



# October 2017 Newsletter

## MAC

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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## From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

I am exhilarated, excited, and energized after spending two incredible days with MAC members and allies. The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting and Capacity Building Training is in the books and it was excellent.

I can't thank Danielle and Julia enough for all of their hard work and planning to ensure members were engaged and left with new tools and ideas to better meet the needs of crime victims throughout Minnesota. A big thank you also goes out to the MAC board for their support and work that contributed to the success of the event.



A huge thank you to our trainers and presenters for sharing their expertise and time with us: Jill Bartlett from General Crime Victim Services, Suzanne Elwell from the Office of Justice Programs, Meg Garvin from the National Crime Victim Law Institute, Barb Hedstrom from the Shakopee Police Department, Jen Johnson from Safe Avenues, Rachael Joseph from Protect Minnesota, Mercedes Moreno Ferrer from Community University Health Care, Kelly Nicholson from the Dakota County Attorney's Office, Pheng Thao from the Men and Masculine Folks Network, and Vicki Walechka from the Le Sueur County Attorney's Office.

It's always exciting to share how MAC has grown and better positioned ourselves to meet the needs of our member programs. The FY17 Annual Report (see below) provides details on the many ways MAC has increased our capacity and responded more comprehensively, but here are a few highlights:

- Added 1.5 FTE
- Interns provided 880 hours of support
- Completed a five-year strategic plan
- Created the Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- Increased our membership by 39%
- Provided training to 689 individuals
- Provided more than 150 hours of technical assistance

Please take time to read through the Annual Report to learn about all of the efforts MAC lead and was a part of in FY17. My heart is full of gratitude and my head is full of visions of what lies ahead for MAC in FY18.

Thank you for all you do, every day, to help victims of crime rebuild their lives and experience justice, however they define it. I am proud to be in the business of supporting "the helpers," as Mr. Rogers so eloquently stated it. We see terrible things happening all around us and people are seeking out the helpers.

Take care of yourselves and one another and remember why we do what we do.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg



[Click here to download Annual Report](#)

## MAC welcomes our new members of the Board of Directors:

Karla Bauer, Community Member  
Melissa Cornelius, Watonwan County Attorney's Office  
Emily Douglas, Anoka County Attorney's Office  
Diane Homa, Community Member  
Rachael Joseph, Protect Minnesota  
Pamela Higgins-Maldonado, Cornerstone Advocacy Services  
Angela Miller, Community Member



### Survivor Resources Support Groups

Next week marks the start of Survivor Resources' Fall 2017 support groups, with the St. Paul meeting on Mondays and the Forest Lake and St. Louis Park meetings on Thursdays. [Click here for the full schedule.](#) Grief support groups are free of charge and are offered to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one to homicide, suicide, overdose, or accidental death. Please share the attached flyer with anyone you think may benefit. If you are interested in attending one of the groups for the first time, call Survivor Resources at 651-266-5674 to register (it takes less than 5 minutes).

### Minnesota Department of Health Announces Safe Harbor Expansion Project Request for Proposals

MDH is seeking applications for funding to improve outcomes for children and youth who are victims of human trafficking by integrating human trafficking awareness policy and programming at the state and tribal government levels. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Office on Victims of Crime: Elder Abuse Grants

Additional funds are now available to address elder abuse. The funds may be used for a range of activities, including training for prosecutors, investigators, judges, and other criminal justice professionals; training for service providers and other professionals who work with elder victims; and efforts to introduce a coordinated community response. Register by October 25, apply by November 8. [Click here.](#)

### The 2016 Minnesota Crime Victimization Survey Has Been Released

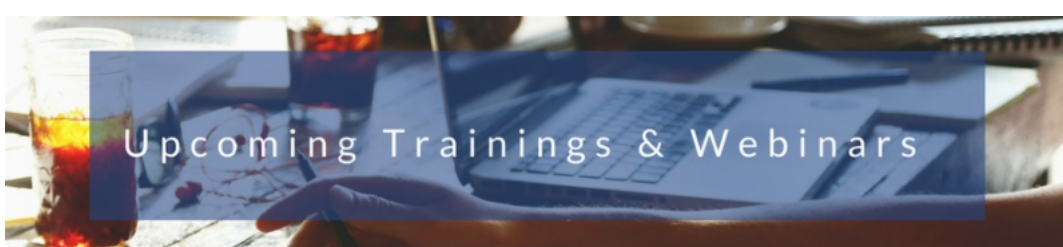
The Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center (MNSAC), a part of the Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP), recently completed its seventh crime victimization survey. This survey measured experiences with crime, perceptions of neighborhood safety, and attitudes towards the police among Minnesota's adult population. [Click here.](#)

### FBI Releases 2016 Report On Crime In The United States

The Federal Bureau of Investigation today released the 2016 edition of its *Crime in the United States* (CIUS) report, a part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). The report, which covers January-December 2016, reaffirms that the worrying violent crime increase that began in 2015, after many years of decline, was not an isolated incident. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Safe Housing Partnerships Website

Victims of domestic and sexual violence face daunting barriers when trying to access safe and affordable housing. The recently launched [Safe Housing Partnerships website](#) provides resources and tools that support victim advocates and providers at the critical intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, and housing. Safe Housing Partnerships is supported by the [Office on Violence Against Women](#), OVC, and other federal partners.



## Upcoming Trainings & Webinars

minnesota alliance on crime

### how the accumulation of stress changes our future

presented by karina forrest-perkins

november 17, 2017 from 8:30 am to noon  
bloomington, mn

#### **Training Objectives:**

##### **Trauma and the Developing Brain**

- Learn the characteristics of the developing brain.
- Know what dynamics adversely affect this neuro-sequential process.
- Learn how the biology of toxic stress impacts our behavior, our choices and our future.

##### **The Adverse Childhood Experience Study and Its Relevance to Our Lives**

- Learn what the Adverse Childhood Experience Study is.
- Understand why adverse childhood experiences are important individually, in our community, and in the greater society.

##### **The Intersection Between a Normal Adaptive Trauma Response and High-Risk Behavior**

- Know the human response to trauma, the accumulation of stress, and the toxic stress effect.
- Learn coping mechanisms and about the early onset of high-risk behavior.

#### **Who Should Attend?**

This training is suited for all who work with victims - advocates, attorneys, law enforcement, etc.

#### **About Karina Forrest-Perkins**

Karina A. Forrest-Perkins is a national speaker and consultant on systems improvement and primary care integration within the behavioral health field. Ms. Forrest-Perkins also serves as the chief executive officer for Wayside Recovery Center (The Wayside House), a women's chemical dependency and co-occurring treatment center in Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, and St. Paul, Minnesota. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Forrest-Perkins served as the president and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and Minnesota Communities Caring for Children..

#### **Training Fees**

MAC Members: **FREE**

Non-MAC Members: \$25.00

Not sure if your organization is a MAC member program? [Click here.](#)

#### **Travel Benefits for MAC Member Programs**

MAC will provide mileage reimbursement for one vehicle per organization traveling more than 80 miles roundtrip. Mileage reimbursement forms will be available at the training.

[More Info & Registration for the Training](#)

# OJP Regional Training and MAC Networking Meeting

A one day training offered in two locations for professionals who work with crime victims.

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

**Moorhead - Clay County Courthouse**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

**Bemidji - Northwest Minnesota Area Foundation**

**8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Lunch provided**

## **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 With the Minnesota Alliance on Crime:** 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--Lightning 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)

Sponsored by the Office of Justice Programs. POST, CEU, and CLE credits available.

[Click here for more info and registration form.](#)

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## **Other Trainings and Webinars**

### **Efficacy of Interventions with Victims**

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

**Webinar | October 11, 2017 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

Studies that explore child and adult development link a wide range of interpersonal, social and physical health difficulties to cumulative and unaddressed trauma associated with domestic violence. In spite of these potentially broad and far-reaching consequences to victims, research addressing the effectiveness of victim interventions is limited. In this webinar, Dr. McWhirter will explore the characteristics of effective interventions for adult and child victims of domestic violence, highlighting challenges and solutions in the selection, delivery, and evaluation of evidence based interventions. Dr. Cattaneo will describe a model of empowerment that might frame such work, an evaluation tool (Measure of Victim Empowerment Related to Safety; MOVERS) informed by the model, and the results of a pilot project with Safe Horizon in New York City using that evaluation tool. [Learn more.](#)

### **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Training**

**Sponsored by the Southwest Crisis Center**

**In Person | October 11-12, 2017 | Worthington Event Center, Worthington, MN**

**Training Fee: \$ 50.00**

Register today for CSEC Training and learn how service providers, child advocates, medical and mental health providers, law enforcement, probation officers, educators, youth organizations, faith-based organizations, and community members can best protect our young people from commercial sexual exploitation. [Learn more.](#)

### **Criminal Court Advocacy 101**

**Sponsored by Standpoint**

**Webinar | October 19, 2017 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

The webinar will provide an overview of criminal law as it relates to victims of domestic and sexual violence,

including recent changes to Minnesota statutes. This training is appropriate for novice and intermediate advocates providing services in Minnesota to domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Seasoned advocates may find this webinar a helpful review. Lindsay J. Brice, Esq., Staff Attorney at Standpoint, will be your trainer and Thi Synavone, Advocacy Support Program Manager, will be your host. [Learn more.](#)

## **Should I Stay or Should I Go: Helping Survivors with Interstate Custody and Relocation Cases**

**Sponsored by the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women**

**Webinar | October 26, 2017 | 12:30-2:00 pm**

This training will provide participants with an overview of the various federal and state laws that govern interstate custody cases. The training will specifically address the needs of advocates and coalition staff who work with survivors in interstate cases at the local, state, and national level. Case scenarios will be used to demonstrate how advocates can help survivors address the economic, safety, and legal issues involved when they cross state lines to flee abuse. [Learn more.](#)



## **Survivor Resources: 15th Annual Megan Fischer Memorial Auction and Culinary Event**

WHEN: Sunday, October 16, 2016

TIME: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE: St. Mary's Lake Calhoun Event Center, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

### [Auction Flyer](#)

[Preregister Before 12:00 pm on 10/20/2017.](#)

#### DETAILS:

5:00 pm – Hors d'oeuvres – Silent auction opens

6:00 pm – Buffet opens – Gourmet food stations

7:30 pm – Silent auction closes

8:00 pm – Live auction begins with John Hines

8:30 pm – Drawing and feature raffle

9:00 pm – Event closes

ADMISSION: \$60.00 / person

Table for eight – \$400.00

- Admission includes all hors d'oeuvres and buffet

Donations or questions: Colleen Luna at 651.266.5653

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

# STAND WITH STANDPOINT

HELP US SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF  
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

23 October 2017 • 5:30 PM  
Hell's Kitchen • 80 S 9th St.

Join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,  
& the Journey of Hope Awards.

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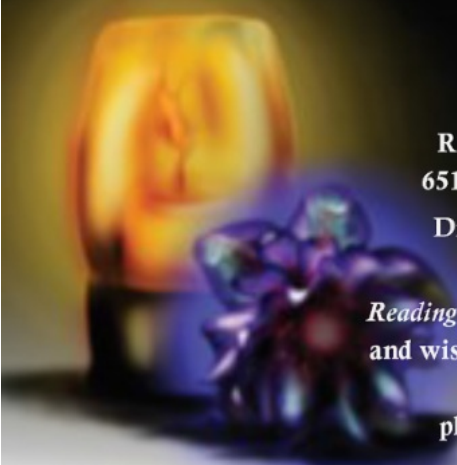
*Candlelight Vigil of  
Remembrance and Hope  
November 5, 2017 2:00 pm*

Christ Lutheran Church  
641 89th Avenue NE, Blaine, MN

RSVP & Questions? Contact Ameer Krogfus at  
651.523.0802 x2758 or [amee.krogfus@madd.org](mailto:amee.krogfus@madd.org).

Didn't RSVP? We are always happy to see you!

*Reading of the Names:* If you are unable to attend this event  
and wish to have your loved one's name read aloud during  
the lighting of the candles,  
please contact Ameer at 651.523.0802 x2758 or  
[amee.krogfus@madd.org](mailto:amee.krogfus@madd.org)

A photograph of a lit candle in a glass holder, with a purple flower in the foreground. The candle is glowing, and the background is dark.

## 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 26th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



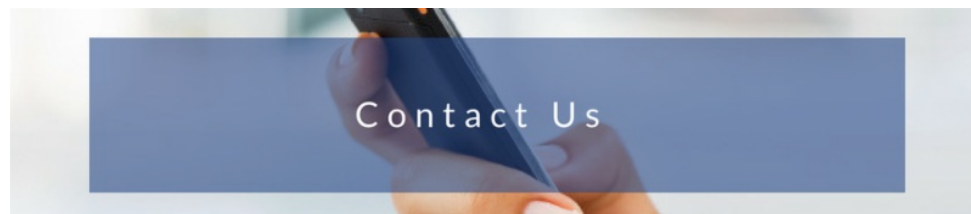
[Click for the latest published decisions from the Minnesota Appellate and Supreme Court.](#)



[Click for the latest victim services 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 26th of each month.

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



As always, if you have any suggestions for MAC, we welcome your input!



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