



## March 2018 Newsletter

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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### From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies:

I know February is the shortest month of the year, but this year it truly flew by!

We have been busy settling into our new office space and are enjoying the fresh vibe and energy the setting is providing. It's amazing how new work space can be a catalyst for new ideas and perspectives. If you are feeling like you are in a rut and need to spur your creative energy, try rearranging your office space. Move a chair, add a plant, place your desk in direct sunlight - just make a change in your surroundings and see if it helps you to think outside the box.



MAC has also been busy providing training and welcoming new member programs. It was great to meet staff from newly funded county victim services programs and help them connect with some of the veteran advocates at our recent Fundamentals in Victim Services training. We had a great couple of days together and we are proud to be a part of ensuring crime victims throughout Minnesota receive the support and services they need and deserve.

MAC now has 83 member programs! We appreciate each and every one of you and the work you do with victims of crime. MAC is only as strong as its members, so we remain committed to offering technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities for the purpose of growing the capacity of our member programs. We want to hear and learn from you so we can better meet your needs, so please be in touch.

Spring is coming and with it comes new beginnings. Knowing this energizes my soul and makes me appreciate the opportunities MAC has to be a part of the fantastic work you are all are doing!

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg

## SAVE THE DATE

### MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

### ANNUAL MEETING & CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2018

DAKOTA LODGE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN

## Thanks for Joining MAC for the Fundamentals in Victim Services Training

MAC staff and board enjoyed connecting with all of you who attended the Fundamentals in Victim Services training on February 21-22, 2018 in St. Cloud. We were excited to share the training with you and provide an opportunity for you to learn, discover, and discuss the incredible opportunities we have to impact the lives of crime victims. It was humbling to be able to be a part of challenging, but necessary, conversations regarding how bias, oppression, and privilege affect the lived experiences of victims and our ability to effectively advocate with and for them.

If you were unable to attend the training, stay tuned. We will be announcing dates for the third Fundamentals in Victim Services soon.

We would like to thank these wonderful trainers, without whom this training would not have been possible:

- Bree Adams Bill, St. Paul and Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project
- Karla Bauer, Second Harvest Heartland and MAC Board of Directors
- Suzanne Elwell, Minnesota Office of Justice Programs
- Kelly Nichols, Dakota County Attorney's Office and MAC Board of Directors
- Julie Richards, Trainer and Consultant



### Standpoint: Host Sites Needed for New Laws Trainings

Standpoint needs programs to host our New Laws trainings. As a host site, your program will receive two free registrations for New Laws and our everlasting gratitude. What we ask host sites to help us with is: to find a free or low cost training site for the two days of the training; arrange for a block of rooms at a hotel near the training site; make arrangements for breakfast and snacks in the afternoon (Standpoint covers the cost of this); compile a list of restaurants in the area for lunch; and help advertise the event in your area. Please contact Thi Synavone at (612) 343-9845 if interested or if you have questions.

### Equal Justice Works: Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellowship Program

Equal Justice Works invites eligible organizations to apply to participate in the Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellowship Program, an initiative funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for crime victims. The Crime Victims Justice Corps will mobilize 62 Fellows and 34 summer law students over a two-year Fellowship period, from June 2018 to May 2020. Fellows and law students will work at nonprofit organizations across the country, serving survivors of human trafficking, campus sexual assault, fraud and/or identity theft, hate crime, and immigrant victims.

[Learn more.](#)

### Minnesota Department of Health: Safe Harbor Grant Awards Will Expand Capacity to Address Labor Trafficking

The Minnesota Department of Health is pleased to announce grant awards to provide specialized services for labor trafficking victims ages 24 and under. The following agencies will help build state capacity to address labor trafficking in Minnesota.

- **Minnesota Southwest Crisis Center** – The Minnesota Southwest Crisis Center is located in Southwestern Minnesota and serves residents of Jackson, Cottonwood, Nobles, Rock, and Pipestone counties. They will provide group sessions, life skills training, case management and advocacy. 507-376-6624
- **The Advocates for Human Rights** – Based in Minneapolis, the Advocates for Human Rights will provide legal assistance for foreign nationals and training for attorneys to assist with labor trafficking. 612-341-3302
- **Standpoint** – Standpoint is an organization based in Minneapolis staffed with experienced lawyers and advocates. They will provide legal assistance to foreign nationals who have also experienced domestic or intimate partner violence, as well as training for attorneys statewide. 612-343-9842 or 800-313-2666
- **The Enitan Story** – The Enitan Story is a nonprofit dedicated to serving victims of human trafficking, and will provide case management, community outreach, and skill training. The Enitan story is based in Spring Lake Park. 763-273-6624

### Men as Peacemakers: Volunteers Needed for Domestic Violence Restorative Circles

The DVRC program is in need of men and masculine-identified folks to volunteer. During this time of #MeToo and #TIMESUP, it's time for well-meaning men and masculine folks to get involved. One-on-one trainings are available! For anyone who is interested, please contact Amy Brooks at 218-727-1939 ext 106 or [amy@menaspeacemakers.org](mailto:amy@menaspeacemakers.org).





## New Peer Support Program for Member Directors and Supervisors

Feeling isolated and stressed out in your job as the executive director or program supervisor? Interested in being part of a program that will match you up with another director for support and learning?

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime, the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, and the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault are joining together to offer a peer support program for directors and victim/witness program supervisors of our member programs.

A brief webinar (23 minutes long) that explains the program is available by [clicking here](#).

Click below for more information:

- [A series of reflective questions](#) to review/ponder if you are thinking about joining the peer support program. These are just for your use. They are NOT part of the application; and
- [The program application](#).

Applications for the peer support program are due by the end of the day on **Thursday, March 8th**. Completed applications should be sent to Liz Richards at [richards@mcbw.org](mailto:richards@mcbw.org).

As part of the application, you can also make one-time resource requests. If there is some tool/resource that you need (e.g. resources on how to do staff evaluations), you can indicate that on the application. If you have a one-time resource request but are not interested in the full peer support program, you can send in the application with just your contact information and your resource request.

Applications will be reviewed and peer matches will be made by the coalition directors and each pair will be notified. All people who apply will be matched with another director. We anticipate having matches set up within two weeks of application.



In this webinar, Randy Lawrence will provide an overview of the various types of identity theft, including those involving medical information and false identification upon arrest. He will examine criminal motivations, tactics, and technology, and will provide specific recommendations for identity theft investigations. This webinar will serve as an introduction to identity theft investigation, and will be particularly valuable for law enforcement, systems based victim/witness advocates, and county prosecutors.

**Randy Lawrence: Cybercrime Expert, Retired**

Randy Lawrence is currently retired after 30 years in law enforcement. He was a commander in the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, chief of humane law enforcement for the San Diego Humane Society, and most recently was a lieutenant at San Diego State University. Randy is a cybercrime expert, and a trained computer forensic examiner. Specializing in identity theft, Randy has published multiple magazine articles and has taught courses on identity theft. Randy worked with the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies pursuing cases involving child abuse and exploitation via the internet. Prior to this he worked on the CATCH (Computer and Technology Crime High Tech Response Team) task force, a multi-agency effort dedicated to investigating internet crimes and advanced technology.

**MAC has applied for CLE credit for this webinar.**

**Register for ID Theft Investigation Webinar**



The webinar will cover the personal and professional effects of vicarious trauma on advocates and others who work with victims. We will discuss strategies and resources to assist individuals and to make change on an organizational level to support direct service staff.

**MAC has applied for CLE credit for this webinar.**

**Register for Vicarious Trauma Webinar**



**About This Event:**

We are excited for you to join us for the official launch of the Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network (MITCIRN).

The first half of the day will be the official first meeting of the network, featuring a welcome from former Minnesota Attorney General of the State and State Senator Skip Humphrey. Participants will learn more about MITCIRN, select a committee to engage in targeted efforts to strengthen victim support in Minnesota, and network with other attendees.

In the afternoon, there will be advanced training on often-neglected forms of identity theft (criminal, medical, child, and military identity theft), as well as training geared towards law enforcement, prosecutors, community outreach, and victim advocacy.

**The Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network (MITCIRN)** brings together partners from community advocacy organizations, victim/witness programs, law enforcement, government agencies, and other organizations/agencies across the state who are dedicated to improved access to supportive services for victims of identity theft and cybercrime. MITCIRN meets quarterly to discuss emerging research, engage in training opportunities, share resources, and advance statewide efforts to combat identity theft and support victims through targeted committee work. [Click here to become a MITCIRN participant today.](#)

**MAC has applied for CLE credit for the afternoon training portion of this event.**

### **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.**

### **Travel Reimbursement:**

To support your participation in this event, MAC will provide the following support to attendees traveling more than 45 miles one way:

- Mileage reimbursement for one round trip for one vehicle per organization.
- Reimbursement for one hotel room per organization at the Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge for the night of Tuesday, April 10th at a special rate of \$139/night. You must make your own lodging reservations (see below).

**MAC will reimburse organizations, not individuals. MAC will only reimburse participants who attend the entire network launch and training.**

### **Lodging:**

MAC has negotiated a special rate of \$139/night at the [Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge](#) (just 2 miles from the training site). Please refer to the Minnesota Alliance on Crime when making your reservations.

**Reservations must be made by March 22, 2018 to receive the special rate.**

[\*\*Click here for more information and registration.\*\*](#)

## **Minnesota Office of Justice Programs: Assisting Crime Victims Training**

A one-day training for professionals who work with crime victims.

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**  
**8:30 am - 4:00 pm: lunch provided**

**Northwest Area Foundation**  
**60 Plato Blvd, Fourth Floor, St Paul, MN 55107**

Sessions:

- Crime Victim Reparations: Financial assistance available to victims of violent crime. Danielle Kitto (OJP)



- Crime Victim Rights: Overview of Minnesota statutory crime victim rights, Suzanne Elwell (OJP)
- Working Lunch Session: Staff from the Minnesota Alliance on Crime will lead a discussion with members and allies about its activities and initiatives, current issues in crime victim rights and services, and concerns from the field. Bobbi Holtberg and Danielle Kluz (MAC).
- Advocates and reparations: Danielle will review common questions posed by advocates, conduct a hands-on exercise on how to fill out the reparations application form, explain the loss of support application process, present case scenarios for discussion, and do a practical walk through of the appeal process, explaining how an advocate can assist victims in that process. Danielle Kitto (OJP).
- Crime victim issues-lightening round: A fast-paced, but interactive, discussion of hot topics related to crime victims including cameras in the courtroom, victim impact statements, victims who are also defendants, post-conviction advocacy, restitution collection, data issues, represented victims, and preventing statutory rights violations. Suzanne Elwell (OJP)

POST, CEU, and CLE credits available.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).



THE MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME INVITES YOU TO SAVE THE DATE

## how the accumulation of stress affects our future training

presented by karina forrest-perkins

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018 FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON  
WEST ST. PAUL, MN

registration coming soon

## Other Trainings and Webinars

### Engaging in Policy Advocacy on Behalf of Survivors: Understanding the Important Role and Rules for Nonprofits

Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network

Webinar | March 9, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

Getting involved in policy advocacy is an appropriate and essential role for nonprofits in order to bring the voices of survivors to the policy table and advance the mission and vision of the organization. However, many nonprofit organizations and advocates refrain from getting involved because they feel confused about the rules on policy advocacy for nonprofits. This training will address issues such as different types of advocacy nonprofits can engage in, the importance of educating policy makers, how the tax law for 501 (c)(3) organizations permits lobbying within specific limits, and tips for how to engage in effective public policy advocacy. [Learn more](#).

### Getting Your Agency Involved in Responding to Gender-Based Discrimination on Campus

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | March 14, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Through the study of a few recent and prominent cases of gender-based discrimination, advocates, law enforcement officers, prosecutors and other professionals in the community will learn more about the campus disciplinary system. We will focus on coordination among town and gown, finding solutions to complex cases, and bringing justice to people whom too often are not given a voice. [Learn more](#).

### Legal System 101

Sponsored by Standpoint

Webinar | March 15, 2018 | 3:00-4:00 pm

The United States legal system is actually many legal systems: a federal system and 50 state systems. Each has its own structures, procedures, laws and constitutions. All are multi-tiered. This webinar will broadly cover the differences between the systems to help legal advocates understand how the systems interact or



don't with each other. [Learn more.](#)

## **The Results of a 10-Year Study of the Impact of Intimate Partner Violence Primary Aggressor Laws on Single and Dual Arrest**

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

**Webinar | March 20, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

To discourage dual arrests in intimate partner cases, many states have enacted legislation to mandate that responding officers determine the primary or predominant aggressor. But have these laws been effective? Until now no comprehensive research has examined this issue. The presenters will discuss a 10-year study of the impact of intimate partner violence primary aggressor laws on single and dual arrest. [Learn more.](#)

## **Domestic Violence Risk Assessment and Case Management Training**

**Sponsored by Yellow Medicine Victim Services and WRAP Yellow Medicine**

**In person | March 21 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm OR March 22 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm | Yellow Medicine Training Room, Granite Falls, MN**

This free training will assist those who respond to victims of domestic violence. The course will include an overview of domestic violence lethality; red flags for violence; best practices in domestic violence response; introduction to stalking and stalking evidence; and strangulation. [Learn more.](#)

## **Nonprofit Finance and Sustainability Conference**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and Propel Nonprofits**

**In Person | April 19, 2018 | 8:00 am to 4:00 pm | Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center**

**Conference Fee: \$169-\$269**

This seventh annual day-long conference will offer insights, strategies and tools for staff and board members looking at your organization's financial sustainability from diverse perspectives – from strategy and leadership to implementation and evaluation. Join your nonprofit colleagues to learn about critical issues and best practices to help your organization remain sustainable into the future. [Learn more.](#)

## **(Dis)Parity: Conference on Justice Involved Women and Girls**

**Sponsored by the Advisory Taskforce on Justice Involved Women and Girls, MN Community Corrections Association, and RS Eden**

**In Person | April 23, 2018 | 8:30 am to 4:30 pm | Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis**

**Conference Fee: \$45-\$75**

Join the Department of Corrections Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls to explore the disparities that exist in the criminal justice system for women and girls, and create tangible solutions. CLE and continuing education credits provided. [Learn more.](#)



## **33rd Annual Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Luncheon**

Friday, March 23, 2018 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm

Brackett's Crossing Country Club, Lakeville, MN

\$30 per person.



Please RSVP by March 10, 2018.

[Click here for more info.](#)

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We believe in the power of survivors. We believe in the power of naming what is happening in our communities. We believe in listening to survivors, victims and their loved ones. We believe that each person has the power - and responsibility - to make change in our communities and our state.

We believe we can take action and end domestic violence!

Join the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women on **March 28th at 11 am** in the Rotunda of the Minnesota State Capitol and take a stand against domestic violence in Minnesota!

[Share this event on Facebook.](#)

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## Northland Cup Hockey Game to Benefit St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project

**Join us on Saturday, April 14th at 12:30 for the 5th Annual Northland Cup!**

This free annual charity hockey game between the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County raises funds for the St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention

Project. This invaluable organization provides services for victims of domestic abuse throughout St. Paul and Ramsey County. The team's players are made up of elected officials and employees of the City and County.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the puck drops at 12:30 p.m. In addition to a great hockey game, there will be a silent auction, chuck a puck, and other exciting activities! Bring your family and friends to this (free!) event at the Charles M. Schultz Arena in St. Paul (800 Snelling Ave.).

[Share this event on Facebook.](#)

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## Pro Wrestling 4 Causes Fundraiser for Women of Nations

Pro Wrestling 4 Causes, the philanthropic subsidiary of Midwest Sports Entertainment LLC, presents "GrandSlam '18: An Event 25 Years in the Making". In April of 1993, GrandSlam '93 took place at the Minneapolis American Indian Center, a show in which several local wrestlers became stars overnight, including Sean "X-Pac" Waltman who debuted with WWF just 2 weeks later. Pro Wrestling 4 Causes is re-creating this historic event as a fundraiser for Women of Nations. Ticket sales and other proceeds will be donated to WON.



When: Saturday, April 21 Doors open at 5:30pm, bell time 7 pm

Where: The Minneapolis American Indian Center 1530 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis

Tickets: VIP Seating (Rows 1-3) \$20, Floor Seating \$15, Bleacher Seating \$10

[Click here for tickets.](#)



## 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](mailto: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.**



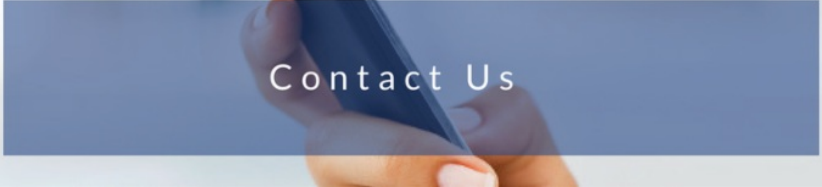
[Click for the latest published decisions from the Minnesota Appellate and Supreme Court.](#)



[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](mailto: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



## Contact Us

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 83 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).