

Annual Goals for Women's Center

2011-2012

Goal 1:	Teach practical skills to female and male students
Description:	The practical skills series is developed by coordinator, Emily Horn Kelley. A series of workshops will be held teaching skills ranging from personal finance to basic car maintenance.
Budget:	0
University Goals Supported:	1,2,4
Strategic Goals Supported:	
Responsibility:	Director
Participation:	
Results:	WS students initiated and provided leadership in several projects that the Center sponsored
Actions/Improvements:	The Center sponsored a three-week series, "Money Talk: A Financial Guide for Women." Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community participated in this financial series that was facilitated by Lelia Wissert, Regional Extension Agent (Alabama Cooperative Extension Service). Susan Bentley (CNP, Women's Clinic of the Shoals) addressed "Women's Healthcare in America"; Jennifer Berry (University Health Services) spoke to students about "Eating Disorders or Disordered Eating?"; Dr. Jacquie Osborne presented a program "Midwives, Childcare Funding, and Other Women's Issues."

Goal 2:	Strengthen identity of Center as a locus of practical applications of Women's Studies theories
Description:	Students in Women's Studies classes apply Women's Studies theories by volunteering in the Center for Women's Studies. Several Women's Studies classes are held in the Center.
Budget:	0
University Goals	1,2,3,4,5

Supported:

Strategic Goals Supported:

Responsibility: Director

Participation:

Results: WS students initiated and provided leadership in several projects that the Center sponsored.

Actions/Improvements: 5. Service-learning is required of WS 100 (Introduction to WS) and WS 495 (Senior Seminar) students. WS 100 students perform 15 hours of service learning at the Center for WS; WS 495 students are required to perform 65 service-learning hours—students identify and complete service-learning projects with local civic organizations (e.g. Help Center of the Shoals, Rape Response, Safeplace, etc.) and at the Center for WS. The Center’s involvement and sponsorship of The Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night brought attention and increased campus and community awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence. Throughout the year students collected supplies for Safeplace, Rape Response, Helen’s Closet (a women’s clothing boutique sponsored by the March of Dimes and Helen Keller Hospital), and Heavenly Grace Ministries’ Men’s Shelter (Sheffield). Additionally, the Center’s Coordinator and Director worked with Northwest Alabama Community Network and the Lauderdale County Health Department in completing HIV Rapid Results Test Training.

Goal 3: Develop leadership abilities in Women's Studies students

Description: Women's Studies students will lead the campus in outreach projects that will benefit our students and faculty in the context of a global community.

Budget: 0

University Goals Supported: 1,2,3,4,5

Strategic Goals Supported:

Responsibility: Director

Participation:

Results: Women's Studies' students initiated and provided leadership in

several projects that the Center sponsored.

Actions/Improvements: WS student-led projects included: The Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night event (October 20) to increase campus and community awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence (85 people made t-shirts for The Clothesline Project. Approximately 100 people attended and participated in Take Back the Night). Additionally, students in the WS 495 course (Senior Seminar) initiated service-learning projects with the Help Center of the Shoals, Rape Response, and Safeplace. WS students organized the “Jeans for Justice” campaign and were successful in making UNA the leader in contributions throughout the Shoals (\$258 collected for Rape Response). Students produced and performed in Ntosake Shange’s play, For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf.

Goal 4: Offer programs to inform the university community about civic organizations

Description: We will host several programs during the year in which UNA students will be introduced to Safeplace, Rape Response, the Red Cross, Cramer Children's Center.

Budget: 0

University Goals Supported: 1,2,3,4

Strategic Goals Supported:

Responsibility: Director

Participation:

Results: WS students initiated and provided leadership in several projects that the Center sponsored.

Actions/Improvements: 2. The Center hosted 32 speakers/programs during the 2011-2012 academic year. The speakers who presented programs represented community and civic organizations that included Rape Response (presented monthly programs on a variety of topics), Safeplace, Help Center of the Shoals, Northwest Alabama Community Network Group and Lauderdale County Health Department, Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, Women’s Clinic of the Shoals, and the Northwest Alabama Community Health and Dental Clinic.

Goal 5:	Encourage global and local outreach
Description:	Students will volunteer in the Women's Center and at various civic organizations including Rape Response, Safeplace, the Cramer Children's Center, and the American Red Cross. At the Women's Center, students will refer other students to appropriate organizations for their particular needs. Students will participate in fundraisers to support women in the Congo.
Budget:	0
University Goals Supported:	1,2,3,4,5
Strategic Goals Supported:	
Responsibility:	Director
Participation:	
Results:	WS students initiated and provided leadership in several projects that the Center sponsored.
Actions/Improvements:	3. Local and Global Outreach Projects that the Center sponsored included: a "Bead for Life" party (international fair trade organization that markets jewelry made by Ugandan women)—the Center raised \$3274 for the Bead for Life organization. The Center sponsored a production of Ntosake Shange's play, For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf--\$950 was raised and donated to Rape Response of the Shoals. The Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night allowed speakers and audience members to give personal testimony of their experiences with sexual and domestic violence. The "Jeans for Justice" campaign (January 24) collected \$258 for Rape Response. Additionally, WS 495 (Senior Seminar) students performed service-learning projects with local community agencies (Help Center of the Shoals, Safeplace, Rape Response). The Center supported Safeplace's "Walk-a-Mile-for-a-Child" by registering participants and collecting donations. The Center also worked with the Northwest Alabama Community Health and Dental Clinic in promoting "Women's Health Week."