

# **ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center**

## ***Impact on the Community***

### **ASSIST SURVIVORS**

Since 1992, 586 victims of sexual violence have presented themselves in the Emergency Department of St. Agnes Hospital where, in collaboration with Agnesian HealthCare, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) gathers forensic evidence and completes an examination for injuries. In 2013 twenty individuals reported directly to the Fond du Lac city police station. In either situation, one of ASTOP's trained advocates accompanies these individuals and acts as a support person for the survivors and their family members. ASTOP's client advocate then assists the victim as their cases move through the legal system and makes referrals to other resources as necessary. Since 1992 our Client Advocate/Volunteer Coordinator has served 1057 clients in this capacity.

### **TREATMENT**

Since April 6, 1992, ASTOP's counselors have provided cost-free counseling to over 3,541 clients dealing with issues of sexual violence. Seventy percent of these clients are at or below the poverty level. Fifteen percent of these individuals are elementary age; ten percent are teens; nine percent are clients with developmental disabilities and the remaining are adult males and females. Twenty-one percent of the adults are affected family members. Education groups are provided for women in correctional residential treatment, females who are in recovery for substance abuse and males and females who are patients on the Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit of St. Agnes Hospital. Adult, teen, and non-offending parent therapy groups are also offered.

ASTOP provides a second location on a part-time basis in Ripon, Wisconsin. Individual and family sessions are held at the Ripon Medical Center. The Ripon office makes it possible for ASTOP to offer services to a larger geographic area. Special funding was also received to establish a satellite office offering full-time client advocacy in the un-served county of Green Lake. In 2013 our client advocate provided advocacy to 31 clients. Three individuals presented to Berlin Hospital and eight individuals presented at the Green Lake and Berlin police stations.

### **OUTREACH**

Since July 6, 1992, ASTOP has received over 3,104 calls on its 24-hour crisis line. ASTOP's trained volunteers give 25 to 30 hours per month. Their role is to provide medical & law enforcement advocacy and answer any crisis calls.

### **PREVENTION**

Since August 1991, ASTOP has taught prevention education to over 93,998 children, adolescents, adults, and professionals using the Protective Behavior's curriculum. The program teaches specific strategies to help them confidently address personal safety issues.

### **ASTOP, Inc.**

A not-for-profit organization, ASTOP recognizes and is thankful for our individual and corporate supporters and for collaborative community involvement. St. Agnes Hospital continues to support ASTOP by donating office space because they believe in our mission of working toward creating a safer environment from sexual violence. ASTOP is proud to be a member of the Fond du Lac Area United Way and Ripon United Way.