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**Women of Color
Advisory
Network**

**Working to
Educate, Empower,
and Build
Sisterhood
in the Movement to
Prevent
Sexual Violence
Against Women**

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault



The Women of Color Advisory Network provides information and resources on issues of sexual and interpersonal violence to communities of color.

SERVICES:

• **Statewide Directory:**

Statewide directory of women and community based organizations who are available to provide resources and support to sexual assault centers and/or survivors in areas such as health care, counseling, and victim services.



• **Annual Different Colors of Violence Youth Conference:**

Statewide youth conference held in Des Moines to educate teens of color on issues of sexual assault and violence prevention.

• **Information & TA:**

Information and technical assistance is available to statewide sexual assault centers, community organizations, clergy, and others upon request.

HISTORY:

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault’s Women of Color Advisory Network (WOCAN) is a statewide network of women from various professional backgrounds working to bring awareness to the specific needs of survivors who are persons of color. It is also our priority to coordinate violence prevention efforts to adults and teens throughout the state.

The WOCAN began in 1999 as a response to the lack of culturally appropriate sexual assault services and care for persons of color.

Survivors of sexual assault need support, timely and accurate information, financial resources and counseling to address the effect of the assault. For persons of color, persons whose first language is not English, and those new to this country, there are additional needs for supportive services. It is critical that the collective system of responses are culturally appropriate. The goal



of WOCAN is to ensure the provision of such services to survivors of sexual assault throughout the state of Iowa.

If you are a woman of color and want to join us in making a difference—please fill out the form below and send it back.

Name

Title

Employer

E-mail address

Address

City State Zip Code

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Telephone/Ext. Fax

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the WOCAN is two-fold:

- **Provide support, information and resources to communities of color and sexual assault centers in Iowa on issues of sexual and interpersonal violence.**
- **Help communities of color develop strategies for dealing with interpersonal violence.**

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