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## from mac's executive director

Dear Members and Friends:

The weather is getting quite warm so I think I can officially say happy summer to you all!

I am excited to share some good news with you. The [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP) has awarded each of the Minnesota victim service coalitions \$26,666 to provide best practice training to our members and stakeholders over the next year. MAC is very grateful for OJP's continued support of MAC's work and to their commitment to field of victim services.



The great news doesn't stop there. We are incredibly appreciative of the [Otto Bremer Trust](#) (OBT), the St. Paul foundation. Our request for funding to support MAC's training and technical assistance efforts was awarded \$30,000 to ensure MAC can continue to provide high quality training and technical assistance. We are extra excited because this is MAC's first foundation grant. Again, MAC is encouraged to know our work to support victim service advocates throughout Minnesota is valued and supported.

All of this good news also means that we need to hear from our members and stakeholders regarding emerging issues and topics that you would like MAC to address in training, and how MAC can best facilitate networking opportunities amongst all of you on the front lines doing really good work. MAC will be sending out our annual survey members in July, and you can always contact MAC's training program director, [Julia Tindell](#) to offer her your suggestions for training topics, and better yet, trainers you think would best address the topic.

Thank you for all you do and your continued support of MAC. We exist to support you in order to improve responses to crime victim in Minnesota.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg



*join us for  
the minnesota alliance on crime  
2021 annual meeting &  
capacity building training*

september 9-10, 2021  
online



### **Emily Mackay**

My name is Emily and I will be assisting MAC's incredible team as an intern this summer. I plan to graduate next spring with a major in Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance, as well as a minor in Mass Communications from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Aside from academics, I love to ski in the wintertime, watch the latest TV shows with my roommates, and take boat rides with my family and lovable golden retriever, Maisie. I also work as a beverage cart assistant at Oak Marsh Golf Course during the summer season.

I was drawn to MAC based on their core values and my curiosity to learn more about the resources that are available to crime victims in Minnesota. I am especially thrilled to gain experience through MAC's tremendous training programs. I also hope to have the opportunity to sit in on court hearings and dive into victims' rights research, as I am considering law school in the future. I'm eager to connect with varying agencies and programs to learn more about what their workday looks like and how they aid crime victims. Overall, I cannot wait to try on different hats this summer and work with such wonderful, passionate individuals!

### **Jaylynn Rodriguez**

Hello! My name is Jaylynn and I am a new summer intern at MAC. I just finished my second year at Macalester College, where I'm majoring in Sociology with a concentration on legal studies. I'm currently based in Florida but I'm excited to go back to the Twin Cities!

In the past, I volunteered at the Hmong American Partnership as a teacher's assistant for adult ESL students. I'm currently interested in going to law school after I graduate. I decided to intern at MAC because of my interest in victim advocacy, restorative justice, and community organizing, and I can't wait to learn from everyone around me.

In my free time, I enjoy sewing, writing, and art. I love to bake and I have a 13 year old Yorkie named Princess.



## news from the field

### **The Atlantic: What Happens When Americans Can Finally Exhale - The Pandemic's Mental Wounds Are Still Wide Open**

People have now lived through 14 months of pandemic life. Millions have endured a year of grief, anxiety, isolation, and rolling trauma. Some will recover uneventfully, but for others, the quiet moments after adrenaline fades and normalcy resumes may be unexpectedly punishing. When they finally get a chance to exhale, their breaths may emerge as sighs. [Read more.](#)

### **Department of Homeland Security: DHS Announces New Guidance to Limit ICE and CBP Civil Enforcement Actions In or Near Courthouse**

A civil immigration enforcement action may be taken in or near a courthouse only in certain limited instances, including the following: (1) it involves a national security matter, (2) there is an imminent risk of death, violence, or physical harm to any person, (3) it involves hot pursuit of an individual who poses a threat to public safety, or (4) there is an imminent risk of destruction of evidence material to a criminal case. The interim guidance also makes clear that civil immigration enforcement is permitted against public safety threats in the absence of hot pursuit where necessary and with prior approval. [More information.](#)

### **Minnesota Public Radio: Floyd's Death Laid Bare the 'Minnesota Paradox' of Racism**

George Floyd's death under a white Minneapolis police officer's knee severely tarnished Minnesota's reputation as a progressive state on matters of race. Many Black residents say it was never deserved in the first place. The state's seemingly polite exterior, exemplified by the nickname "Minnesota Nice," has long concealed some of the country's worst racial disparities — especially when it comes to employment, housing and education. As the state on Tuesday marks the [one-year anniversary of Floyd's death](#), residents are still debating whether anything has changed — or will. [Read more.](#)

### **National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health: Serving Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities**

The [National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health](#) has created resources for advocates on trauma-informed domestic violence advocacy that includes information on how to work with survivors with mental health or psychiatric disabilities. These resources include tip sheets on [mental health referrals](#) and [making connections with survivors with mental health \(psychiatric\) disabilities](#). [Learn more.](#)

### **Minnesota Safe Harbor Program: New Tool for Identifying Labor and Sex Trafficking/Exploitation of Youth**

Many individuals have requested a tool that identifies human trafficking and exploitation (sex and labor) victims. In response to this need, the Minnesota Safe Harbor Program, with a team of diverse professionals, including survivors and advocates, developed the MN Youth Human Trafficking and Exploitation Identification (MYTEI) Tool and Guide. The MYTEI Tool and Guide was further reviewed by additional survivors, the Safe Harbor Regional Navigators and the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. The MYTEI tool can be integrated into existing intake and screening processes or be adapted to better fit the profession using the tool. Safe Harbor staff are here to answer any questions and provide technical assistance as needed. To access the tool there is a 45 minute training video, [which can be accessed here](#).

## National Center for Victims of Crime: VAWA Reauthorization Guide

NCVC is honored to share our guide to the 2021 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. This short, readable guide is a brief guide to VAWA and the legislative process. It answers common questions such as: what does this reauthorization mean for me, as a provider? As a survivor? As someone who identifies as AI/AN? [Click here](#) to download.

## National Public Radio: 'If Hate Is A Virus, There Is No Vaccine' - Asian Photographers Speak Out

On the same day as the Georgia shootings, the group Stop AAPI Hate released a report documenting 3,795 "hate incidents" against Asian Americans between March 2020 and February 2021 — a figure the group said was likely a vast undercount. To help understand these challenges, we invited a group of AAPI photographers to share their reflections on the violence and on what Asian community, culture and life really looks like. [Read article](#).

## Nonprofit Quarterly: To Support Black-led Nonprofits, Fund Us for Capacity Building and Infrastructure

"I often think about my sheer survival, lamenting that if something happens to me, my child will be left with nothing. While many other nonprofits talk about promoting self-care practices to address the mental toil and anguish that the dual viruses of COVID-19 and racism bring, we are not immune to this. We often hear that you cannot pour from an empty vessel. Well, my vessel is not just empty, it is bone dry. Yet, this is not just a job; this work is at the very core of my being. This is my community. This is my life." [Read more](#).

## Thorn: Responding to Online Threats - Minors' Perspectives on Disclosing, Reporting, and Blocking

An [alarming new study](#) shared exclusively with **Platformer** has found that minors in the US often receive abuse, harassment, or sexual solicitation from adults on tech platforms. The report from **Thorn**, a nonprofit organization that builds technology to defend children from sexual abuse, identifies a disturbing gap in efforts by Snap, Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, and others to keep children safe.

## Urban Indian Health Institute: Supporting the Sacred: Womxn of Resilience

[Read this report](#) based on the stories of Native femme-identifying survivors who accessed funds to support them during the pandemic. The authors note: "the purpose of the project was to gather information to highlight the strengths Native communities already have and insights that may assist organizations and communities in better serving Native survivors of sexual violence."

## The Violence Project: The Off-Ramp Project

The Violence Project's research shows the road to mass violence is long, including childhood trauma, an observable crisis, suicidality, radicalization online, and access to firearms. The Off-Ramp platform is designed to build more exits from this pathway by translating findings from TVP's comprehensive [mass shooter database](#) into tangible, evidence-based violence prevention strategies for individuals, institutions, and society as a whole.

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## Privacy - Will the United States Supreme Court Weigh In?

*National Crime Victim Law Institute*

Early in May, NCVLI joined [Legal Momentum](#) and 18 other crime victim organizations as amici curiae in support of a crime victim's petition for writ of certiorari filed with the United States Supreme Court. The case involves a minor victim whose offender has been convicted and whose post-conviction challenges have not succeeded. The minor's victimization has not ended, however. Through public records requests the offender's family is seeking access to documents and interview videos that contain graphic material detailing the victim's sexual assault.

Unfortunately, in deciding to allow the release of documents, the Ohio Supreme Court failed to properly weigh the victim's privacy rights. The victim, who is represented by Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center (one of the clinics funded under the Rights in Systems Enforced (RISE) Project), is seeking review from the Supreme Court. In support of the petition, co-amici argue that review is necessary because allowing the disclosure of records that detail the sexual assault of a minor victim violates her privacy rights, serves no legitimate governmental interest, and undermines concerted judicial and legislative efforts over the past decades to protect privacy. [Read the brief here](#).

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## Pulse: 5 Years Later

On Saturday, June 12, 2021, the nation will mark five years since the tragedy at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida that stole the lives of 49 individuals, many of whom were part of the LGBTQIA+ and/or Latinx communities. This serves as a moment to reflect on the progress that has been made since the shooting, pause to honor the lives of the 49 people who were shot and killed and the many more forever changed, and recommit to honoring them with action.

This year, **The Coalition for Pulse: 5 Years Later** was formed in an effort to continue to remember the victims and survivors of this horrific moment in our history. The Coalition hopes **that you or your organization will join them this year in this significant National Moment of Solidarity**. There is a plethora of ways you can participate in the Pulse 5 Year Remembrance:

- Tune into the National Panel Discussion on Facebook Live on **June 12th at 5:00 PM ET**
- Observe the National Moment of Silence for 49 seconds on **June 12th at 6:00 PM ET**
- Post on your social media platforms using the Coalition's **toolkit** and the hashtag: **#Pulse5YearsLater**
- Sign on to the **Collective Statement of Action**
- Order free Pulse 5 Year remembrance **placards and/or coasters** to put on display
- Spread the word to your friends and colleagues

The Coalition for Pulse: 5 Years Later invites everyone to observe the National Moments of Solidarity listed above on June 12, 2021; find out more at <https://bit.ly/pulse5year>.

If you or your organization would like to participate in The Pulse 5 Year Remembrance, please fill out the partner form [here](#).

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## Governor Walz Launches 'Your Shot to Summer' Incentives Campaign Encouraging COVID-19 Vaccinations by July 1

*Campaign begins today to help state reach goal of 70 percent of Minnesotans vaccinated by July. Minnesotans getting their first shot over next month will be able to choose their own reward from wide range of options -- including state parks passes, fishing licenses, and State Fair tickets*

Governor Tim Walz has launched 'Your Shot to Summer,' the state's COVID-19 vaccine incentive campaign encouraging Minnesotans to roll up their sleeves and get their COVID-19 vaccine during the next month.

The campaign aims to get 70 percent of Minnesotans 16 years of age and older vaccinated by July 1. The first 100,000 Minnesotans who get their first shot between May 27 and June 30 will be able to choose the reward of their preference from a wide-ranging list of options, including state parks passes, fishing licenses, and tickets to various summer attractions and events.

Minnesotans who get their first COVID-19 vaccine dose May 27 through June 30 will be eligible to choose their preferred vaccine reward from the nine options listed below:

- Great Lakes Aquarium Pass
- Mall of America Nickelodeon Universe Pass
- Minnesota Fishing License
- Minnesota State Parks Pass
- Minnesota Zoo Admission
- Northwoods Baseball League Tickets
- State Fair Tickets
- Valleyfair Single-Day Admission
- Visa Card

In order to be eligible for the vaccination rewards, Minnesotans 12 years of age and older must receive their first dose between May 27, 2021 and June 30, 2021. Beginning June 1, 2021, Minnesotans can verify their first dose and indicate their preferred vaccine reward at [mn.gov/covid19/summer](https://mn.gov/covid19/summer).

Rewards will be available for the first 100,000 requests made by eligible Minnesotans. Reward requests must be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, and will be fulfilled on a rolling basis throughout the month of June 2021 and no later than July 16, 2021.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## upcoming trainings & webinars

save the date for the  
**fundamentals in  
 victim services training**  
 july 7-9, 2021  
 online training  
 minnesota alliance on crime



**Registration coming soon!**

## Other Trainings and Webinars

*All event times are listed as Central Time.*

### **Pandemic Crime Wave: Causes and Responses**

**Sponsored by the National Press Foundation**

**Webinar | June 3, 2021 | 11:00 am**

COVID-19 lockdowns and health fears have stressed individuals and institutions and decimated the U.S. economy. Protests against police brutality led to police pulling back from discretionary law enforcement. Cutbacks in social services limited interaction with the stressed communities most afflicted by violent crime. Gun and ammunition sales have surged, as have clashes between defund-the-police and law-and-order crowds. This combustible mixture is now playing out in electoral politics, as some voters are demanding a crackdown on crime while others want dramatic changes in policing practices. The mayor of Atlanta cited these tensions as one reason for not running for reelection. Experts will put the recent crime stats in perspective. [Learn more.](#)

### **Domestic Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community**

**Sponsored by Women's Advocates**

**Webinar | June 9, 2021 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

In this webinar we will discuss the basics of LGBTQ+ identities; the prevalence and different forms of domestic violence experienced by LGBTQ+ folks and barriers to seeking support and safety; the dynamics of how abuse functions in LGBTQ+ relationships, identifying opportunities for intervention & prevention, how to support LGBTQ+ survivors. [Learn more.](#)

## **Ask Us Anything: Serving Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities**

**Sponsored by End Abuse of People with Disabilities**

**Webinar | June 10, 2021 | 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

The Ask Us Anything series will give you the opportunity to schedule one-on-one sessions with CVS staff to ask questions or chat with us about issues facing your organization. Each Ask Us Anything session will focus on a different topic. During this Ask Us Anything session, Olga Trujillo will be available to meet with you between 2 - 4 pm ET to answer any questions you have on serving survivors with mental health disabilities. Please sign up for your 15-minute session to meet one-on-one with Olga to ask your questions and receive support. [Learn more.](#)

## **Body-Focused Interventions as Adjunct Treatment for PTSD**

**Sponsored by Women's Advocates and the Mind-Body Trauma Care Lab**

**Webinar | June 15, 2021 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

In this webinar we will discuss the theories on trauma and embodiment; the various interventions that promote mind-body connection for trauma survivors; and the expansive research in this field. [Learn more.](#)

## **LGBTQ2S: Policies and Practices for Tribal Shelters and DV Programs**

**Sponsored by the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center**

**Webinar | June 16, 2021 | 2:00 pm**

Domestic violence doesn't happen only in heterosexual relationships, it happens to individuals of all sexual orientations and genders. In fact, within the LGBTQ community, intimate partner violence occurs at a rate equal to or even higher than that of the heterosexual community. In addition, LGBTQ individuals may experience other forms of domestic violence and additional barriers to seeking help due to fear of discrimination or bias. Although the response to LGBTQ victims of domestic violence is gradually improving, there is still much work to be done. Please [join us for this important webinar](#) to learn how the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC) is working to improve the tribal response to LGBTQ victim/survivors for tribal domestic violence programs and shelters.

## **45-minute Total Resilience Yoga with Brenda Hershey**

**Sponsored by Women's Advocates**

**Webinar | June 19, 2021 | 11:00 am to Noon**

This 45-minute session is for all levels of mobility, no experience required. Depending on what participants need, this class can be called both T.R.Y. Trauma Recovery Yoga or Total Resilience Yoga. Self-regulation techniques are at the foundation of this practice, including orientation, grounding, centering and breathing. The overall goal for participants is for this active self-regulation to become passive, as they begin to implement certain tools in their everyday lives. [Learn more.](#)

## **Domestic Violence-Related Mass and Spree Killings**

**Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project**

**Webinar | June 22, 2021 | 1:00 to 2:15 pm**

This webinar concentrates on two forms of public mass and spree killings. The first consists of cases where the complex dynamics of domestic violence appear to be the principal precipitant of the killings. The second involves public mass killings, usually shootings, where domestic violence is just one aspect of the case but may be central to developing an understanding of the killings. The presenter will use case illustrations to flesh out themes across case types, including the gendering of these offenses, the signaling of offenses, histories of intimate terrorism, planning and more. [Learn more.](#)

## **Mass Violence and Terrorism: How To Design and Implement a Community Resiliency Center**

**Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime**

**Webinar | June 28 OR June 30, 2021 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

An in-depth look at establishing a Community Resiliency Center. A Community Resiliency Center offers service navigation, case management, and behavioral health support to victims and survivors of a mass violence incident. Learn more about the need for and type of Community Resiliency Centers that support victims, survivors, and a community after a mass violence event; the steps needed to establish various types of Community Resiliency Centers; and the types of services most often needed in a Community Resiliency Center. [Learn more.](#)

## **Elder Financial Fraud - Tips for Caregivers**

### Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime

Webinar | June 30, 2021 | 1:00 to 2:15 pm

This Q&A session, presented by staff from the U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline To Assist Victims of Financial Fraud, will provide examples of common types of financial fraud that occur among the older adult population, along with tips on how to identify a scam. Presenters will also provide ideas for caregivers to help identify when an older adult may be experiencing a fraudulent situation and how to address it with the older adult. [Learn more.](#)

### Extended Forensic Interviews: Practical Skills for Multiple Sessions

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

Webinar | July 14, 2021 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

\$30

Based on the nationally recognized ChildFirst® Forensic Interview and CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol™ models, this one-day training will give an overview of conducting multiple-session forensic interviews when a child may not succeed in a standard, single-session interview due to trauma, development, special needs, or other complicating factors, including poly-victimization. [Learn more.](#)

## upcoming events

# STOP > THE TRAFFICKING



## 5K WALK RUN FOR JUSTICE

### LIVE EVENT

sat. June 12 | 8:30a

Pergatory Creek Park, Eden Prairie

### VIRTUAL EVENT

sat. Jun 12 - sun. Jun 20

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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](http://www.mnallianceoncrime.org).**

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