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EXPAND THE CIRCLE REACH ALL VICTIMS

National Crime Victims' Rights Week | April 8-14
2018



Dear MAC Members and Allies:

We need to give each other space so that we may both give and receive such beautiful things as ideas, openness, dignity, joy, healing, and inclusion.

Max de Pree (1924–2017)



I love the above quote because it speaks to the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme: *Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims*. MAC is committed to supporting our members in their efforts to remove barriers and ensure inclusion, acceptance, and informed services for ALL victims. If your crime victim service program is to achieve measurable goals, an intentional focus on forging meaningful partnerships has to be at the center of your work.

The power of partnerships launched the crime victims' rights movement and the achievements we celebrate every year. Families of murdered children and victims of sexual assault, drunk driving, domestic violence, and other crimes mobilized at the grassroots level, joining forces to demand justice for victims of crime. The National Campaign for Victims' Rights, founded by these partners, led to President Ronald Reagan's reforms on behalf of crime victims, his declaration of the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and the creation of the Victims of Crime Act and Crime Victims Fund, whose anniversary we celebrate during NCVRW each year in April. Through our partnerships and community building, we have made significant progress.

Borrowing from the [2018 NCVRW Resource Guide](#), here are some actions you can engage year round in to expand your organization's circle through partnership:

Expand your network—Partnering with organizations that work with specific communities is an opportunity to understand the barriers faced by victims, implement trauma-informed practices, and increase the cultural responsiveness of your organization.

Build a multidisciplinary response team—Multidisciplinary response teams often focus on victims of a particular type of crime, such as victims of sexual assault, victims with disabilities, or victims of child abuse. These teams can include, but are not limited to, cooperative responses to emergency calls, meetings between partners to discuss recent cases, and joint decisions in the interests of victims/survivors.

Provide education about victims' rights and options—[National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#) is a prime opportunity to educate your local community about the rights of crime victims. Hosting an information fair, fundraiser, school assembly, or other community event is a great way to build partnerships, increase the visibility of local victim service providers, and support greater understanding of victims' rights and options following a crime.

Raise awareness—Local community centers and businesses often have space to hang posters, collect donation items, and host events. These partnerships are important to developing lasting community engagement.

Engage the media—Work with your local newspaper, radio station, or TV news to tell the story of the good work your organization is doing on behalf of crime victims in your community.

This year, instead of shining a light on crime victims for a week during NCVRW, use the week as a launching pad to a year-long commitment to expanding your circle through both seeking and providing opportunities to increase partnerships in your work. As always, MAC is here to support your efforts in any way we can.

In Peace,
Bobbi Holtberg

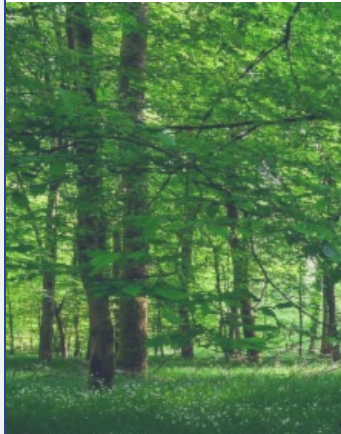
Save the Date

Expand the Circle: Annual Meeting & Capacity Building Training

September 6-7, 2019

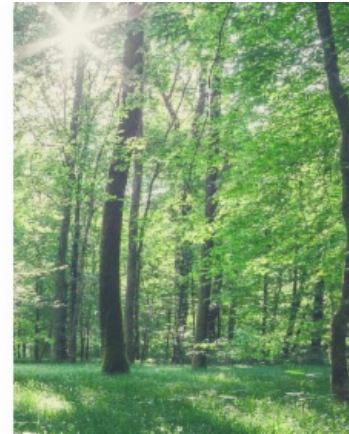
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The Minnesota Alliance on Crime



MAC Is Seeking Interns for Summer 2018

For more info, go to:
www.mnallianceoncrime.org/internships/



National Sexual Violence Resource Center: April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

[Click here](#) for information and resources to promote 2018 Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health: Resources

The National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health has shared a number of helpful resource sheets on working with victims: [Employment Support](#), [Making Connections with Victims with Psychiatric Disabilities](#), [Practical Tips for Improving Access to Services](#), [Preparing Victims for Court](#), [Supporting Victims with Reduced Energy](#), [Tips for Enhancing Emotional Safety](#), [Understanding Traumatic Triggers](#)

Survivor Resources: Spring Support Group Schedule

[Click here](#) for the schedule for Survivor Resources' support groups in St. Paul, St. Louis Park, and Forest Lake for loved ones of victims of homicide, suicide, overdose and accident.

Polaris Project: Human Trafficking Statistics

The Polaris Project has published 2017 statistics from the National Human Trafficking Hotline and created a number of helpful infographics that paint a picture of labor and sex trafficking in the United States. [Click here](#).



the minnesota alliance on crime invites you to join us for a free
webinar in observance of national crime victims' rights week
**working with victims/survivors in
loss of life cases**
presented by rachael joseph,
survivors lead & mac board of directors
monday, april 9, 2018 from 10:30 am to noon

About This National Crime Victims' Rights Week Webinar:

Working with family members in loss of life cases can be challenging due to the complexity of issues, even for highly experienced advocates, attorneys, and prosecutors. Rachael Joseph will share her experience, expertise, and resources so that you can better support and advocate for families. **The webinar is free for all.**

Who Should Attend The Webinar:

Victim advocates (community- and prosecution-based), civil attorneys, prosecutors, etc.

About Rachael Joseph:

Rachael Joseph got involved in the victims' rights and gun reform movements after her aunt, Shelley Joseph-Kordell, was murdered in the courthouse shooting at the Hennepin County Government Center in September 29, 2003. Rachael is the co-founder and executive director of Survivors Lead, a 100% survivor-led organization that takes a municipal approach to reducing violence in low-wealth communities and communities of color. They also provide law enforcement consultations to reduce police violence and political trainings instructed through a trauma informed lens for survivors of gun violence, sexual and domestic violence interested in running for public office. Rachael serves on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Alliance on Crime, is the former director of outreach and communications at Protect MN, and a former survivor engagement lead at Mayors Against Illegal Guns/Everytown for Gun Safety.

MAC has applied for 1.0 standard CLE credit for this webinar.

Register Now!

FREE Identity Theft Training

please join the minnesota identity theft &
cybercrime information & resource network for the
advanced training & network launch
april 11, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
wilder foundation, st. paul
the minnesota alliance on crime

About This FREE Event:

We are excited for you to join us for the official launch of the Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network (MITCIRN).

The first half of the day will be the official first meeting of the network, featuring a welcome from former Minnesota Attorney General of the State and State Senator Skip Humphrey. Participants will learn more about MITCIRN, select a committee to engage in targeted efforts to strengthen victim support in Minnesota, and network with other attendees.

In the afternoon, there will be advanced training on often-neglected forms of identity theft (criminal, medical, child, and military identity theft), as well as training geared towards law enforcement, prosecutors, community outreach, and victim advocacy.

[Click here for the full agenda.](#)

MAC has applied for 3.0 standard CLE credits for the afternoon training portion of this event.

Who Should Attend:

Professionals who work with victims of identity theft or on identity theft issues, including victim advocates, civil attorneys, law enforcement, prosecutors, government staff, and staff of consumer protection agencies.

Cost:

FREE.

Travel Reimbursement:

To support your participation in this event, MAC will provide the following support to attendees traveling more than 45 miles one way:

- Mileage reimbursement for one round trip for one vehicle per organization.
- Reimbursement for one hotel room per organization at the Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge for the night of Tuesday, April 10th at a special rate of \$139/night. You must make your own lodging reservations (see below).

MAC will reimburse organizations, not individuals. MAC will only reimburse participants who attend the entire network launch and training.

Lodging:

MAC has negotiated a special rate of \$139/night at the [Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge](#) (just 2 miles from the training site). Please refer to the Minnesota Alliance on Crime when making your reservations.

Reservations must be made by March 22, 2018 to receive the special rate.

[Click here for more information and registration.](#)

Minnesota Office of Justice Programs: Assisting Crime Victims Training in Southwest Minnesota



A free one-day training for professionals who work with crime victims.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

8:30 am - 4:00 pm: lunch provided

Marshall Fire Department, Marshall, MN

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

8:30 am - 4:00 pm: lunch provided

Blue Earth County Justice Center, Mankato, MN

Sessions:

- *Crime Victim Reparations*: Financial assistance available to victims of violent crime. Danielle Kitto (OJP).
- *Crime Victim Rights*: Overview of Minnesota statutory crime victim rights, Suzanne Elwell (OJP)
- *Working Lunch Session*: Staff from the Minnesota Alliance on Crime will lead a discussion with members and allies about its activities and initiatives, current issues in crime victim rights and services, and concerns from the field. Bobbi Holtberg and Danielle Kluz (MAC).
- *Advocates and reparations*: Danielle will review common questions posed by advocates, conduct a hands-on exercise on how to fill out the reparations application form, explain the loss of support application process, present case scenarios for discussion, and do a practical walk through of the appeal process, explaining how an advocate can assist victims in that process. Danielle Kitto (OJP).
- *Crime Victim Issues: Lightning Round*: A fast-paced, but interactive, discussion of hot topics related to crime victims including cameras in the courtroom, victim impact statements, victims who are also defendants, post-conviction advocacy, restitution collection, data issues, represented victims, and preventing statutory rights violations. Suzanne Elwell (OJP).

POST, CEU, and CLE credits available.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

save the date

june 21-22, 2018

twin cities metro area

fundamentals in victim
services training

a two-day training for crime victim advocates

minnesota alliance on crime



Other Trainings and Webinars

Current Research on Batterer Intervention Programs and Implications for Policy

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | April 5, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

This webinar reviews existing research on Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs) and will discuss the methodological and definitional bases for contradictory results about the efficacy of BIPs. The goal of the webinar is to present clearly what we know about whether BIPs work and which aspects of programs are most strongly supported by research, emphasizing the importance of social contexts and real-world pragmatism. [Learn more](#).

NO MÁS Violencia: A Model for an Empowering Educational & Awareness Tiered

Initiative for Latinas & Providers to Help Address Domestic Violence

Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network

Webinar | April 10, 2018 | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Attendees will learn about the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital's empowering educational and awareness tiered initiative for Latinas and providers. The initiative, NO MÁS Violencia, helps address fears/barriers that many Latinas experience when contemplating reporting domestic violence and/or sexual assault, taking into account their immigration status and focusing on reinforcing cultural pride/values. Presenters will share what worked in their community and will provide ideas and information to tailor it for your community. [Learn more.](#)

Introduction to Post-Conviction Advocacy for Human Trafficking Survivors, Impact of Arrest and Conviction Records

Sponsored by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivor Reentry Project

Webinar | Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 | 12: 30 to 2:00 pm

This webinar will identify collateral consequences that flow from an arrest, and how they impact people involved in the criminal justice system. Participants will learn what constitutes a criminal record and how to access a criminal record, and how a criminal record impacts legal representation on behalf of human trafficking survivors. [Learn more.](#)

Court Culture and Access to Justice

Sponsored by National Latin@ Network

Webinar | April 16, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

This webinar will explain the concept of court culture and how courts have their own culture. What are characteristics of court culture? How can those qualities help or hinder litigants on domestic violence cases, both petitioners and respondents? [Learn more.](#)

Reaching Latino Male Survivors of Sexual Violence

Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network

Webinar | April 19, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

When Latino male survivors of sexual violence make the decision to disclose their abuse or seek support, we want to ensure that rape crisis centers are prepared. This webinar focuses on the key considerations needed to enhance outreach efforts to Latino male survivors of sexual violence. Attendees will be equipped with strategies, messages, and resources to support these outreach efforts. [Learn more.](#)

Nonprofit Finance and Sustainability Conference

Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and Propel Nonprofits

In Person | April 19, 2018 | 8:00 am to 4:00 pm | Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center

Conference Fee: \$ 169-\$269

This seventh annual day-long conference will offer insights, strategies and tools for staff and board members looking at your organization's financial sustainability from diverse perspectives – from strategy and leadership to implementation and evaluation. Join your nonprofit colleagues to learn about critical issues and best practices to help your organization remain sustainable into the future. [Learn more.](#)

The Forgotten Victims: Elder Homicides Part 2: A Prosecutor's Perspective

Sponsored by U.S. Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative

Webinar | April 20, 2018 | 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Please join us as Belle Chen of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office discusses the unique challenges of investigating and prosecuting elder and dependent neglect homicides. This webinar will highlight some of common dynamics in these cases through a comparison of two elder neglect cases that went to trial and were presented to juries. [Learn more.](#)

(Dis)Parity: Conference on Justice Involved Women and Girls

Sponsored by the Advisory Taskforce on Justice Involved Women and Girls, MN Community Corrections Association, and RS Eden

In Person | April 23, 2018 | 8:30 am to 4:30 pm | Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis

Conference Fee: \$ 45-\$75

Join the Department of Corrections Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls to explore the disparities that exist in the criminal justice system for women and girls, and create tangible solutions. CLE and continuing education credits provided. [Learn more.](#)

Promising Community Practices: The High At-Risk Team, Bristol County, Massachusetts

Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | April 26, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

The High At-Risk Team (HART) program of Bristol County, MA is an innovative community effort to focus resources on the most dangerous and repeat domestic violence offenders in order to keep victims safe. Assistant District Attorney Courtney Cahill will describe how she launched the program in Bristol County and how the high-risk offender list was established. She will detail the ways in which various system practitioners from advocacy to probation are able to use the list to hold these offenders accountable. [Learn more.](#)

Cultural Responsiveness and the Courts

Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network

Webinar | May 14, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

For a justice system to be truly just, it must be accessible to all individuals. However, survivor litigants may face challenges when courts are not responsive to their cultural identity. For survivors of gender based violence, these challenges present additional barriers towards accessing justice and obtaining fair outcomes. Recognizing and respecting individual cultural differences are important to sensitive and effective work with survivors. [Learn more.](#)

Crime Victim Law Conference

Sponsored by the National Crime Victim Law Institute

In Person | June 7-8, 2018 | Portland, Oregon

Conference Fee: \$339-\$399 early bird fee (before May 4)

NCVLI's annual Crime Victim Law Conference, now in its 17th year, continues to be the only national conference focusing on rights enforcement in criminal cases, which is a critical but often overlooked component of holistic victim services. The Conference provides participants with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to provide effective legal services to victims of crime. [Learn more.](#)



Northland Cup Hockey Game to Benefit St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project

Join us on Saturday, April 14th at 12:30 for the 5th Annual Northland Cup!

This free annual charity hockey game between the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County raises funds for the St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention

Project. This invaluable organization provides services for victims of domestic abuse throughout St. Paul and Ramsey County. The team's players are made up of elected officials and employees of the City and County.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the puck drops at 12:30 p.m. In addition to a great hockey game, there will be a silent auction, chuck a puck, and other exciting activities! Bring your family and friends to this (free!) event at the Charles M. Schultz Arena in St. Paul (800 Snelling Ave.).

[Share this event on Facebook.](#)

[Click to download flyer.](#)

19th Annual Jeans & Gems Fundraiser

April 27, 2018

5:30 pm Social Hour/Cash Bar/ Silent Auction

7:00 pm Dinner and Program (Live Auction/ Survivor Message/ Fund A Need)

Waconia Ballroom
The New Mystic Lake Center
2400 Mystic Lake Blvd.
Prior Lake, MN 55372

\$75 per person. Each ticket will include \$10 in FREE slot play at the casino!

[Click here to register online.](#)



Let MAC help your organization get the word out about your training or event!

If you have a training or event to submit for inclusion in the MAC newsletter, please email the following to Danielle Kluz at danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org:

- Training/event title
- Sponsoring agency/organization
- Date and time
- Location
- Names of trainers/presenters
- Cost
- Brief description of training/event
- More info/how to register (web link preferred, will accept attachments)

Please send by the 27th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



[Click for the latest published decisions from the Minnesota Appellate and Supreme Court.](#)



Employment Opportunities

[Click for the latest victim service employment opportunities in Minnesota.](#)

If you have job postings you would like us to include in our monthly newsletter, please include the following information and email to Danielle Kluz at danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org by the 27th of each month.

- Location
- Job title
- Organization name
- Link to organization's website
- Link to the job posting
- Closing date



Contact Us

As always, if you have any suggestions for MAC, we welcome your input!

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The Minnesota Alliance on Crime connects systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime. MAC is a membership coalition of 86 crime victim service providers in Minnesota, including prosecution-based victim/witness programs, community programs, law enforcement agencies, and individuals committed to supporting crime victims. We support our membership through training, technical assistance, resources, public policy and legislative initiatives, and networking opportunities.

For more information about MAC, go to www.mnallianceoncrime.org.