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From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies:

It was so good to reconnect with many of you and also make new friends at the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs conference last week. I am always energized by hearing about the great work that is happening throughout the state as we strive to coordinate efforts to support crime victims.

Two weeks ago, I attended the National Crime Victims' Law Institute (NCVLI) conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference focused on strengthening crime victims' rights and "getting loud" to ensure victims' voices are heard throughout the criminal justice system. Meg Garvin, NCVLI director, was also a keynote speaker at the OJP conference last week. Meg provided helpful information regarding the history of victims' rights and how our criminal justice system began to move from being victim directed to where we are today.



Meg's keynote and breakout session prompted conversation about the opportunities that exist in Minnesota to ensure that victims' voices are heard by advocates and other systems. Minnesota statutes contain robust rights for victims, but there is more that Minnesota can do to ensure that crime victims' rights are supported, advanced, and enforced, and that victims are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. One of MAC's priority initiatives is to engage in a statewide conversation with victims/survivors, advocates, criminal justice professionals, state coalitions, underserved communities, and other stakeholders to assess the gaps in Minnesota's statutory scheme, and identify the strategies to strengthen crime victims' rights. These conversations must include the pros and cons of any proposal, along with a recognition of its viability given the state's political and policy climate.

We hope that strengthening victims' rights in Minnesota is a priority for each and every one of you and that you are looking for and seizing every opportunity to "get loud" for victims to make sure their voices are heard. We invite you to join us in our initiative to identify opportunities to strengthen victims' rights in Minnesota. Please plan to participate in focus groups and listening sessions in the coming months.

As always, thank you for all you do, every day, to support victims of crime!

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg



MAC Member Programs:
IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR
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Membership renewals due **July 1, 2017.**
Renewal forms available at
www.mnallianceoncrime.org.

Questions? Email Danielle at
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Call for Presentations: The Day One Summit

The Day One Summit will be held October 26-27, 2017 at Chase on the Lake in Walker, Minnesota. The conference will be primarily attended by advocates, managers, and directors from the Day One Network. While the summit's focus is geared toward Day One Network members as attendees, this RFP is open to individuals/agencies/programs outside of the network. We encourage all of you to share this with others to produce a diverse and relevant program to our attendees. **Proposals are due no later than July 3, 2017.** Our theme this year is *The Heart of Advocacy: Stronger Together*. [Click here for the proposal form.](#)

Early Care and Education Can Help Young Children Overcome Trauma

Trauma-informed care requires all individuals who work with young children to be able to recognize and respond to the impact of traumatic stress in a coordinated way. A new report by Child Trends and the National Center for Children in Poverty, [Helping Young Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: Policies and](#)

[Strategies for Early Care and Education](#), makes important recommendations.

Centers for Disease Control Releases Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan: A Technical Package of Programs, Policies, and Practices

The technical package is intended as a resource to guide prevention decision-making to help communities and states stop intimate partner violence before it starts, support survivors, and lessen the short and long-term harms of intimate partner violence. [Download here](#).

Survey Reveals Impact of Increased Immigration Enforcement on Victims Experiencing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Seven national organizations - including Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (APIGBV), ASISTA, Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV), National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH), National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), and Tahirih Justice Center - working to end domestic violence and sexual assault have released the results of the [2017 Advocate and Legal Service Survey Regarding Immigrant Survivors](#). These partner organizations recognized an urgency to collect data and identify trends based on reports from their constituencies signaling increased fear and reluctance on the part of immigrant survivors to seek assistance from law enforcement or the courts, and uncertainty on the part of advocates on how to advise immigrant survivors.

The Peyton Tuthill Foundation Hearts of Hope Scholarship

The Peyton Tuthill Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded by Pat Tuthill, who was confronted with an unspeakable tragedy when her 23-year-old daughter Peyton was sexually assaulted, tortured, and murdered by an unsupervised probationer who transferred from another state to Colorado in 1999. The Hearts of Hope Scholarship provides college tuition for immediate family members of homicide victims.

Applications are due June 15, 2017. [Click here for more information](#).

U.S. Department of Justice's Elder Abuse Initiative's Elder Abuse Case Review MDT Toolkit

The toolkit is to encourage and facilitate the development and growth of elder abuse case review multidisciplinary teams (MDTs). Its ten chapters are full of useful tips and tools, and the toolkit offers a detailed overview of MDTs. [Click here for more information](#).

Apply for the Fourth Cohort of the Movement Makers

Applications are now open for the fourth cohort of the Move to End Violence Movement Makers. **The deadline to apply is June 15, 2017.** This cohort will join the growing community of Movement Makers working to strengthen the U.S.-based movement to end violence against all girls and women. Through convenings, workshops, skills trainings, coaching, and a community of fellow Movement Makers and allies, participants in the fourth cohort will have a unique and transformational opportunity to powerfully contribute to a movement for social change. Movement Makers will work collaboratively with alumni and allies to build a strong community of changemakers with deep relationships, a shared sense of the horizon, and the commitment to moving forward together to end violence against all girls and women. [More information here](#).

DHS VINE and MN VINE: What's the Difference?

Suzanne Elwell, Minnesota Office of Justice Programs

There have been news reports and emails circulating about concerns regarding the newly launched Department of Homeland Security Victim Information Notification Exchange service (DHS-VINE). I am sending along this email to explain how this new service is different (and similar) to the Minnesota Victim Information and Notification Everyday service (MN VINE), which most advocates are familiar with.

DHS-VINE operates in a manner similar to MN VINE, which allows for crime victims (and others) to register to be notified of changes in custody status for offenders in Minnesota county jail facilities.

A few things to know about DHS-VINE and MN VINE:

- a. Both services are run by Appriss, Inc. MN VINE is accessed through <https://vinelink.com> and DHS-VINE is accessed through <https://vinelink.dhs.gov>. The platforms for the two services are identical.
- b. Both services have two primary features: (1) search for an inmate, and (2) register to get notification of changes in custody status of an inmate.

Search

- a. Searching in MN VINE is anonymous.
- b. To search in DHS-VINE for persons in DHS custody, you have to click on a box to affirm (under penalty

of perjury) that you are a victim, witness, person with legal responsibility to act on behalf of victim or witness, or an individual acting at the request of a victim or witness. Once you affirm, you can proceed with your anonymous search.

Registration

- a. Registration is anonymous for both MN VINE and DHS-VINE, although a registrant must provide an email address or phone number in order to get notifications through both automated services.
- b. Similar to searching, to register in DHS-VINE, you have to “affirm” as described above.
- c. If a victim registers in MN VINE and the inmate is transferred to DHS custody, the registration will transfer to DHS-VINE.

Scope of search

- a. ICE detainees who are housed in a Minnesota county jail facility do not show up in MN VINE. They are under the custody of DHS and will show up in DHS-VINE.
- b. The DHS-VINE service allows you to search for “aliens,” which is described to include those who have been charged with a crime and those convicted of a crime. Elsewhere the database is said to include “removable aliens.” Essentially, all detained immigrants are searchable (except for minors—DHS fixed that problem a few weeks ago).
- c. You can also find the location of an ICE detainee by going to the Online Detainee Locator System. To search in this system, you need the same information as DHS-VINE (first/last name and country of birth, or A-number and country of birth).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Assisting Crime Victims

Sponsored by the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs and HOPE Coalition

In-Person | June 7th | 12:45 –4:00 pm | Red Wing Public Library Community Room, Red Wing, MN

HOPE Coalition is hosting an OJP Assisting Crime Victims training. This free training is open to all professionals who work with crime victims. Danielle Kitto will be presenting on reparations and Suzanne Elwell will be presenting on victims' rights. [Learn more.](#)

Testifying Training

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

In-Person | June 12-13th | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm | St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, MN

Fee: \$80 per person

This training explores benefits of narrative event practice in child abuse and exploitation cases; examines roles of witnesses in court; focuses on fundamentals of presenting at trial; and describes strategies defense attorneys employ during cross-examination. [Learn more.](#)

2017 Nonprofit Leadership Conference

Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

In-Person | June 13th | 8:00 am –4:30 pm | McNamara Alumni Center, Minneapolis

Fee: \$199 by June 6th and \$219 after June 6th for MCN members / \$219 by June 6th and \$259 after June 6th for non-members

Leaders of all levels and backgrounds will be essential to building future leadership inspired and supported by our past successes and traditions. At this day-long gathering, attendees will be able to dialogue about personal and organizational change. We'll refresh our knowledge, focus on key values, recognize current trends, and create a stronger community of nonprofit leaders. [Learn more.](#)

Advocate Lessons: How Law Enforcement Responds to and Investigates Sexual Assault Cases (Part 3: CCR Problem-Solving Series: The Role of Law Enforcement)

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | June 15, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 pm

In this webinar, our presenters will discuss how police officers respond to sexual assault cases initially and through the investigation and how advocates who understand these law enforcement responsibilities and requirements can better support victims of sexual assault through a legal process that may compound the initial impact of the crime itself. Presenters: Mary Ingham, Crisis Intervention Service, Mason City, IA and Dave Markel, Owner/Director, Markel Consulting, LLC. [Learn more.](#)

The Federal Budget: What's in it, Legislative Process, and Impact of Nonprofits

Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

In-Person | June 15th, 2017 | 1:00– 2:30 pm | Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, St. Paul, MN

Federal funding is a critical revenue source for many nonprofits and state services, and federal decisions about safety net programs and tax policy will have a profound impact on our communities as well. With Minnesota's legislative session wrapping up and the full budget proposal coming from President Trump, presenters Rebecca Lucero, Nan Madden, and Louisa Warren will go over what you need to know and understand. [Learn more.](#)

Immigration Advocacy 101

Sponsored by Standpoint

Webinar | June 15th | 3:00– 4:30pm

Immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence often experience substantial barriers when escaping abusive situations. Their undocumented immigration status can be a significant deterrent to seeking safety. There are several forms of relief and pathways to legal status that may be available to an immigrant survivor. This webinar will provide Minnesota advocates with an overview of the immigration relief available to immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence and trafficking, including recognition of client eligibility and the immigration process. [Learn more.](#)

High Performing Teams in 5 Mindful Moves

Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

In-Person | June 28th, 2017 | 9:00am – Noon | 2314 University Ave. W., Suite 20, St. Paul

Fee: \$50 for MCN members / \$75 for non-members

5 Mindful Moves provides the energy, action, and awareness for transformational change. As individual leaders and teams begin to name and understand the cycles of change, barriers and disconnects are released. Meanwhile, the creative transformation and broadened leadership potentials are ignited. Teams become energized, collaborative, engaged, internally accountable, self-motivated, and astoundingly effective! [Learn more.](#)

Safe at Home: Minnesota's Address Confidentiality Program

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Webinar | August 16th-17th | Noon – 3:00 pm

This training will provide attendees with a basic overview of the Safe at Home program, scenarios around good candidates for Safe at Home, instructions on how to correctly fill out applications, as well as the reinforcement of the advocate's role within the program. The training will be interactive and give advocates the opportunity to ask questions at anytime. [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)



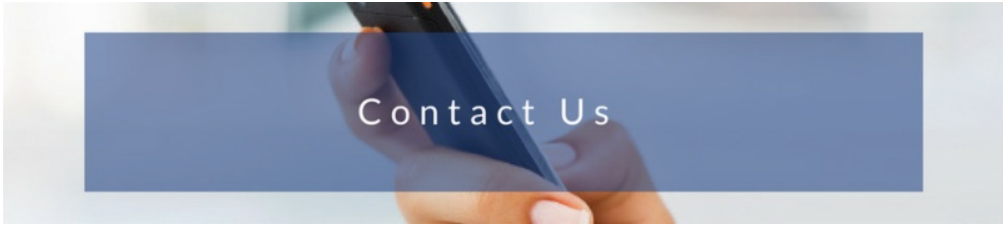
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[Click for the latest employment opportunities around Minnesota.](#)

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 28th of each month.

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



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