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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

Happy July! I hope that you are having a productive summer that still

allows you some time to enjoy the beautiful weather.

MAC is having a busy summer. It was wonderful to see so many members and allies at June's Fundamentals in Victim Services training. MAC staff very much enjoys opportunities like Fundamentals to get to know those of you who work in the field. I want to thank all of you who attended and to our incredible trainers: Karla Bauer, Bree Adams Bill of the St. Paul and Ramsey County Intervention, Suzanne Elwell of the Office of Justice Programs, Kelly Nicholson of the Dakota County Attorney's Office, and Julie Richards. If you have never attended Fundamentals and you are new to the field, we strongly urge you to register the next time we offer it. It's an excellent grounding in what it truly means to be an advocate for *all* victims of crime.



I hope you have marked off September 6-7, 2018 on your calendar for the MAC Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training, which will be held at the Dakota Lodge in West St. Paul. This two-day event will feature setting priorities for MAC's upcoming year, voting on the slate of new Board of Directors members, and some amazing trainings, including Ellie Krug, who will work with us on what she calls "Gray Area Thinking," and Nicole Matthews of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, training on working effectively with tribal communities. We will also have a lunchtime award ceremony to recognize MAC members doing outstanding work on behalf of victims of crime. (See below for more info on the Spotlight Award.) Registration for this event will open in just over a week.

MAC members, keep your eyes open in the next month for the Annual Membership Survey. This survey helps MAC ensure we are meeting the needs of our member programs.

As always, if there is anything MAC can do to assist you in your work with victims of crime, please contact us any time.

Once again, I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and warm weather!

In Peace,

Bobbi

MAC Members: It's Time to Renew Your Membership for FY19

Membership renewals are due July 1, 2018.

Membership renewal forms available at
www.mnallianceoncrime.org/membership.





REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Expand the Circle:
The 2018 Annual Meeting
& Capacity Building Training

September 6-7, 2019
Dakota Lodge, West St. Paul, MN

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime



At the 2018 MAC Annual Meeting, to be held on September 6, 2018 at the MAC Annual Meeting in West St. Paul, we will award the Spotlight Award to a MAC Member who is truly making a difference for victims. We need YOUR help in nominating outstanding members for this award!

Spotlight Award Criteria:

- The nominee must currently be an employee or volunteer for a **MAC member program**.
- The person nominating does not need to be a MAC member.
- The nominee does not need to work directly with victims but they must work on behalf of victims in some way. (Example: The executive director of a direct service organization.)
- You may nominate someone at your own agency or another MAC member organization.
- You may nominate yourself.
- The nominee must be doing work that is considered innovative or outstanding.

How to Nominate:

- [Click here](#) to download the nomination form.
- Email the completed form to [Danielle Kluz](#) by **July 15, 2018**.

MAC staff will review all nominations that meet the criteria and the award will be announced at a special lunch ceremony at the Annual Meeting.

Minnesota Anti-Violence Coalitions Stand for Diversity, Safety, and Equity in the Face of Discriminatory Federal Policies

Coalitions working to end violence in Minnesota stand in alliance with immigrant and refugee survivors of sexual and domestic violence, people seeking asylum in the United States, and our Muslim family members, friends, and neighbors. We denounce the family separation 'zero tolerance' immigration policy; the ban on domestic and sexual violence survivors seeking asylum; and the travel ban on people of the Muslim faith. All of the aforementioned policies advanced by the Trump administration demonstrate a pattern of discrimination, violence, and destructive power. We - as advocates working to end violence - value diversity, safety, and equity.

We work every day to enact values of freedom, justice, and compassion in our relationships and

communities. No matter what victimization someone has experienced - whether a person is fleeing sexual violence, domestic violence, or broader violence in one's country - we have a moral obligation to people seeking safety for themselves and their children in the United States.

From our decades of working with survivors, we know that leaving a violent home is one of the most difficult situations a person can face; it is inhumane to greet a survivor with more violence and refuse refuge. Family detention, religious travel bans, and refusing to grant asylum to survivors of domestic and sexual violence are policies that put our communities in harm's way. When people living in our communities are experiencing violence in their homes, they are less likely to call for help or seek out services. Due to these deeply flawed policies, survivors fear being ripped away from their children or deported.

We have a shared responsibility to keep our communities together and safe from these harmful policies. We urge Congress, especially the delegation from Minnesota, to pass legislation which will end these inhumane practices at the border, end the criminalization and incarceration of people seeking safety, and ensure that all survivors and families are treated with dignity and respect.

- [Minnesota Alliance on Crime](#)
- [Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)
- [Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women](#)
- [Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition](#)
- [Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center](#)
- [Sacred Hoop Coalition](#)

Meet Callie - MAC Summer Intern

Hello MAC members and allies!

My name is Callie and I'm one of MAC's interns this summer. I am a senior at Southwest Minnesota State University. I will graduate in December 2018 with a sociology major and a criminal Justice minor. I grew up on a small family farm in Grand Meadow, Minnesota, outside of Rochester. I love to travel and explore different places, going camping, hiking, and enjoying the little things in life.



I became interested in interning at MAC because it seemed like a great combination of my major and minor and a means of getting my foot into the door of advocacy. Here at MAC, I help gather and organize information on the newsletter and help prepare, organize, and attend trainings that MAC hosts. I am loving my internship so far and the great women who run MAC. In the future, I would love to advocate for victims of elder abuse and work to find vulnerable adults the help and resources they need.

Callie is exploring career options with MAC members and allies. If you'd be interested in meeting with her to talk about your program and what you do to help crime victims, please email [Danielle Kluz](#).

Next month - meet Avery, MAC's second summer intern!



National Network to End Domestic Violence: Attorney General Further Jeopardizes the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims

A decision by the U.S. Attorney General recently will make it extremely difficult for domestic violence victims whose own countries are unable to protect them to seek asylum in the United States. [Read more.](#)

Bureau of Justice Assistance: Violence Reduction Response Center Launch

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has launched the Violence Reduction Response Center (VRRRC), giving you direct access to expert staff who can connect you to the most relevant training and technical assistance from the Department of Justice. VRRRC helps state, local, and tribal law enforcement, U.S. attorneys, and criminal justice practitioners respond to agency- and situation-specific crime reduction needs. [More information here.](#)

National Latin@ Network: Making Room for Culture - Domestic Violence Services and Minority Communities

A thought-provoking article on understanding the power of an individual's cultural lens. [Read here.](#)

TechBeat: Vicarious Trauma Toolkit Helps Agencies Establish Priorities, Develop Response

An article about the [OVC Vicarious Trauma Toolkit](#) and its wide application to victim assistance, law enforcement, and emergency response professions. [Read here.](#)

National Children's Alliance: Child Physical Abuse - A Guide to the Children's Advocacy Center's Response

A guide to increase the number of CACs delivering evidence-based intervention designed to meet the specific needs of physical abuse victims. [Download here.](#)

UCLA Law Review: The Racial Roots of Human Trafficking

This article explores the role of race in the prostitution and sex trafficking of people of color, particularly minority youth, and the evolving legal and social responses in the United States. [Read here.](#)

National Center for State Courts and the Pretrial Justice Institute: Two New Resources

For victim assistance and allied professionals involved in pretrial justice initiatives, here are two new resources. [Pretrial Justice Planning Guide for Courts](#) provides a framework and worksheets for judges and court managers to assess their current pretrial system and plan improvements.

[Estimating the Costs of Implementing Pretrial Assessment and Monitoring Services](#) provides factors to consider when estimating the costs of providing effective pretrial services.



CYBERCRIME TRAINING & Federal Partner Round Table

Tuesday, July 17 | 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Wilder Center, St. Paul, MN

About This Event:

Please join us for the Cybercrime Training and Federal Partner Round Table! You are invited to participate in guided networking with federal partners to discuss the various ways local, state, and federal programs can partner on identity theft investigations and victim services. The networking hour will be followed by a panel of cybercrime experts. Click the link below for the full agenda.

MAC will apply for CLE and POST credits.

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.

This training is brought to you by the Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network.

For updates on this and other identity theft trainings, as well as a weekly identity theft brief, [sign up to participate in MITCIRN here](#)

Click here for more information, full agenda, and registration.



Registration for the 2018 New Laws Trainings

The New Laws training program meets the need for domestic and sexual violence advocates, attorneys, law enforcement, and probation to gain concise, accurate and relevant information on domestic and sexual violence law. This two-day training is designed to provide information about recent changes to Minnesota state and federal statutes and case law regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking. New Laws also provides training on local and national trending topics.

CLE and POST credits available.

Locations and Dates (click location for more info and registration link):

August 16-17: [Walker](#), sponsored by Family Safety Network

August 23-24: [Fergus Falls](#), sponsored by Someplace Safe

August 27-28: [North Branch](#), sponsored by Family Pathways

September 20-21: [New Ulm](#), sponsored by Brown County Probation

September 27-28: [Faribault](#), sponsored by Hope Center

October 1-2: [St. Paul](#), sponsored by SOS of Ramsey County

Other Trainings and Webinars

Exploring Restorative Justice to Address Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Part 2: Centering the Wisdom, Needs and Safety of Survivors

Sponsored by: National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 10, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

This webinar will be structured around the questions that participants asked in the first webinar and their evaluations. This webinar will build on the April 24, 2018 webinar. The trainer will not spend time during Part 2 reviewing what was covered in Part 1. [Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #3: Advocacy & Survivorship

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | July 11, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The third webinar in a series of five collaborative webinars focused on Disability Justice and Violence Prevention. Webinar 3 explore opportunities for advocacy with disabled people in medical, social, educational, and other settings. This webinar will address opportunities and practices for contributing to advocacy inter-personally and with a systems-level perspective. [Learn more.](#)

Part 2: When Victims of Battering Are Charged With Crimes: Effective Advocacy Strategies

Sponsored by: National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 11, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Building on Part 1 of this series, this webinar will explore advocacy strategies from a “defense-based” perspective, including systems’ advocacy and concrete ideas of ways to work with individual victim defendants. This webinar will highlight parts of *A Toolkit for Systems Advocacy on Behalf of Victims of Battering Charged with Crimes* developed by the National Clearinghouse. [Learn more.](#)

Achieving Language Access for Crime Victims: A Regional Training Series

Sponsored by the Vera Institute of Justice

In Person Training | July 11-12, 2018 | Westin Hotel, Minneapolis MN

This free two-day training will increase crime victim service providers' expertise around language access for people with limited English proficiency and people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. The training will include, among other things, the legal and ethical responsibilities of providing language access. How to conduct a needs assessment and where to find resources in your community to provide for needs.

[Learn more.](#)

Process Matters: Procedural Justice and Its Impact on How Systems Respond to Domestic Violence

Sponsored by: Battered Women’s Justice Project

Webinar | July 12, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

This training will provide a framework for improving access to justice in domestic violence cases through a procedural justice lens. The discussion will focus on the research underlying procedural justice, contextualizing these concepts within the realities of domestic violence cases and provide practical tools for overcoming the challenges to delivering procedural justice to all litigants. [Learn more.](#)

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

Sponsored by: Elder Justice Initiative

Webinar | July 13, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CT

This webinar will highlight some of the challenges and common dynamics in these cases through a comparison of two elder neglect cases that went to trial and were presented to juries. This presentation can aid law enforcement in their investigations of complex elder neglect cases and prosecutors in their review, filing, and litigation in criminal court. [Learn more.](#)

2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series: Nothing About Us Without Us: Centering the Movement Around Self-Advocates

Sponsored by: Vera Center for Victimization and Safety

Webinar | July 17, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

This Webinar will provide an overview of how to facilitate the effective participation of self-advocates at the intersection of violence and disability as well as some of the many benefits of doing so. [Learn more.](#)

Expert Q&A on Forging Relationships Between Victim Service Providers and Academic Institutions

Sponsored by: Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center

Webinar | July 18, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Victim service providers and academic institutions can create mutually beneficial relationships in which subject matter expertise, learning experiences, data, and best practices are developed, exchanged, and improved upon. This session explores how to initiate relationships between these types of organizations, strengthen existing collaborations, and ensure that the working relationship is fair and productive to all parties. [Learn more.](#)

We Built a Portal: How Multnomah County Leveraged Technology to Better Connect Victims to the Support They Need

Sponsored by: National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 19, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

In this presentation, we'll share our approach to creating a victim-centered digital service, provide a demonstration, go over the outcomes we have seen, and discuss what we have learned both during the design process and after. [Learn more.](#)

Stand Against Child Abuse Conference

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance and the First Witness Child Advocacy Center Conference | July 23-24, 2018 | Duluth Convention Center, Duluth, MN

Fee : \$200

Stand Against Child Abuse Conference (SACAC) is a gathering of professionals who respond to child abuse or who work with children. The conference offers a platform to learn, share ideas and build connections with diverse plenary sessions, case studies and 90 minute break-out sessions. [Learn more.](#)

Removing Barriers for People with Disabilities Seeking Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Sponsored by: National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit

Webinar | July 24, 2018 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

This presentation will examine some of the unique dynamics of violence against people with disabilities as well as the barriers that they face when seeking domestic violence protection orders. Additionally, it will present advocates and attorneys with tips for minimizing and eliminating the barriers throughout the process by making it more accessible to all. [Learn more.](#)

Native American Curriculum for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs and Other Social, Community and Educational Services Programs in Minnesota

Sponsored by: The Learning Center of the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

In Person | July 24, 2018 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm | July 25, 2018 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm | July 26, 2018 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm | Location: American Indian OIC, Minneapolis, MN

Fee: \$180.00

This substance abuse related curriculum training is intended to provide an education experience primarily for prevention specialists and substance abuse staff of state licensed programs in Minnesota. The curriculum is also relevant for health, mental health, and social work staff members. [Learn more.](#)

When Victims of Battering Are Charged with Crimes: Part 3: Helping Victim Defendants Navigate Concurrent Protection Order Proceedings

Sponsored by the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 25, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Victims of battering are often involved in multiple court interventions simultaneously. Concurrent legal proceedings can impact one another, often to the detriment of the victims. This webinar will explore ways advocates and attorneys can help to minimize the potential risks faced by victim defendants who also have open protection order proceedings. [Learn more.](#)

Part 3: When Victims of Battering Are Charged with Crimes: Helping Victim Defendants Navigate Concurrent Protection Order Proceedings

Sponsored by: National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 25, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

This webinar will explore ways advocates and attorneys can help to minimize the potential risks faced by victim defendants who also have open protection order proceedings. [Learn more.](#)

2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series: Nothing About Us Without Us: Centering the Movement Around Self-Advocates

Sponsored by: Vera- Center for Victimization and Safety

Webinar | August 21, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

This Webinar will provide an overview of how to facilitate the effective participation of self-advocates at the intersection of violence and disability as well as some of the many benefits of doing so. [Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #4: Best

Practices for Working with People with Disabilities

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | August 22, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The fourth webinar in a series of five collaborative webinars focused on Disability Justice and Violence Prevention. Webinar 4 will address best practices for working with people with a variety of disabilities, including etiquette and ways to increase accessibility and leadership opportunities in organizations and service agencies. This webinar will also explore how engaging in disability justice work, working on internalized ableism and contributing to increased access in various spaces, directly results in prevention of violence. [Learn more.](#)

2018 End Abuse of People with Disabilities Webinar Series: Nothing About Us Without Us: Centering the Movement Around Self-Advocates

Sponsored by: Vera- Center for Victimization and Safety

Webinar | September 18, 2018 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm |

This webinar will provide an overview of how to facilitate the effective participation of self-advocates at the intersection of violence and disability as well as some of the many benefits of doing so. [Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #5: Preventing Violence Against People with Disabilities

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | September 26, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The fifth and final webinar in a series of five collaborative webinars focused on Disability Justice and Violence Prevention. Webinar 5 will connect content presented throughout the webinar series and build on these concepts to offer ideas for preventing violence against people with disabilities. Presenters will offer critical feedback around the opportunities developed through public health, transformative education, and social justice practices in preventing violence against disabled people, especially those who experience multiple axes of marginalization. [Learn more.](#)



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 Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.](#)

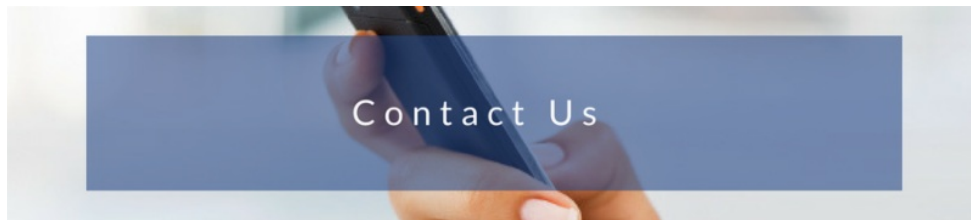


Employment Opportunities

[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



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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 92 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.