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I really want to say, Happy Spring, but as I write this, the skies are grey and a winter storm watch is in effect.

The weather mirrors my mood and emotions right now. I so want to get to the other side of the legislative session and be basking in sunshine and accomplishments, but there is still work to be done before we can put the session behind us. The six statewide victim service coalitions are still hard at work to realize an increase to base-level crime victim service funding. The current House public safety omnibus bill, put our funding request with

other funding requests and creates a new grant fund that both direct service programs and non-direct service programs would be eligible to apply to for funding. Our concern is that the funds being “pooled” are not adequate and there are no guarantees direct-service programs would receive those grant funds.

We are grateful that Rep. Kelly Moller, is committed to working with the coalitions through the conference committee process. We are encouraged that the \$11 million-

dollar annual and ongoing crime victim service fund increase, that Gov. Walz included in his budget, is included in both the House and Senate omnibus bills. These funds are to help fill the funding gap created by the decrease in available federal VOCA funds. There are still many details to be negotiated, but, both the House and Senate are signaling their understanding of the desperate need.

To sum it all up, I am hopeful! Hopeful that this will be the last winter storm of the season and hopeful that our legislators will ensure there is adequate funding to meet the needs of crime victims and the programs that work every day to support them.

I will be out on medical leave beginning April 12th but if you have questions regarding the work that will be continuing at the legislature while I am out, please contact Kim Mongoven: kim@mnallianceoncrime.org and she will be able to provide an update.

Happy Spring (it's right around the corner, hang in there)!

As always, thank you for the work you are all doing to meet the needs of crime victim throughout Minnesota!

In Peace!

Bobbi

MAC Values Event



Join your fellow MAC members in shaping and defining the coalition's values and advance the work of all advocates!



April 4th from 1 pm to 2:30 pm

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime is in the process of creating a new strategic plan for the coalition. As MAC continues to evolve our work, we believe it is important to define shared values among coalition members so that we can understand what MAC stands for. And we're inviting you to do just that. We'd now like our network to push further into reimagining systems so that all crime victims have better access to services and resources. And we want members to see their values reflected in a new, collective vision for MAC's work.

Join us for a workshop to provide your best thinking on MAC's values to advance our Alliance's work into the future.

We look forward to seeing your member organization represented at this event, each program may send up to 2 staff members. We would like to have representation from as many MAC member programs as possible.

The workshop's agenda:

- Context: understand MAC's current mission vision and values
- Brainstorm: work in small groups to generate ideas
- Cluster: group the ideas together and form connections
- Name: work in small groups to distill the ideas

- Resolve: reflect and interpret the ideas to create a shared vision

This event will be led by an expert in strategic planning who will guide members through the process.

[Register Now!](#)

CVS Action Day! March 22, 2023-2pm

Coalition Action Day for Crime Victim Services Funding was March 22 in the Capitol Rotunda

Mending the Sacred Hoop, Minnesota Alliance on Crime, Minnesota Children's Alliance, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, and Violence Free Minnesota, came together for a joint **Action Day for Crime Victim Services Funding at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 22, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm!** The rally was held in person at the Capitol Rotunda at 2 pm featuring legislators, community leaders, and representatives from each of the six coalitions. Individuals had time to meet directly with their legislators to advocate for crime victim services funding. We offered a virtual option and the event was live-streamed through social media. If you want to watch the rally and speakers you can watch the event here:



CVS funding request

Crime Victim Services Funding Request

Minnesota's six crime victim service coalitions are continuing our request for an increase in base funding for crime victim services. These badly needed funds allow crime victims to access the services and support they need to care for themselves and their children. Crime victim services have not received an increase in base level state funding in over 8 years. Contact your representatives today!



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After meeting with our relative coalitions, we made the decision to revise our \$25 million-dollar annual increase to base level CVS funding to \$10 million-dollars. Attached is the joint letter that we submitted to Chair Moller. Our primary goal is ensure any increase in grant dollars for crime victim services go directly to the crime victim service fund and not into a pot that is a new funding stream and that is open to many organizations that do not provide direct services.

Chair Moller has indicated that she will continue to work with the six coalitions, even throughout the conference committee process. You may have seen that the Senate public safety omnibus bill includes a \$5 million-dollar increase in CVS funding. We are hopeful that as the House and Senate meet in conference committee, an increase to base-level CVS funding will be included on the final budget bill, as well as, the \$11 million-dollar annual and ongoing increase to the CVS fund to fill the gap of decreasing federal VOCA funds.

I encourage you to contact Chair Moller and thank her for her continued commitment to crime victims and the programs that provide support and services to them.

Again, thank you for your support for HF 1437 and we will continue to send updates as conversations and negotiations move forward.

Coalitions' Letter of support for the House Public Safety Omnibus bill

Click here to see coalitions' talking points



Department of Public Safety
Minnesota Office of Justice Programs

2024 CRIME VICTIM SERVICES 12-MONTH GRANTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit applications for funding to provide direct services to crime victims in Minnesota, and assist people impacted by crime who have difficulty accessing services or may not know services exist. Various types of agencies interact with crime victims, and applicants are encouraged to think broadly about locations from which advocacy may be provided to reach more crime victims, such as: homeless shelters, family justice centers, juvenile justice agencies or detention centers serving criminal justice involved youth, college or university sexual and domestic violence centers, etc.

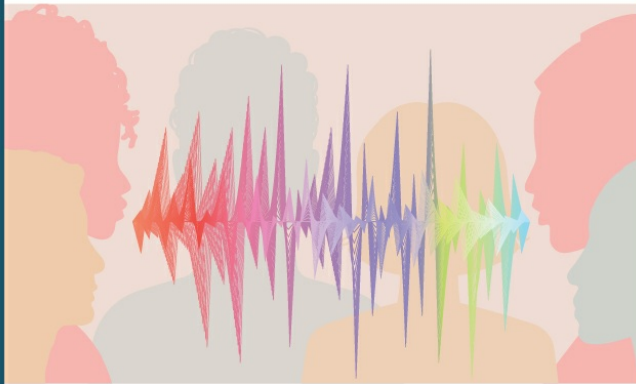
Two information sessions were held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 and Thursday, February 23, 2023. If you weren't able to attend these there are PowerPoint slides on the OJP page for you to download or [you can download here](#).

The RFP itself is also on the OJP site and [you can download it here too](#).

OJP put together an FAQ to answer common questions that arise and will be updated to reflect the information sessions that [you can view here](#).

Folks can contact OJP directly by emailing Chris Anderson at chris.anderson@state.mn.us.

Survivor Voices



Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 23–29, 2023

The 2023 NCVRW theme is **Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.** This year's theme calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and create environments where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

Join MAC during NCVRW 2023 as we commit to elevating and engaging survivors to lift their voices, inform policy and practice, and thereby effect change. By engaging survivors, we will ensure our responses and services to victims and survivors are credible, meaningful, and centered on their individual needs.

We will be hosting a Jeopardy/Trivia Crime Victim Rights Week themed lunch time event on Monday, April 24th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Join as an individual or a team (maximum of 5 participants per team) and win both bragging rights and swag from MAC and the CVJU at OJP. For more information:

Crime Victims' Rights Week Jeopardy!



Save the Date: Regional Meetings

Central Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 20th
9 am to 11 am

Northern Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th
1 pm to 3 pm

Southern Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th
1 pm to 3 pm

Metro Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th
9 am to 11 am

To ensure the safety and accessibility of all of our members these meetings will take place online. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the regional meetings.

www.mnallianceoncrime.org/regionalmeetings

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) is convening online regional meetings in June 2023 for our members throughout the state. These FREE meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to discuss emerging issues in your community and to learn more about what's happening in other regions of the state and at MAC.

[Register Now!](#)

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Southern Minnesota Regional Meeting

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****MAC is committed to making these meetings accessible to all members. If you cannot attend your region's date/time, please feel free to register for one that works for you!***



MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

Save the Date

MAC's 30th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser

held in conjunction with our

Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training

Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN

September 7th, 2023

5 pm to 9 pm.

We would love to see you there!



mnallianceoncrime.org/30th-Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE: MAC's 30th Anniversary Celebration/Fundraiser will be held in conjunction with our **Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN September 7-8, 2023.** We would love to see you there and will have more information out soon!

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news from the field

April is Second Chance Month. In recognition of this observance, OJJDP is partnering with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to celebrate successful reentry journeys through the "Raising Voices of Reentry Project." **[More information.](#)**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 23–29. Since 1981, the country has recognized National Crime Victims' Rights Week to remember survivors and their families and to support the progress of the victims' rights movement. This year, OVC is calling on the field to recognize the theme—Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change. By asking "communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported." **[More information.](#)**

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is in April As a Nation, we must recommit ourselves to preventing all forms of child abuse and protecting our most precious resource. OVC and OVC TTAC is dedicated to this effort. **[More information.](#)**

April is also National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Sexual assault impacts just about every community in the country. OVC TTAC has a library of resources victim service organizations and allied professionals can use to educate their communities about how to help survivors and prevent more people from becoming victims. [More information.](#)

The Toolkit for Building Survivor-Informed Organizations is a collection of new and existing resources that builds organizational capacity to meaningfully collaborate with and support staff, volunteers, and consultants with lived experience in human trafficking. The toolkit is a resource for anti-trafficking organizations, coalitions, task forces, volunteer programs, and other community and faith-based organizations that want to improve collaboration with those impacted by human trafficking. [More information.](#)

Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea urges Minnesotans to be vigilant of jury duty scams. The Minnesota Judicial Branch has posted information about jury duty scams. A copy of an informational poster, previously distributed by the Judicial Branch, is also available. Chief Justice Gildea reminds all Minnesotans that if they are summoned for state jury duty, initial contact will always be made by U.S. Mail in the form of a juror summons from a Minnesota district court. Minnesota courts will never contact a person by phone or e-mail and seek payment of fines, Social Security numbers, credit card information, or any other sensitive information in response to missed jury duty. Any person who receives a suspicious call seeking payment or private data related to missed jury duty is urged to contact their local county sheriff's office. People with questions about jury duty service should contact their local district court. [More information.](#)

OVC released materials to help educate kids and caregivers about the criminal court and family court processes. They are age appropriate (the teen one is a graphic novel format), and also available in multiple languages. [More information.](#)

Based on requests from the field, prosecutors' offices and associations are experiencing the effects of overwhelming caseloads, particularly around difficult child abuse and sexual assault cases. [OVC TTAC has many resources available to help address vicarious trauma. More information.](#)

According to the **Crime Against Persons with Disabilities 2009-2019 Statistical Tables**, people with disabilities may be more than twice as likely to be victims of violent crime. Unfortunately, too many service providers report not seeing many victims with disabilities, possibly due to underreporting. **OVC TTAC has resources available to address this gap, to help providers reach all victims, and to offer victims appropriate and comprehensive services.** [More information.](#)

Legal Advice for Victims. In fall 2022, **NCVLI was awarded a cooperative agreement from the Office for Victims of Crime to launch the Legal Advice for Victims Project.** In collaboration with partners, including Pro Bono Net, we will develop and launch the first pro bono virtual legal advice platform specifically focused on the needs of victims of hate and bias crimes. The virtual platform will allow qualifying victims to confidentially and securely post legal questions and receive brief legal information from licensed volunteer attorneys with expertise in victims' rights and rights enforcement. [More information to come from NCVLI.](#)

The State You See: How Government Visibility Creates Political Distrust and Racial Inequality by Aaron J. Rosenthal, Senior Research Specialist for the Council on Criminal Justice "uncovers a racial gap in the way the American government appears in people's lives. It makes it clear that public policy changes over the last fifty years have driven all Americans to distrust the government that

they see in their lives, even though Americans of different races are not seeing the same kind of government.” University of Michigan Press has made this important and timely new book available for [free download here](#).

The report *How Long is Long Enough?* presents 14 recommendations to promote individual and system accountability, better serve victims and survivors of crime, enhance judicial discretion in sentencing, reduce racial and ethnic disparities, and increase public safety. The report is the product of a year-long analysis by the **Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ) Task Force on Long Sentences**, which includes 16 members representing a broad range of experience and perspectives, from crime victims/survivors and victim service professionals to formerly incarcerated people, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, courts, and corrections. The panel examined the effects of long sentences on the criminal justice system and the populations it serves, including victims as well as people in prison, their families, and correctional staff. To inform its deliberations, the Task Force commissioned and reviewed research on a wide range of topics. [Read the report.](#)

NNEDV’s 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report is now available.

Every year, the report shares stories of hope, as advocates work tirelessly to connect domestic violence survivors and their children with lifesaving assistance. On September 7, 2022, local domestic violence programs across the country supported 79,335 victims with shelter, housing, legal advocacy, transportation, and other services to help them escape abuse and rebuild their lives – listen to and learn from their experiences! [Read the report.](#)

MN Justice Research Center: *Addressing Race-based Policing in Minneapolis: A Consent Decree Invites New Beginnings*. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights and City of Minneapolis officially entered into a historic consent decree - shaped in part by community perspectives - to address race-based policing and strengthen public safety in Minneapolis. [Read more.](#)

Funding Opportunities:

Department of Public Safety Minnesota Office of Justice Programs **2024 CRIME VICTIM SERVICES 12-MONTH GRANTS 2024 CRIME VICTIM SERVICES 12-MONTH GRANTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

Peer-to-Peer Support for Survivors of Crime | OVC Grants.gov deadline: **4/18/2023** | JustGrants deadline: **4/25/2023**

The Shelter-Linked Mental Health Request for Proposals (RFP) administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity at the MN Department of Human Services is now published. This request for proposals is to deliver shelter-based mental health services to uninsured or underinsured youth and are served by a Safe Harbor or Homeless Youth Act provider for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025. The RFP can be found at the link below, on the DHS Grants and RFPs website. [More information here.](#) Questions on this RFP can be sent to casey.yanta@state.mn.us. Proposals are due on **April 27, 2023.**

Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education (HTYPE) Demonstration Program. The goal of the HTYPE Demonstration Program is to fund local education agencies (LEA) to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization by providing skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. The LEA must work in partnership with a non-profit or nongovernmental organization and consult with local law enforcement to develop a Human Trafficking School Safety Protocol. The deadline to apply is **April 27, 2023.** [More information.](#)

FY 2023 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI). Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in coordination with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), seeks applications for funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs. Awards made under this solicitation may be managed by BJA, OJJDP, or OVC, depending on the nature of the funded project. **Grants.gov Deadline: May 18, 2023. JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2023. [More information.](#)**

upcoming MAC trainings and webinars

Victim Privacy and Statutory Privilege



April 26th, 2023 11am-12:30pm CT

An overview of and discussion about the rights that crime victims have in protecting their private, confidential, and privileged information.

Free for all to attend live! The recording will be made available exclusively to MAC members

Webinar: Victim Privacy and Statutory Privilege

Presented by Adam Petras, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney

An overview of and discussion about the rights that crime victims have in protecting their private, confidential, and privileged information.

Learning Objectives:

- Discover what personal information and data about or from a victim is protected, and the differences between private, confidential, and privileged information.
- Hear about the recent evolution of victims' right to privacy in Minnesota's appellate court decisions over the past 3-4 years.
- Understand how victims' advocates can assist and help victims keep their personal information personal and away from the court system.

This training is free for all to attend live on Zoom, the recording of the event will be available exclusively for MAC members.

Register here!

Fundamentals in Victim Services

An in-person training for newer crime victim services professionals

June 6th-8th, 2023

15 hours of foundational skill building and networking



Free for MAC members
\$50 for non-members



Location: Anna Marie's Alliance
St. Cloud, MN

In-Person Fundamentals Training in St Cloud June 6-8th!

About Fundamentals in Victim Services:

The June 2023 Fundamentals in Victim Services Training is an in-person 2.5 day training for victim advocates to develop core knowledge and skills to provide victim-centered services. By the end of this training, advocates will be able to:

- Understand the role of ongoing and historical trauma in victimization and develop skills for providing trauma-responsive advocacy to all victims of crime.
- Expand their understanding of vicarious trauma and strategies to build resilience for a sustainable career in victim services.
- Understand and examine their own Occupational Identity (OI) and identify strategies for cultivating healthy boundaries; and
- Describe key victims' rights and know how to find more information to ensure that criminal legal systems professionals are meeting statutory obligations regarding crime victims;
- Recognize and interrogate the roles of bias, privilege, and oppression in victimization and advocacy;
- Identify and honor the unique and complementary roles of community-based and systems-based advocates;

Furthermore, training participants will have opportunities to connect with one another and with experienced professionals with a range of knowledge and skills.

Agenda:

Tuesday, June 6th: 9am-4:30pm

Wednesday, June 7th: 9am-4:30pm

Thursday, June 8th: 9am-12:30pm

Detailed agenda will be posted in May 2023.

Fundamentals in Victim Services will feature interactive modules to appeal to different styles of learning, with a combination of lecture, small group work, and opportunities for individual reflection. The number of attendees will be limited to 25 to maximize the quality of interaction.

MAC will award a certificate of completion to attendees who complete all sessions. Participants are expected to complete all sessions live. If you cannot attend a live session, you must email us at training@mnallianceoncrime.org in advance to request an excused absence. Sessions may not be recorded.

We will apply for Continuing Legal Education (for attorneys) and Peace Officers Standings and Training (for law enforcement) credits by request. If you would like CLE or POST credits, please indicate this on your registration, or contact us at training@mnallianceoncrime.org by **May 19, 2023**.

Registration is free for MAC Member programs and \$50 for non-members. Not sure

your program is a member? Check here: <https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/our-member-programs/>

MAC will be celebrating it's 30th anniversary in 2023 with a special \$30 rate for new member programs! Join MAC before May 31st, 2023 and get membership through June 30th, 2023 for just \$30. [Click here](#) to join today!

Cancellation Policy: If you have registered and can no longer attend, please notify MAC as soon as you know that. Any cancellations received more than 72 hours prior to the start of the training will receive a full refund. Cancellations within 72 hours of the start will not receive a refund.

Registration will close Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 at 5 pm CT

Register here!

upcoming other trainings and webinars

MAC Training requests:

We read the comments! Folks have been asking for more trainings on civil court. Our member program **Standpoint** has a number of these trainings available on Youtube!

- **Orders for Protection, Harassment Restraining Orders and DANCO's:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMY9IB2Pi_0
- **Providing Advocacy in Family Court:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo71mbA5kBQ>
- **Landlord/Tenant Basics:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFjSrOFsNnE>

Other Trainings and Events

Voting Restrictions, Voting Rights, and the Future of the Franchise in Minnesota. Monday, April 3, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. According to The Sentencing Project, an estimated 2 percent of people of voting age in the United States were ineligible to cast ballots in 2022 due to state laws prohibiting people with felony convictions from voting. This panel discussion will explore the history of felon disenfranchisement in the United States, the efforts to change these laws in Minnesota and nationally, and the road ahead for voting rights. The panel will stress strategies to enhance democracy and boost voter turnout, including advising clients about their voting rights after felony voting restoration. [More information and registration.](#)

Join MIWRC for a Teal Shawl Making Workshop in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month! It will be taught by our very own, Marisa Cummings and Tawny Hale. We will be serving a meal during the workshop. **The first session is on Monday, April 3rd from 4 PM-7 PM and the second session is on Wednesday, April 5th from 4 PM-7 PM in the Community Room at MIWRC. This class is reserved for Native people.** [More information and registration.](#)

Free Training Serving LGBTQIA+ Children and Families in the Child Abuse MDT Process April 6, 2023 | 9:00AM - 12:00 PM CT. This training is appropriate for law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, child protection workers, forensic interviewers, mental health professionals, medical providers, advocates, community liaisons, and youth-serving professionals that may interact with LGBTQIA+ children and youth. In addition to providing an overview of gender and sexuality terminology, the training will include topics such as cultural considerations when working with LGBTQIA+ children, youth and families, working with caregivers that are not supportive of LGBTQIA+ youth, preparing the team, family, and child for the process, allyship, pronouns, engaging community partners, vetting resources for LGBTQIA+ families, considerations for the forensic protocol and the use of interview aids. While considerations for the forensic interview will be discussed in this course, the primary focus of this training is on the MDT, as a whole. [More information and registration.](#)

Doing Our Own Work: Personal and Professional Anti-Racism, a cohort-based, three-part training, MCN will bring together leaders who are ready for a deep dive into their own personal anti-racism ideals as well as how they are combating racism in their work/community spaces. **April 11, 25, and May 9, 2023 Online workshop 9 am to 12 pm.** [More information and registration.](#)

MN Elder Justice Center presents: Moving from Ageism to Age-Friendly, April 13, 2023. Ageism is a pervasive form of bigotry and can find its way into everyday practices without our conscious awareness. Mitigating and eliminating ageism can begin with transforming your organization by utilizing age-friendly principles and practices you can easily implement. This virtual workshop will provide you with tools to assess your organization's current policies and practices; develop an action plan based on the assessment; and evaluate your progress. [More information and registration.](#)

2023 Jane Ochrymowycz Award for Advocacy: Call for Nominations. With this award, the Minnesota Elder Justice Center honors advocates whose talent, generosity and spirit embody the characteristics of Jane Ochrymowycz. Please view the full award information and directions to nominate at the link below. [More information and nominations.](#)

NOVA observes National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) every year by offering free trainings and exciting events throughout the week! This year, the Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)'s official NCVRW theme is Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change. [More information on virtual events and trainings throughout the week.](#)

NNEDV is hosting their 6th Annual Economic Justice Summit April 25-27 in Washington, DC with the theme "Weathering the Economic Storm: Shaping our Financial Forecast." Join fellow advocates, experts, and allies to discuss and share strategies to improve economic security for survivors. [Learn more and register!](#)

Financial Assistance for Crime Victims Training: A training for victim service providers. Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:30-3:00 PM. Join OJP during National Crime Victims' Rights Week for a virtual workshop on financial assistance available to crime victims from the Crime Victims Reparations Board. [More information and registration.](#)

The Youth Violence Prevention Summit is an event curated by the Agape Oasis Youth Violence Prevention Ambassadors (YVPA), a collective of High School & College Aged students across the Twin Cities, in partnership with the staff at Oasis of Love Crisis Intervention Center. The Summit will include 4

workshops led by industry experts with a wealth of experience working with teens and young adults in the areas of interest selected by the YVPA, arts and entertainment performances, and a resource fair with representatives from Youth-Serving organizations. [More information and registration.](#)

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) created the Nonprofit Mission Award for Anti-Racism Initiative. MCN invites you to nominate a nonprofit doing the difficult, but necessary, work of combatting racism. Award recipients receive a professional video highlighting their work, recognition at the 2023 MCN Annual Conference, a feature in MCN's Nonprofit News, a cash award, and more.

Nomination deadline: Friday, April 28 at 5 p.m. [More information and nomination forms.](#)

The MN Office of Justice Programs is the state administering agency for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, a federal source of criminal justice funding. Our agency is in the process of updating our five-year state strategy which will guide spending under this grant program. To aid in developing the state strategy, we are requesting input from criminal justice professionals and other interested parties across the state. The survey takes less than five minutes and the answers provided are confidential and anonymous. The survey will be available until May 1, 2023. [More information.](#)

Save the date for Women's Advocates' 1st Annual Break the Cycle event on Saturday, May 6th! Save the date to join for a ride along Big Rivers Regional Trail and a community festival with food and fun-filled family activities with community partners! [Learn more!](#)

2023 Annual Zero Abuse Project Summit! Discounted early bird pricing is now available, and is being offered for a limited time only. The Summit will run from **June 7 - 9, 2023 in sunny Orlando, Florida** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort. In addition to programming tailored to provide all you need to know about emerging trends in the field of forensic interviewing, there's a unique opportunity for peer review where we'll examine real cases from the field. Only 75 spots will be available, so don't delay and register now for the Summit and peer review session! [More information and registration here.](#)

The National Crime Victim Law Institute's Crime Victim Law Conference is the premier national conference on rights enforcement in the country. Professionals serving victims gather to learn, share best practices, and plan the future of victims' rights. This year, the Pre-Conference Institute will be held on the afternoon of Monday, June 5th. The Crime Victim Law Conference will be held on **Tuesday, June 6th and Wednesday, June 7th.** [More information and registration.](#)

The Minnesota Elder Justice Center 17th Annual Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference to be held at the Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center, MN, **June 15, 2023.** Denny Chan, Justice in Aging is the keynote speaker. [More information.](#)

Women are Sacred Conference: The Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, Tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, Tribal community members, Tribal leadership, law enforcement, and Tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against Native American women and children. WAS offers state-of-the-art training and networking opportunities designed to increase the capacity of Tribal nations, Tribal domestic violence, and community-based programs to address violence in Tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders, advocates, and other experts in the movement to end violence against Indigenous

women and other relatives. **The conference will be held June 26–28, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Isleta Resort and Casino. [More information and registration here.](#)**

[Register today to attend the 2023 National Training Institute September 6-8, 2023 in Boston, MA.](#) Early Bird registration for the 2023 National Training Institute is on sale. Register before May 1st to save \$100! Each year, the National Training Institute highlights innovative work in victim services, justice, and public safety. The 2023 National Training Institute, will include a variety of plenaries, training workshops, and networking opportunities. **[More information and registration.](#)**

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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.

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

To donate: www.mnallianceoncrime.org/donate/



MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

1 IMPACT

Donating the change from your credit/debit card purchases helps MAC provide training & resources for victim advocates statewide.

2 SIMPLE

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3 EASY

Download the iPhone/ Android app or from the RoundUp website. Setup takes less than 45 seconds.

4 SECURE

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