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from mac's executive director

Happy New Year!

This is not the new year greeting I had planned to write. As most you know, our beloved colleague, Danielle Kluz, suffered a severe stroke on December 23rd, 2021 and remains in the ICU at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

Much remains unknown about her recovery, but we will remain steadfast in sending all the

love, healing energy, and encouragement we can to Danielle, and all who love her!

I have always said that Danielle literally makes MAC look good! Her eye for details and choosing the perfect image and font, are unmatched. In her absence, we will try to do our best to live up to her standards, knowing we will fall short.

Many of you have reached out asking how you can support MAC during this difficult time. We are so appreciative of your kind and encouraging words. What MAC needs most right now is your patience and understanding. We may be slower to respond and our emails may look different, but we are still here working to support all of you.

Danielle has always received great energy and happiness from her relationships with all of you and I ask you continue to encourage her through your messages to her on her Caring Bridge site. Her family reads them all and feels the love for Danielle coming from all over the state and beyond. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/daniellekluz>

I will end by asking all of us to be kinder than necessary in 2022 and never miss the opportunity to give a compliment.

In Peace,

Bobbi



Dear MAC members and partners,

As many of you have already heard, I ended my tenure with the Minnesota Alliance on Crime at the end of December to begin a new phase of my career in violence prevention.

It has been a true joy and privilege to work with you all these last five years. I have loved my time at MAC. You have taught me so much about general crime, advocacy, and the resiliency of the human spirit. I like to think we have grown together, and I will carry the lessons I've learned from you into my next chapter. I am pleased to share that I am not going very far. As of January 5, 2022, I will be working with the wonderful team at the Sexual Violence Prevention Program at the Minnesota Department of Health!

Some technical announcements about this transition: I am thrilled to share that MAC will be contracting with Dr. Johnanna Ganz to continue to provide training until a permanent Training Director can be hired. Stay tuned for a job posting in the coming months! Johnanna will also be helping to develop policies and procedures for the training program to enhance its efficacy and sustainability in the long term. You can reach her at MAC's new training e-mail! If you have questions or suggestions for future trainings at MAC, you can e-mail training@mnallianceoncrime.org. You can also expect future communications about trainings to come from this e-mail.

Finally, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and love for Danielle Kluz. In 2016, Danielle called me to tell me about her exciting new job at the Minnesota Alliance on Crime. She told me about a new administrative position opening up, and the amazing Executive Director who'd been hired to take MAC to the next level. The rest is history. I

wouldn't be here if it weren't for Danielle, and I think many of you can say something similar. Thank you for everything, Danielle. We're in your corner, sending prayers and good vibes and love to you and your family for your recovery.

See you soon,

Julia Tindell

news from the field

Minnesota Public Radio: Dianne Haulcy - Why It's Important to Talk to Kids About Race

When your children are young, you might get nervous as a parent at the prospect of telling them about things — like what racism is — that may scare them or take away their innocence. Dianne Haulcy joined host Cathy Wurzer to tell the parents out there: Don't avoid those conversations. Talk to your kids about race. [Click to read or listen](#).

National Center for Victims of Crime: Submit a Proposal for the 2022 National Training Institute

The National Center for Victims of Crime is now accepting workshop proposals for the 2022 National Training Institute taking place in St. Louis, Missouri from October 6-8, 2022. Submit your idea for a workshop that addresses how we can innovate victim services, achieve safety and justice, and strengthen partnerships. We encourage submissions that include multiple institutions and diverse perspectives on all topics related to the impact of crime on victims and their communities. For more information and to submit a proposal, click [here](#). **Proposals are due February 11th, 2022 at 5PM EST.**

National Child Traumatic Stress Network: Psychological First Aid for Displaced Children and Families

This resource is a an evidence-informed flexible approach to assist displaced children and families immediately after arriving in the US. This approach includes a set of tools to assist staff in supporting displaced children and families through early transitions. Because each child and family comes with their own experiences and circumstances, it is important to tailor your interactions to meet their unique needs. Practice cultural competency and humility in every interaction (learn about cultural norms and the political, historical context from which the children and families came). [Learn more](#).

National Mass Violence Resource Center: Hate Crimes and Mass Violence Podcast

[“Hate Crimes and Mass Violence”](#) is the latest Mass Violence Podcast (MVP) sponsored by the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center. Dr. Dan Smith is joined by Georgia State Senator Michelle Au. Months after being sworn into office, Sen. Au's district faced a shooting spree that primarily targeted Asian-owned businesses. Sen. Au talks about the Atlanta spa shootings and the simmering, hate-based violence the Asian American and Pacific Islander community has faced over the last two years.

National Mass Violence Resource Center: How to Identify an Experienced Trauma-Focused Therapist

In the aftermath of a mass violence incident (MVI), communities are often inundated with offers of help and support. This will include individuals who define themselves as trauma “experts” in delivering therapy or counseling to MVI victims. Such claims of expertise may be false, exaggerated, or merely misguided, leaving communities with little guidance about how to determine whether someone has the training or expertise to provide the most effective interventions to victims and survivors in the wake of an MVI. Selection of a trauma-focused mental health intervention will vary depending on factors, such as the victim's age, cultural background, specific needs, previous history of trauma and/or victimization, and severity of problems, as well as whether the intervention is conducted immediately after an MVI or further down the line. [Read more](#).

upcoming trainings & webinars

January 6, 2022 Webinar

Weaving Occupational Identity Management into Everyday Practices: Informal Organizational Culture for Leaders

January 18, 2022 Workshop:

Building Stronger Relationships: Using Coaching-Based Feedback in Everyday Occupational Identity Management

fundamentals in victim services training

an online training for newer
crime victim advocates & staff

january 19-21, 2022

minnesota alliance on crime



Please join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime for a FREE webinar:
**Strategies for Court: Protecting Victims'
Records and Confidentiality**

January 11, 2022 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

**Presenters: Rana Alexander, Standpoint; Kelly Moller
& Adam Petras, Hennepin County Attorney's Office**



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

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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](#).