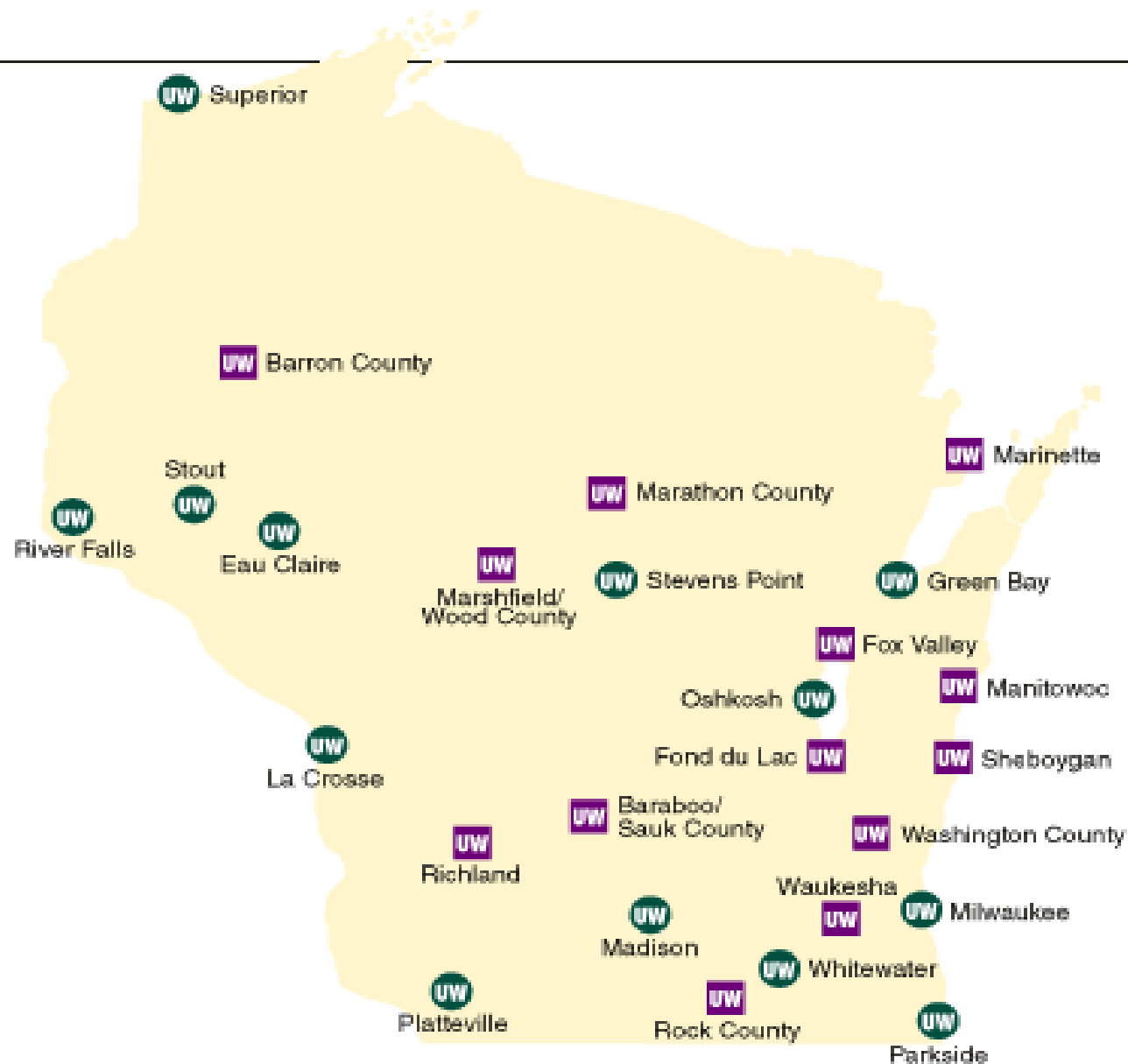
# Sexual Violence Prevention in the UW System

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# By the Numbers

- Federal estimates are that one in 4 women will be raped in their lifetime
- One in 13 Wisconsin women report being raped to law enforcement
- One in 20 women on Wisconsin campuses report being raped to law enforcement

# By the Numbers (cont.)

- 96,528 women age 15-24 in the state
- 23,597 women enrolled on campus
- Epidemic

# FORWARD Wisconsin

Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention Plan seeks to provide systems infrastructure to encourage and support a range of activities to change current environments that support sexual violence.

# Guidance Document

- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and UW System to collaborate on the development
- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Clarify challenges
- Outline collaborative practices

# Campus

“Faculty, staff, administrators, and students must play key roles in the creation of a campus culture that reflects civility, honor, respect, and nonviolence.”

- ACHA Guidelines, Position Statement on Preventing Sexual Violence on College and University campuses (April, 2007)

# Comprehensive Training

- Recognize behaviors
- Immediate response
- Disclosure response
- Services and consequences
- Violence as a determinant of health and academic success.



# Board of Regents, 1894

“Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere we believe that the great state University of Wisconsin should ever encourage that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found”.

# Reporting

- UW System Administration annually solicits and aggregates institutional reports
- The culminating *UW System Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment* is shared with BOR and the legislature
- The statistical report is forwarded to the Office of Justice Assistance

# Data and Narrative

- All assaults reported to University officials
- Includes 5 geographic locations
- Institutional narratives detail methods of compliance with 36.11(22), as well current sexual assault prevention/awareness initiatives

# Collaboration

- Department of Health Services (w/ CDC)-  
WI Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Plan
- Office of Justice Assistance-  
Human Trafficking Committee
- WI Coalition Against Sexual Assault-grants and  
conference co-sponsorship

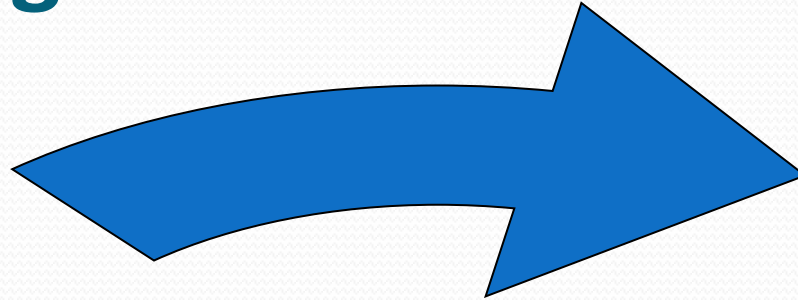
# Campus life

- What does sexual assault look like at a UW Campus (UW-Madison)?
- What is prevention and what works?
- What are we doing?
- What do campuses need?

# Addressing Sexual Assault

## Prevention Education

Before violence happens

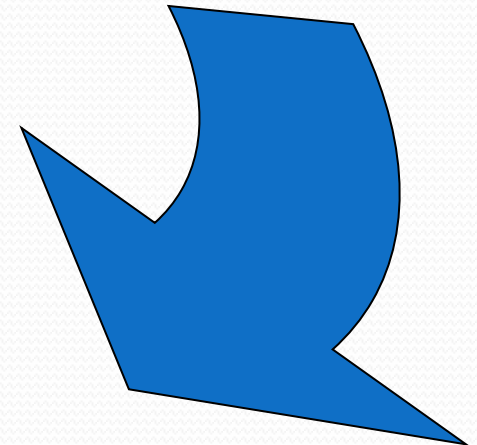
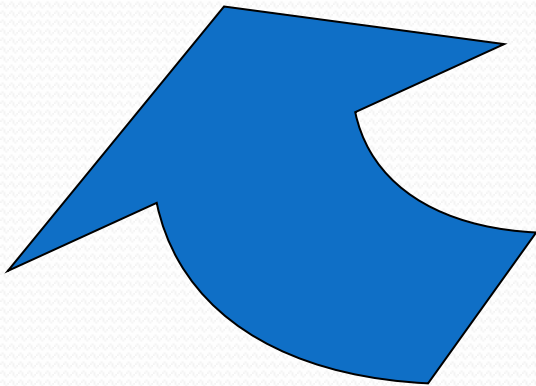


## Victim Services

Address victim safety,  
emotional, physical, and/or legal needs

## Perpetrator Accountability

Perpetrating violence has consequences



# Sexual Assault on a UW Campus

- Prevention of perpetration; support for victims
- Intersection of dating violence and stalking
  - Serial rapists using stalking
  - 60% of campus assaults by dating partner

# Sexual Assault on a UW Campus (cont.)

- Women experience more SA/DV victimization between the ages of 16-24 than at any other time
- College SA victims have low rates of reporting to law enforcement (1 in 20)



# Prevention—What We Know

Common first year student misconceptions:

- that force has to be used in sexual assault
- that it has to be a stranger or it's not rape
- cannot define sexual assault
- what constitutes consent
- if both are drinking, no one is responsible

Alcohol as primary “date rape” drug

# Survey of 2,100 UW-Madison Students (2009)

- 94% said you *can* get consent from someone who has been drinking
- Students *do not* equate drinking with being intoxicated
- 83% indicated you *can* tell when someone is too intoxicated to give consent; what about the other 17%?

# What are we doing?

- Training law enforcement officers and judicial officers to hold perpetrators accountable
- First Year Education/Orientation
- Service learning courses
- Social marketing
- Increasing likelihood victims will seek and receive help

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CONSENT ISN'T BLURRY.  
ASK FOR CONSENT EVERY TIME.





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- Magnets and wallet cards
- Rape Crisis Center
- DV shelter
- Police
  
- Other services via website link

# Recent Media Coverage

- News stories about how schools are ‘covering up’ knowledge of assaults
  - Make policies accessible and understandable by students, faculty, staff
  - Expand prevention efforts to incorporate perpetrator accountability
  - More reports do not stop rape
  - Victims are entitled to their experiences



# What do campuses need?

- Clear guidance to address the nexus between UW system/state and federal reporting requirements
- Changing perceptions: stranger assaults and alcohol facilitated sexual assault
- Collaborating with communities and sexual assault service providers



# Thank You

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