

PROVIDING SERVICES TO ALL GENDERS

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Wisconsin Law Related to Nondiscrimination

Wisconsin's "Places of Public Accommodation or Amusement" statute **does not prevent** domestic abuse services organizations (defined in § [995.67\(1\)\(b\)](#)) from "providing separate shelter facilities, private home shelter care, advocacy, counseling or other care, treatment or services for persons of different sexes or from providing for separate treatment of persons based on sex with regard to the provision of shelter facilities, private home shelter care, advocacy, counseling or other care, treatment or services for persons of different sexes." Wis. Stat. § [106.52\(3\)\(d\)](#).

NOTE to reader: the law below impacts and may change whether programs are subject to Wisconsin Statute § [106.52\(3\)\(d\)](#), as discussed above.

Nondiscrimination Requirements Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

VAWA grant conditions prohibit excluding a person from participation in programs or activity funded by VAWA based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of title 18), sexual orientation, or disability. But the statute includes an exception and allows for sex segregation or sex-specific programming if it is necessary to the essential operation of a program. [34 U.S.C. § 12291\(b\)\(13\)](#).