



## APRIL 2022 NEWS

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## Call to Action on Crime Victim Service Funding!

**MAC along with our five statewide sister coalitions are sponsoring a bill that would increase the base funding for Crime Victim Service (CVS) grants by \$12.5 million in FY23 and \$8.75million in FY24 and ongoing.** This funding request aligns with the increased appropriation in the Governor's Additional Budget.

Here is what we know:

- MN currently has a surplus of over \$9 billion dollars;
- An increase in the State's appropriation is needed to ensure CVS grant funding remains stable;
- HF861 has been included in the House Public Safety Omnibus Bill;
- The Senate has not included SF2673, the companion bill to HF861, in their Public Safety Omnibus Bill.

***The Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee is taking letters for consideration asking that SF2673 be included in the Senate Omnibus Bill through the end of day today, March 31st.***

A joint letter asking for consideration that SF2673 be included in the Senate's Omnibus bill is currently being drafted and will be sent on behalf of all six statewide coalitions.

We also need our member programs to take-action:

- Contact the ranking members of the committee and/or any committee member that represents your district **by the end of the day today, Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**;
- Tell them how your program uses CVS grant funding to support crime victims;
- Ask them to include SF2673 in the Senate Omnibus Bill;
- Thank them for their continued to support of crime victims and the programs that provide support and services to them.

MAC will continue to provide updates as they become available.

**People To contact: The Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee**

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## from mac's executive director



Spring has sprung, at least at MAC, and seeds are starting to bloom!

We are excited to introduce you to our new Director of Training, Becca Muskat. Becca comes to MAC with direct advocacy experience and also national training and advocacy support experience. Becca also brings new ideas and perspectives and is a definite culture add at MAC. Becca's first day with MAC will be Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and she will be working with MAC's interim training coordinator for the next couple of months as she transitions into her new role. We encourage you to connect with Becca to introduce yourself and your program. Becca's email address will be, [Becca@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:Becca@mnallianceoncrime.org). Please get to know Becca better by reading

about her below.

The reauthorization of VAWA is another thing to celebrate! The reauthorization has been long awaited and provides funding for several new initiatives such as, restorative justice, and a new grant program to promote the use of trauma-informed-centered training for law enforcement that is aimed at preventing re-traumatization of victims and ensures the use of evidence-based practices in their responses. Kim has highlighted additional new provisions below.

If you have the time today we would really appreciate any calls you could make to **The Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee** asking for consideration that SF2673 be included in the Senate's Omnibus bill. SF2673 would **increase the base funding for Crime Victim Service (CVS) grants by \$12.5 million in FY23 and \$8.75million in FY24 and ongoing**. This funding request aligns with the increased appropriation in the Governor's Additional Budget.

I have renewed hope and vision as we look forward to developing MAC's next strategic plan. Please watch for requests for input as we work together to move MAC's mission forward and improve response and services to all victims of crime in Minnesota.

In Peace,  
Bobbi



## Becca Muskat joins the Minnesota Alliance on Crime as the Program Director: Training.

Becca Muskat joins MAC from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), where she worked in the Family Advocacy Division training mental health professionals and other service organizations on best practices for working with minors and their families who were involved with NCMEC. Prior to that, she worked in the 24-hour call center at NCMEC, helping to issue AMBER Alerts and intake cases of missing and exploited children. In both roles, she worked closely with law enforcement, social services, the general public, and survivor serving organizations. Becca has a Master's in Forensic Psychology from Marymount University, and a Bachelor's in Psychology from Smith College.

Becca moved to Minnesota in 2021 to be closer to family, but is not from the area, she is the daughter of a Major and Colonel in the Air Force and grew up in both San Antonio, Texas, and Cincinnati, Ohio. For the 8 years prior to 2021, she was living in Alexandria, Virginia outside of DC. With the pandemic making remote work a possibility she looked around and saw she needed family nearby and drove her little electric car to Minnesota. No surprise, the people of Minnesota turned out to be amazing and she put down roots, the most important one being she just adopted a puppy!

Becca is very excited to start this new chapter of her life and to join MAC on April 18th. Please reach out to her to say hi, ask questions about upcoming trainings, or suggest topics for the future! [becca@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:becca@mnallianceoncrime.org).

## Violence Against Women Act Passes!

### ALL WOMEN Need the Violence Against Women Act

#### NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN:

American Indian and Alaska Native women who will be **raped** in their lifetimes:



1 in 3

American Indian and Alaska Native women who are victims of **domestic violence**:



2 in 5

**Murder rate** for American Indian and Alaska Native women, compared to national average:

10x

Source: National Congress of American Indians

#### LGBTQ WOMEN:

LGBTQ women who experience **domestic violence** in relationships:

25 - 35%

Source: Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center

#### IMMIGRANT WOMEN:

Abused immigrant women who report that their **spouses never filed immigration applications** for them even though they were eligible for legal status:



3 in 4

Source: Tahiri Justice Center

**Justice Department Applauds Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.** Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco, and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta applauded the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). VAWA was reauthorized as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, which President Joe Biden signed into law last week.

- [VAWA section by section summary](#) (16 pages)
- [MAC VAWA Summary by section](#) (5 pages)

Highlights include:

- Sec. 106 prohibits the internet publication of a protection or restraining order or associated information.
- Sec. 109 establishes a pilot program on restorative practices.
- Sec. 205 creates a grant program within the Office on Violence Against Women (OVVW) to

promote the use of trauma-informed victim-centered training for law enforcement

- Sec. 802 requires the Attorney General to allow Tribal law enforcement to have access to national crime databases, such as the National Crime Information Center.
- Sec. 803 converts into a non-pilot program an existing pilot program that requires the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to accept any offender that is convicted in Tribal court. This program is limited to offenders who have committed violent crimes and have been sentenced to one or more years.
- Sec. 804 expands the jurisdiction of Tribal authorities over non-Indian persons who commit a crime in Indian country, including the jurisdiction of tribes in the State of Maine.
- Sec. 1002 requires BOP to establish a pilot program to allow incarcerated women and their children who are born during incarceration to reside together.
- Sec. 1101 incorporates the bipartisan "NICS Denial Notification Act," which requires the Attorney General to issue a notice to State, local, or Tribal law enforcement and prosecutors if an individual has attempted to purchase a firearm and been denied pursuant to the national instant criminal background check system.
- Sec. 1203 establishes a grant program for states that enact a law that makes it a criminal offense for any person to engage in a sexual act with an individual who is under arrest, in detention, or otherwise in law enforcement custody, and that prohibits the use of consent as a defense to qualifying sexual misconduct.
- Sec. 1302 authorizes appropriations for United States Attorneys to appoint victim and witness coordinators for the prosecution of sex crimes and domestic violence crimes. This section authorizes appropriations of \$1 million per fiscal year through 2027.
- Sec. 1309 establishes a civil right of action for an individual who has an intimate visual depiction of themselves disclosed without their consent.
- Sec. 1312 eliminates the marriage defense as an exception to the existing law governing federal statutory rape.
- Sec. 1316 provides the short title of this section, which is the "Fairness for Rape Kit Backlog Survivors Act of 2022". Amends the Victim of Crime Act of 1984 to provide a waiver for any application filing deadline imposed by the program for a crime victim if the victim is otherwise eligible for compensation and the delay in filing was a result of a delay in the testing of, or a delay in the DNA profile matching from, a sexual assault forensic examination kit or biological material collected as evidence related to a sexual offense.
- Sec. 1401 creates a grant program for State, Tribal, and local governments to help with the prevention, enforcement, and prosecution of cybercrimes committed against individuals.
- Sec. 1402 authorizes a grant to establish a National Resource Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals.
- Sec. 1503 provides that the purposes of this title are to prioritize child safety in private custody proceedings in State court, to strengthen the ability of courts to recognize and adjudicate domestic violence and child abuse, and to ensure that court personnel are appropriately trained in the dynamics, signs, and impact of domestic violence, using a trauma-informed approach.
- Sec. 1506 establishes a new grant program for State and Tribal courts that are part of a multidisciplinary partnership with law enforcement and victim service providers to create a pilot program on how to best service protection orders through electronic communication methods.

## news from the field

In April, the [U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) are supporting Second Chance Month to help individuals, communities, and agencies across the country recognize the importance of reentry and their role in supporting safe and successful reentry—building second chances! [Learn more and register now!](#)

**AEquitas** is asking folks to take the [Victim/Witness Intimidation Survey](#). This survey can help prosecutors, victim advocates, and law enforcement educate victims about the dynamics of witness intimidation, uncover intimidation occurring in their cases, and identify appropriate safety measures. The resource can also be used as an evidence-gathering tool to support bail arguments, additional charges, forfeiture by wrongdoing motions, or conditions of release.

**USDOJ** announced two new training and technical assistance (TTA) resources from the [Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#): the [National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium](#) (LETTAC) and the [Domestic Violence Resource for Increasing Safety and Connection](#) (DV RISC).

[Primary Prevention Reduces Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Among Youth](#) The Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF) recently completed a systemic review of 28 studies that evaluated primary prevention interventions. These interventions aimed to prevent or reduce intimate partner violence and sexual violence among youth. The interventions decrease perpetration of intimate partner violence, decrease perpetration of sexual violence, and increase bystander action. The CPSTF recommends interventions that align with and support the strategies and approaches outlined in [CDC's](#)



### Technical Packages.

**ValorUS** (formerly the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault) has launched a new podcast series called **"Leadership Moves."** part of the LEAP (Leadership, Education, and Advancement for Professionals) project. This podcast will uplift stories about leaders of color who carry the legacies of those who built the movement to end gender-based violence. Episodes will be released monthly.

Join **Breaking Free** and **Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution (CAP)** on **April 4th, 2022 from 1 PM - 3 PM** at Open Book in Minneapolis, MN for a book launch of CAP's newest book called **Last Girl First: Prostitution at the Intersection of Race, Sex, & Class-Based Oppressions**. There will also be a conversation on good practices in law to fight sexual exploitation explored by comparison of the Equality Model vs. the legalization model in Europe presented by CAP Executive Director, Jonathan Machler. **RSVP Today!**

**Start by Believing Day 2022: April 6** The 7th Annual Start by Believing Day is on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, and the theme is connecting with our communities. **End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI)** has resources available for planning, including: action kits, posters, a proclamation template, a social media toolkit, and more. EVAWI is planning a video challenge, a poster project, and a survivor art showcase, and encourages programs and individuals to spread awareness in whatever ways they want.

Did you know the **Office of Justice Programs (OJP)** provides resources to help guide you through the grant application process? Visit the Funding Resource Center to view open opportunities, application guidance and post-award implementation instructions for grantees. **Check out the resource center here!**

**Safety Net** is excited to announce they've updated their **Tech Safety App!** All of the content in English and Spanish has been updated to help survivors and advocates with information about tech abuse and options for taking action to address it. The app covers phones and other devices, social media, location tracking, and online privacy. The app includes audio versions of the text, and can be downloaded or accessed online at **TechSafetyApp.org**, which can be a safer option for survivors who are worried someone might be monitoring their phone.

**National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)** **Domestic Violence Counts Report** is a trusted source of data on the services domestic violence advocates provide to survivors each day. NNEDV released the findings from our **16th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report**. The annual report documents the number of people who sought domestic violence services in a single 24-hour period, as well as the types of services requested and the number of service requests that went unmet due to a lack of resources.

**MN Elder Justice Center** presents **The 16th Annual Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference** to be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN, June 15th, 2022. This year we will explore themes of innovation in the field of elder justice. **Cost is free but registration is required, and space is limited.**

Registration is now open for the **2022 Virtual Safe Harbor Conference May 3 & 4, 2022!** The 2022 Virtual Safe Harbor Conference will provide space for service providers, health and mental health professionals, survivors, law enforcement, and others to learn about and improve the Safe Harbor Network, while connecting/reconnecting with friends and colleagues from across the state who work in the anti-trafficking field. **Learn more, preview the agenda, and register here.**

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upcoming MAC trainings and webinars

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# Cultivating Culture Change

Upcoming Webinars and Workshops

*\*Open to all individuals working in Crime Victim Services*

## **LEARNING TO EMBRACE YOUR PERSONAL POWER: THE ROLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN OCCUPATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**

**12:00-1:30 p.m. CST**

## **NURTURING GROWTH: REFINING AND USING ACCOUNTABILITY SKILLS TO MANAGE CONFLICTS AT WORK**

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

**12:00-1:30 p.m. CST**

[mnallianceoncrime.org/events/](http://mnallianceoncrime.org/events/)



## upcoming other trainings and webinars

How does white supremacy show up in online spaces? **PreventConnect** sat down with the creators of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's 2022 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Campaign: [\*\*\*Building Safe Online Spaces Together\*\*\*](#) to talk about what's missing in the mainstream conversation about online safety and what Preventionists and Practitioners can do to live their values online.

A program of **Men As Peacemakers (MAP)**, BEST (Be Equal Safe & Trustworthy) is a comprehensive approach to campus sexual violence prevention that includes the BEST Party Model, the BEST Alternative Response Project, and BEST Technical Assistance and Support Packages. [\*\*\*Register for Upcoming BEST Campus Prevention Institute Sessions\*\*\*](#) Registration is still open for future BEST Campus Prevention Institute Sessions. It is recommended that participants view and/or attend all sessions, as the content is sequential, and each session builds on the next. If you've missed the previous live sessions, you can watch the recordings on the [\*\*\*BEST Campus Prevention Institute website\*\*\*](#).

Are you interested in measuring victim service outcomes? **The Center for Victim Research (CVR)** is helping our partners develop a new tool for victim service programs to use in measuring their outcomes. The tool will provide a simple survey survivors can take following services. The tool will include several modules that provide a base survey, with options for additional questions. We are seeking a few volunteer agencies to test out the guidance for finding their base survey. Can you help? Testing will involve a video call of up to an hour; you try to find your module, we ask a few questions along the way. [\*\*\*If you are interested, contact us.\*\*\*](#)

**The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits** presents: [\*\*\*Data-Informed Decision Making for Nonprofit Board Members\*\*\*](#). A Webinar to explore these questions and gain practical guidance and tools to help nonprofit board members (and the staff who support them) strengthen a key governance function: decision-making. We will help you assess the "data culture" of your board and organization and consider ways to grow that culture over time. In addition, we will help you identify the data you have access to as a board member and explore what additional data is needed. **Wednesday, April 6, 10 - 11:30 a.m.** [\*\*\*More information and registration.\*\*\*](#)

The health, wellness, and safety of Native people and Tribal communities are severely impacted by the

disproportionate rates of imprisonment and recidivism in the United States. This session will be in a panel format and will focus on effective reentry strategies in Tribal communities, share a multitude of effective resources, and highlight guidance from the [Bureau of Justice Assistance's Planning a Reentry Program: A Toolkit for Tribal Communities released in October 2021.](#) Monday, April 18, 2022 2:00 pm CST. [Register here.](#)

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits presents: [Cultural Differences: Leading Through Anti-Bias Practices](#) on Tuesday, April 19, 10 am - 12 pm to begin a journey towards understanding and implementing anti-bias leadership practices that will resonate across your nonprofit. Leadership that embeds anti-bias practices creates a workplace culture that authentically welcomes, supports, and values people for all of who they are. This workshop will introduce participants to anti-bias leadership practices. These practices affirm healthy complex identities of staff and constituents, model respect and appreciation of differences, and appropriately respond to bias-based mistreatment as it appears in the workplace in order to create equity and belonging for all. [More information and registration.](#)

[Children's Advocacy Centers](#) (CAC) historically provide developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed care to children and adolescents, and their families. Vulnerable adults who report sexual abuse or assault also benefit from this holistic model of care. This training supports victim advocates working in CAC's that currently or are considering supporting vulnerable adults in a multidisciplinary team response. [CAC Advocacy with Vulnerable Adult Populations. April 20, 2022 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. CST More information and registration.](#)

[Ask an Expert Series Webinar: Male Victims and Human Trafficking.](#) What services and support are needed for men and boys who experience human trafficking? How are these services different from their female counterparts? Ensuring equity and inclusion of services for all individuals who experience human trafficking means addressing the needs of men and boys. [More information and registration.](#)


[How does white supremacy show up in and affect your work?](#) While powerfully entrenched in so many areas of society, white supremacy is not inevitable. In both our personal and professional lives, there is much we can (and must) do to dismantle it through our individual and collective efforts towards social justice. During [Collective Healing: Breaking the Cycle of White Supremacy](#), we will explore how affects our daily work, as well as collectively look at how to break the cycle of white supremacy and take practical action towards equity. Virtual Series Details: April 29, May 6, & May 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$115 for MCN members / \$165 for nonmembers. [Register here.](#)

## national crime victim rights week: April 24-30, 2022

This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme is: **rights, access, and equity, for all victims.** Use the hashtag #NCVRW2022 to join the conversation and learn about available resources and community events during April 24–30, 2022. [www.ovc.ojp.gov/ncvrw2022](http://www.ovc.ojp.gov/ncvrw2022)

To test your knowledge on this year's theme the Minnesota Alliance on Crime is hosting in partnership with the Crime Victim Justice Unit: **Crime Victims' Rights Week Lunchtime Trivia on Tuesday April 27, 2022 from 12 pm to 1 pm CST.** Join as an individual or as a team! Test your knowledge and creativity with both bragging rights and lots of prizes! For more information or to register: [mnallianceoncrime.org/event/crime-victims-rights-week-trivia/](http://mnallianceoncrime.org/event/crime-victims-rights-week-trivia/)

MAC and CVJU present:  
**Crime Victims' Rights Week**  
Free  
**Lunchtime Trivia**



APRIL 27  
12-1 PM

JOIN AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUALLY!

[mnallianceoncrime.org/event/crime-victims-rights-week-trivia/](http://mnallianceoncrime.org/event/crime-victims-rights-week-trivia/)



Winners are eligible for CVJU and MAC swag along with two tickets to a Saint Paul Saints game in May, 2022!

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## about the minnesota alliance on crime

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 more than 90 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](http://www.mnallianceoncrime.org).

To join our coalition of Minnesota crime victim service programs, [click here](#).

To donate: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Mnalliance>

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