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Dear MAC Members and Friends:

Bernard Beckett once said, "Human spirit is the ability to face the uncertainty of the future with curiosity and optimism. It is the belief that problems can be solved, differences resolved. It is a type of confidence. And it is fragile. It can be blackened by fear and superstition."



As we stand on the precipice of local, state, and national elections that have many of us filled with a lot of emotions and uncertainties, we must recognize that we do, indeed, have the individual and collective power to shape a future we believe in. We have the choice to not give in to the fear and superstition that may be weighing heavy on us. If we choose to work collectively to solve problems and build bridges to connect us to one another, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

If you haven't already, please use your vote to shape the future you want to exist in and then commit to working with others to realize that future.

No matter the outcome of the local, state, and national elections, MAC will be here. We remain committed to our core values and mission, and we hope you will continue to work with us to improve responses to victims of crime in Minnesota.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg

Election Day is TOMORROW

Don't forget to vote!



**MENDING THE
SACRED HOOP**





2020 has been a year of much disruption and anxiety. The pending elections have created an additional layer of disquiet for many of us. With the likelihood that we may not have full election results and the potential of violence on top of everything else that has happened this year, the Minnesota victim service coalitions feel the need to create a space for member programs to come together on the day after the election.

From 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 4th, the Minnesota victim service coalitions invite you to join us online to collectively exhale and to remind each other that we are supportive and resilient coalitions and movements.

This time/space will be largely unstructured. This will not be a space for planning actions or strategizing. It will not be a space for partisan political discussion. We will hold a space for sharing and support. It is very likely that not all election results will be known but the election will be over. If you want to be in a space with others from our coalitions/movements, please join us!

All members of the Minnesota Alliance on Crime, the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Sacred Hoop Coalition, and Violence Free Minnesota are welcome to join us.

If you're a member of MAC and would like the log-in information for this event, please contact Danielle by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 2nd.



Get ready to Give to the Max in just over 2 weeks!

More info coming very soon.

HOLIDAYS

MAC's office will be closed on November 11 for **Veterans Day** and November 26 & 27 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday.



MAC MemberConnect Is Returning!

Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Registration info for the next session will be sent to you later this month. We hope to see you there!

news from the field

AEquitas: New Website and Resources

AEquitas and the Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) team are proud to introduce their [new website for the IPS initiative](#). The IPS initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, supports local and state prosecutors' offices around the country in their pursuit of cutting-edge strategies to combat violent crime. There are great resources here for prosecutors.

Center for Victim Research: Mass Violence and Terrorism Victimization - What We Know From Research- and Practice-Based Evidence

Mass violence and terrorism victims may face a range of harms as a result of the event, including traumatic injuries; psychological harms such as posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and prolonged grief; and unexpected financial costs. Because of their inherently large scale, mass violence and terrorism events pose distinctive challenges for response and recovery. These incidents can overwhelm local communities' response and victim assistance efforts and require a coordinated, cross-sector approach. [Read more](#).

Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center: New Website with Free Anti-Trafficking Resources

A new human trafficking website is available with information for organizations and federally recognized tribes wanting to start, sustain, or grow their anti-trafficking efforts. The site is hosted by the [Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center](#). The site's robust [resource library](#) includes a range of human trafficking content provided in easily digestible formats including tip sheets, one-page overviews, sample documents, and Q&As.

National Children's Advocacy Center: Building Partnerships Toolkit for Child Victim Service Providers

The intent of the Building Partnerships Toolkit is to share strategies and resources for cultivating collaborative partnerships between state Chapters of Children's Advocacy Centers, state Victim of Crime Act Administrators and other state-based child victim service providers. This toolkit offers resources to those seeking to develop and improve collaborative relationships and processes in order to better serve children and youth. [Read more.](#)

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership: Between Compassion and Accountability - Guidelines for Faith Leaders Responding to People Who Abuse Intimate Partners

Faith leaders are called upon to respond when a congregant is alleged to have committed intimate partner violence or domestic violence. In situations that lack clarity and a legal resolution, faith leaders find themselves balancing the need to support and validate the victim as well as the need to acknowledge the legal rights of alleged offenders to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. [Read more.](#)



Minnesota Orders for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders: What's the Difference?

Emily Rekow, Minnesota Alliance on Crime Intern

Television shows and movies frequently mention restraining orders, but when a victim needs one in real life, what does “getting a restraining order” look like?

In Minnesota, there are actually two types of “restraining orders” in civil court that apply to various situations. If you are looking for information about

Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders (DANCOs) in criminal cases, please visit

<https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/domabuse.pdf> for more details on these criminal court orders.

All paperwork and more in-depth instructions can be found at

<https://www.mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx>. There are also many community advocacy programs across the state that assist in writing, filing, and navigating the OFP and HRO process. **Please visit** <https://www.vfmn.org/find-a-program> **to find a community advocacy program near you.** We will dive into the details regarding each order and how to apply for them, but first let's start with some common terminology:

To read the entire article and save it as a handout, [please click here.](#)

2021 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects Funding Opportunity

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), in cooperation with the Office for Victims of Crime, is seeking proposals for innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide public awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all types of crimes during **National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 18-24, 2021**. The 2021 NCVRW theme is “**Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities**”

Successful applicants will be awarded up to \$5,000 each in reimbursement for approved NCVRW public awareness activities through the NCVRW Community Awareness Project's program. Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based victim service organizations, faith-based organizations, tribal organizations, and community coalitions committed to advocating for the rights and services of crime victims are among those encouraged to apply.

More information on the funding can be found [here](#).

The application deadline is Thursday, November 19, 2020. A webinar for applicants will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, beginning at 4:00 pm Eastern Time. Advance registration is required by clicking [here](#).

upcoming trainings & webinars



About This Webinar:

What does it mean to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer? How does someone's sexual orientation and/or gender identity impact their experience of sexual assault and domestic violence? This training will provide you with knowledge to work with LGBTQ victims in a manner that is welcoming, inclusive, and affirming. We will start by familiarizing ourselves with LGBTQ identities and language, then tackle prevalence and dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault in the LGBTQ community, and end with a discussion of best practices when working with LGBTQ victims.

The topics covered in this training include:

- LGBTQ+ Identities and Language
- LGBTQ Communities: Oppression and Its Impact
- DV & SA in the LGBTQ community
- LGBTQ Inclusion: Best Practices for Victim Service Providers
- Q&A

MAC has applied for 2 standard CLEs.

Presenter Bio:

Alyssa joined Outfront Minnesota's Anti-Violence Program in April 2019. As the community access specialist, they work to make sure LGBTQ victim/survivors are seen and supported through the provision of crisis intervention services, systems advocacy, community education, and outreach. Alyssa attended the University of Minnesota, where they studied communication studies and gender, women, and sexuality studies. They spent a majority of their coursework focusing on barriers to accessing service, centering disability and LGBTQ-identities in that work. Alyssa also worked as a sexual health educator, where their class focused on educating students about healthy relationships, gender identity, sexuality, and consent.

About the Outfront MN Anti-Violence Program:

OutFront Minnesota's Anti-Violence Program (AVP) is a broad-based effort to end violence and harassment against and within LGBTQ+ communities in Minnesota. We work in collaboration with survivors and community members to build safety and power—as well as opportunities for support and healing—through the provision of crisis intervention services, systems advocacy, counseling, community education, and outreach. We believe that everyone deserves to be safe from harm regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression. From the individual to the community to the state, we believe eliminating violence and harassment requires social change at every level.

Date and Time:

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Register Now

Free Student-Focused Training Available to Minnesota Schools

Zero Abuse Project's Jacob Wetterling Resource Center (JWRC) is pleased to announce that the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs has recently funded us to provide [15 free virtual trainings](#) on Protecting Minnesota Youth During COVID-19, as well as **customized training for Minnesota schools** and youth-

serving organizations.

Zero Abuse is a 501(c)3 organization aimed at ending all forms of child maltreatment. Located in St. Paul, JWRC has led prevention and education training for the last 30 years. National child abuse and trauma experts Alison Feigh and Jane Straub regularly train child protection professionals, teachers, and parents across Minnesota and nationally.



Through December 2020, JWRC is offering a combination of pre-recorded, live, and custom training to Minnesota **K-12 students, parents, and professionals** working in education and youth-serving organizations. Sessions address the challenges Minnesotans face in keeping youth safe during COVID-19-related social isolation, increased online activities, and the enhanced impact of trauma on young people.

Topics include:

- Enhancing Student Safety during a Pandemic
- Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 as an Adverse Childhood Experience with Positive Childhood Experiences
- Supporting LGBTQIA+ and Gender-Diverse Students during COVID and Distance Learning

View our full [training calendar](#) of scheduled events, or respond to this email to **request a custom training** tailored to your community's unique needs. Customized training must be delivered to schools and organizations by December 30, 2020.

Other Trainings and Webinars

Corroborating Evidence: For Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Forensic Interviewers and other MDT Members

Sponsored by the Zero Abuse Project

Webinar | November 3, 2020 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Initial child abuse disclosures and children's statements ascertained through the forensic interview are only one part of an entire investigation. Increasing relevant corroborative details in the interview will further support the child abuse investigation as a whole. This training stresses the importance of corroboration and offers forensic interview techniques to increase details and facts gathered in the interview through considerations, sample language and guidance for the multidisciplinary team approach.

[Learn more.](#)

Youth Violence-Connecting School Social Workers and Community Based Advocacy Agencies

Sponsored by Standpoint

Webinar | November 5, 2020 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

This webinar will focus on understanding the frequency of youth violence, the role of school social workers, and strategies for community-based advocates to connect with elementary and secondary schools in their counties. [Learn more.](#)

Restorative Justice: Introduction to Contemporary Approaches and Research on Effectiveness

Sponsored by the Justice Research and Statistics Association

Webinar | November 5, 2020 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Using a variety of different approaches that offer an addition, or in some cases an alternative to traditional justice system processing, restorative justice brings the offender, victim and often others together so that the offender understands and acknowledges their criminal behavior was harmful to others and takes action to repair that harm to the fullest extent possible. This webinar will present an overview of the different restorative justice applications being used in the field along with an introduction to research on restorative justice effectiveness. [Learn more.](#)

Understanding the Connections Between Neurocognitive Changes in Aging and Vulnerability to Financial Exploitation

Sponsored by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center

Webinar | November 9, 2020 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

The speaker, Dr. Duke Han, will discuss how his novel neuroimaging and statistical approaches to research are helping us better understand how brain development influences susceptibility to financial exploitation. [Learn more.](#)

Accessing Federal Resources to Enhance Services for Survivors from Culturally Specific Communities

Sponsored by Casa de Esperanza

Webinar | November 10, 2020 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Casa de Esperanza created a Policy Boletín, entitled “[Accessing Federal Resources to Enhance Services for Survivors from Culturally Specific Communities](#)” to answer these frequently asked questions and provide background information on the different federal programs that offer funding opportunities. While there is a need to continue to engage in advocacy to improve access to funding for culturally specific community based organizations that help survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, we also want to help organizations better understand current federal funding resources and how those are distributed at the state and federal level. [Learn more.](#)

Why Comply? Exploring Vulnerability to Scams

Sponsored by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center

Webinar | November 11, 2020 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

The speaker, Professor Marti DeLiema, is an interdisciplinary gerontologist, driven to understanding how our society can cultivate long, healthy, and fulfilling lives for all citizens. She uses both quantitative and qualitative research to study financial victimization using focus groups, in-depth interviews, and survey and panel data. Professor DeLiema will be presenting a summary of her most recent research that includes factors that make individuals susceptible to scans and current trends in fraud targeting older adults. [Learn more.](#)

Family Financial Exploitation: What Research Tells us about the Roles and Experiences of Concerned Family Members

Sponsored by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center

Webinar | November 13, 2020 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

The speaker, Professor Marlene Stum, will be focusing on the role and experiences of concerned family members (non-perpetrators) in dealing with family financial exploitation. Her recent research has findings that help us better understand the challenges, outcomes, and consequences for concerned family members who are secondary victims of financial exploitation. [Learn more.](#)

Putting It All Together

Sponsored by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center

Webinar | November 17, 2020 | 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Join us for a discussion about the implications of the research presented in the previous three sessions. Whether you attended one or all the presentations, we encourage you to join a conversation about the implications of the research findings on our everyday work with older and vulnerable adults. You will be invited to share reflections on the speaker series and how any of the research can inform your own work in the field. [Learn more.](#)

Meeting the Needs of Immigrant Survivors with Disabilities

Sponsored by End Abuse of People with Disabilities

Webinar | November 17, 2020 | 1:00 to 2:30

Survivors with disabilities who have immigrated to the United States face challenges in reporting victimization and receiving services. Language barriers, a lack of a support network in the United States, difficulties accessing services, and lack of knowledge of the criminal justice system or services available will pose barriers for immigrant survivors. When the survivor also has a disability, they face additional challenges to services and healing. In this webinar, we review some best practices for service providers working with immigrant survivors with disabilities. [Learn more.](#)

A Very Particular Set of Skills: Investigating Human Trafficking (Prosecutors/Investigators Only)

Sponsored by the Zero Abuse Project

Webinar | November 19, 2020 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Moving cases from the investigation stage to prosecution is particularly difficult in the context of human trafficking, and successful human trafficking investigations require a unique approach. This workshop addresses potential avenues of corroboration, technology-facilitated human trafficking, proactive strategies, and investigative resources. [Learn more.](#)

employment opportunities

Resources for job seekers:

[Association of Minnesota Counties Jobs](#)

[Indeed](#)

[Legal Services State Support Positions Available](#)

[Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Job Board](#)

[Minnesota County Attorney's Association Job Bank](#)

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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 crime victim service programs, [click here](#).