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From MAC's Executive Director

The past few weeks have shone a light on the root causes of the violence and oppression occurring in our nation, state, and communities. The violence that occurred in Charlottesville was a wake-up call for all of us, and it's time we answer it.

Let me be clear: racism, bigotry, and hate are antithetical to the Minnesota Alliance on Crime's values. More importantly, they stand opposed to the values of decency and respect that the vast majority of American people share. MAC will continue to stand up to and condemn the oppression of any person or community. Our board, staff, and members ascribe to and are



guided by these core values:

- The Minnesota Alliance on Crime opposes the use of all forms of violence and affirms the basic human right of every person to live without fear or the threat of violence throughout the course of one's life.
- We seek to ensure a criminal justice system that is fair and accessible to crime victims, and where meaningful rights for crime victims are routinely honored.
- We stand in solidarity with efforts around the world to end all forms of discrimination, exploitation, and violence.
- We recognize that forms of oppression based on race, gender, class, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, religion, and sexual orientation create a climate of supremacy and ownership that facilitates the use of ongoing violence.
- We believe in the strength of diversity, embrace the differences among ourselves and within our communities, and promote the development of leadership in all communities.
- We undertake prevention efforts to confront and change cultural norms and practices that facilitate violence.
- We promote and encourage the leadership of victims/survivors in guiding our advocacy, policy, and training efforts.
- We affirm the power of collective and collaborative efforts to advocate with social systems and institutions in order to end violence.
- We encourage reflection about our work and thoughtful evaluation of our efforts. We are committed to the ongoing development of innovative strategies and programs to better meet the diverse and emerging needs of crime victims.
- We commit to create a work environment for staff and volunteers that respects diversity, fosters professional growth, encourages critical thinking and initiative, and promotes diligent and effective advocacy efforts.

We hope you stand with MAC in our efforts to eradicate hate, oppression, and violence. We all have a responsibility to confront racism and bigotry in our homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces, and to join our voices to collectively resist the messages coming from a hate-filled fraction of Americans.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg

MAC Members:

Don't forget to complete your Annual Membership Surveys no later than **Friday, September 1st at 4:30 pm**. We need your feedback and input!

Questions? danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org

the minnesota alliance on crime
annual meeting
& capacity building training
above and beyond:
excellence in victim services

september 21-22, 2017
st. cloud, minnesota

Registration deadline is September 15th!

Please join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime on September 21 and 22, 2017 for two days of strategizing, learning, sharing, and networking to go above and beyond our work in advancing rights and services for crime victims in Minnesota. This year's theme, *Above and Beyond: Excellence in Victim Services*, reflects MAC's efforts, based on the needs of our membership, to build capacity to reflect best practices and provide comprehensive services to victims.

MAC Annual Membership Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 8:30 am to noon

The Annual Meeting will provide members and allies the opportunity to learn more about the strategic work MAC staff and board are currently engaged in and to provide direct feedback that will shape MAC's initiatives moving forward. Members will also be tasked with ratifying changes to MAC's bylaws and the presented slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.

Capacity Building Training: Thursday, September 21 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, and Friday, September 22 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Over a day and a half, participants will hear directly from victims/survivors and experts in the victim services field who will provide training on victims' rights in Minnesota, vicarious trauma, emerging issues in the crime victim services field, and a panel discussion on advocacy. Full agenda coming soon.

Location

Holiday Inn and Suites, 75 37th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Training Fees

MAC Members: FREE

Non-MAC Members: \$25 for Thursday only or Friday only; \$50 for both days.

MAC will provide mileage, lodging, and/or meal reimbursement for qualified member programs.

Registration Deadline

Friday, September 15, 2017

[Click Here for More Info & Registration](#)



Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs: Request for Proposals - Sex Trafficking Investigation and Training Grants

The purpose of these funds is to enhance local capacity for sex trafficking investigations. These grants are to be used to support new or existing multi-jurisdictional task forces to investigate sex trafficking cases. The funds may also be used to expand staff capacity for investigation and analysis, to provide training/consultation in the area of sex trafficking, or to send staff to training. Multi-jurisdictional partners may include local, tribal, state, and federal law enforcement, other local, tribal, state, and federal agencies, analysts, prosecutors, service providers, advocacy groups, or other nongovernmental organizations. \$1,950,000 is available for two-year grants. All applications must be submitted via [e-grants](#), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) online grants management system. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on October 9, 2017. To view the RFP go to: [Sex Trafficking Investigations and Training RFP](#). For more information contact Claire Cambridge at claire.cambridge@state.mn.us or 651-201-7307.

University of Minnesota and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota: Mapping the Demand - Sex Buyers in the State of Minnesota

This report deepens the understanding of Minnesotans who pay for sex. The goal of the study is to help close a significant gap in research, practice, and policy related to sex buyers and provide empirical evidence to support action. The researchers sought to understand who they are, where they live and purchase sex, how they approach the marketplace for sex, and what they seek to purchase. [Click here](#).

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Social Media Toolkit

October 2017 is the 30th anniversary of Domestic Violence Awareness Month! [Click here](#) for resources to commemorate the month.

Prevention Institute: Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience - A Framework for Addressing and Preventing Community Trauma

This report offers a groundbreaking framework for understanding the relationship between community trauma and violence. Funded by Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit in Northern California, and based on interviews with practitioners in communities with high rates of violence, the report outlines specific strategies to address and prevent community trauma—and foster resilience—using techniques from those living in affected areas. [Click here](#).

Bolder Advocacy: Amplify Your Voice: Lobbying Dos and Don'ts for Nonprofits

New to lobbying? You have a voice – it's time to use it. Lobbying is a key way nonprofits can advance their missions, amplify the voices of their supporters, educate policymakers, and protect the values they hold dear. This toolkit will guide you through the best practices for lobbying as a nonprofit. [Click here](#).

Minnesota Judicial Branch: Minnesota Supreme Court to Begin Video Livestreaming of Oral Arguments

In an effort to increase public access to the work of the state's highest court, the Minnesota Supreme Court has announced that it will begin livestreaming video of oral arguments held in both the Minnesota State Capitol Courtroom and the Supreme Court's courtroom in the Minnesota Judicial Center. In addition to streaming live video of oral arguments, the Court will continue the long-standing practice of posting recorded video of oral arguments on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website. [Click here for more information](#).



minnesota alliance on crime

september webinar for members & allies

abuse, violence & the deaf/hard of hearing
community

presented by aaron gutzke & steph ritenour, thinkself

september 27, 2017 from noon to 1:00 pm



Learn about the prevalence of abuse and violence against Deaf and Hard of Hearing people, barriers to justice and safety experienced by Deaf and Hard of Hearing victims, and recent innovative work being done to offer more options for accessible and culturally-relevant services.

Presenters:

ThinkSelf Minnesota Deaf Adult Education and Advocacy, formerly known as Communication Services for the Deaf, is a nonprofit organization offering tools, support, and resources to Deaf community members seeking safety and opportunity.

Aaron Gutzke, executive director of ThinkSelf, graduated from Gallaudet University with a BA in English and Secondary Education. During his career, he has worked in Adult Education in both Los Angeles and the Twin Cities. Aaron has a Master's degree from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Steph Ritenour, advocacy manager for ThinkSelf, graduated from the University of Minnesota with an individualized degree in Addiction and Complementary Healing. Steph's work experience includes Deaf mental health services, writing, and advocacy.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Registration is open to all MAC members and allies and is FREE. Register early as we have a limited number of spots for the webinar.

Register Now for September's Webinar



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.

Register Now!

This training is limited to 50 participants and we expect that places will fill quickly.

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

Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence

September 13-14, 2017
Courtyard Marriott Hotel Minneapolis

REGISTRATION OPEN!

*Hosted by the U of M School
of Public Health,
the Minnesota
Public Health
Association,
the Nobel
Peace Prize
Forum, and
Protect
Minnesota*

Protect Minnesota, the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, the Minnesota Public Health Association, and the Nobel Peace Prize Forum are pleased to invite the public to the first annual Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence, in Minneapolis, September 13-14, 2017.

The conference will focus on gun violence as a series of inter-related public health problems that can be solved through integrated, community-based responses. The conference will explore the causes and characteristics of gun violence in various populations, and present emerging research and best practices related to mental illness, suicide, urban violence, domestic violence, and law enforcement.

Participation in the Northstar Conference will be helpful to policy makers, public health and mental health professionals, physicians, nurses, social workers, law enforcement personnel, educators, community leaders, clergy, gun violence prevention advocates, and the media.

This conference is eligible for continuing education credits. Certificates of attendance will be awarded.

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

First Judicial District Domestic Violence Conference

Friday, October 6, 2017 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Featuring keynote speakers Olga Trujillo and Jessica Peterson

Location: The Wilds Golf Club, 3151 Wilds Pkwy NW, Prior Lake, MN

Who Should Attend? Judges, attorneys, prosecutors, advocates, social workers, law enforcement, court personnel, and probation agents.

CLEs and CEUs available (POST credit accreditation pending.)

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

Training Opportunities from the Department of Corrections

Prison Incarceration Period and Offender Community Reentry - What's Next for Victims

Both webinars will include the same content, just offered at two different times. It is important that participants register.

Friday, October 13th from 10am-12pm: [Register](#)

Tuesday, October 17th from 1pm-3pm: [Register](#)

[Click here for more information](#) regarding this DOC overview for victim/witness and system-based advocates.

Protective Orders and Incarcerated Offenders

This webinar will be offered at three different dates and times (noted below).

Monday, September 18th from 12pm-1pm: [Register](#)

Wednesday, September 27th from 12pm-1pm: [Register](#)

Thursday, October 12th from 12pm-1pm: [Register](#)

[Click here for more information](#) regarding this emerging issues webinar. The Department of Corrections-Victim Assistance and Restorative Justice Program strongly encourages our victim/witness advocacy partners to participate in this very important training opportunity. The Department of Corrections has collaborated with the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women on improving and enhancing advocacy services and improving safety for victims of incarcerated offenders and as a result this issue has emerged as one that is critical to victim safety.

Although these training webinars have been developed for our victim witness/prosecutor colleagues, they are open to any criminal justice or advocacy partners to participate. The Department of Corrections-Victim Assistance and Restorative Justice Program is in the process of developing both webinars for community-based advocacy programs and advocates. Those webinars should be announced in early September.

Registration Open for the Directors and Leadership Institute

Sponsored by Day One, Minnesota Alliance on Crime, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Sacred Hoop Coalition and Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women

October 24-25, 2017

Chase On the Lake, Walker, MN

[See attached agenda](#) for more details.

To register for the Institute, [click here](#).

If you are a Day One Member and also want to attend the Day One Summit on October 26- 27, please watch for a separate email registration for the summit.

Lodging at Chase on the Lake:

- Call [888.242.7306](tel:888.242.7306) or [218.547.7777](tel:218.547.7777) x 1 (reservations)
- Mention leader **#74897** or the group Day One Services
- All Day One Services group **reservations must be made before 9/23/17**. After that date, the room block is released
- Classic rooms \$79.00/Night and condos \$120.00 per night + tax.

Cornerstone/Day One will reimburse one room, one night's lodging but your program is responsible for paying for the room and submitting the hotel receipt to Cornerstone. Forms will be available at the Institute.

Questions? Contact Colleen Schmitt at cschmitt@dayoneservices.org or 952-646-6545.

Other Trainings and Webinars

New Laws Training

Sponsored by Standpoint

September 7th-8th, Women's Rural Advocacy Project, Granite Falls

September 21st-22nd, Hands of Hope, Staples

September 28th-29th, Sacred Hoop Coalition, Duluth

October 2nd-3rd, Southern Valley Alliance and Shakopee Police Department, Shakopee

Registration is now open for New Laws Training. This is a two-day training held in six different locations throughout the state of Minnesota and is designed to meet the needs of those who serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking such as advocates, lawyers, law enforcement, and corrections. The intent is to give service providers information that will support them in their service to this demographic. POST and CLE credits will be applied for. [More info and registration here.](#)

Creative Methods for Local Enforcement of Federal Firearms Restrictions

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | September 12, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 pm CST

This webinar explores proven methods for removing firearms from domestic violence offenders, even absent specific state statutory authority. Many communities have already addressed the problem by reliance solely on federal authority for local action. Whether your community is considering implementing a firearm surrender protocol centered on law enforcement, the court, probation, or other format, this webinar gives concrete examples of how this can be accomplished. [Learn more.](#)

Volunteer Screening Tools and Best Practices

Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Webinar | September 12, 2017 | Noon to 1:00 pm

Does your organization struggle to recruit and retain dedicated and impactful volunteers? How do you support volunteers once they come onboard at your organization? Join the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and Verified Volunteers for a review of the Volunteer Screening Trends and Best Practices report published in partnership with Points of Light. Recent findings show organizations are utilizing and screening more volunteers. Organizations are also choosing higher quality background checks and offering more formal volunteer training programs. [Learn more.](#)

Introduction to a Public Health Framework for Human Trafficking

Sponsored by SOAR

Webinar | September 14, 2017 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

This webinar will introduce you to a public health framework for human trafficking, which allows communities to identify and respond to the complex needs of all individuals who have been trafficked. A public health approach aims to prevent human trafficking by examining the root causes that make individuals, families, and communities vulnerable to trafficking, an often overlooked aspect of the 3P Paradigm: Prosecution, Protection, and Prevention. Presented by Dr. Kimberly Chang, human trafficking policy fellow and physician; Asian Health Services, San Francisco, CA and Dr. Hanni Stoklosa—instructor in emergency medicine; Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA. [Learn more.](#)

Is It Abuse? Signs to Look for When Investigating Child Abuse

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

In Person | September 19, 2017 | 9:00 am to noon | Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Bemidji, MN

Dr. Mark Hudson, a board-certified child abuse pediatrician, will train on signs and indicators of abuse to look for when investigating child abuse. This training is for law enforcement, advocates, child protection, prosecutors, and medical providers. To register, please email your name, agency, and phone number to Ashley Her at ashley@minnesotachildrensalliance.org.

New Research on the Intergenerational Transmission of Abuse

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | September 20, 2017 | 2:00 to 3:00 pm

The "cycle of violence" hypothesis is deeply ingrained in the domestic violence movement and is often invoked without a solid understanding of the limitations and challenges involved with testing this hypothesis. As such, this webinar will provide a methodological review and critique of the 'intergenerational transmission of violence' literature. It will also discuss findings from a 20-year study on life course and intergenerational continuity of intimate partner aggression and physical injury. Implications and future research directions will be discussed. Presented by Dr. Megan Haselschwerdt, Asst. Prof. of Child and Family Studies, University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Dr. Kelly Knight, Asst. Prof. of Sociology and Anthropology at Montana State University. [Learn more.](#)

Second National Prosecutors' Summit on Child Abuse

Sponsored by the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center, Minnesota Children's Alliance

In Person | September 20-22, 2017 | Metro Square Building, St. Paul, MN

The Child Abuse Prosecution Project is a training and technical assistance resource provided through the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. The Midwest Regional CAC is very pleased to co-sponsor their upcoming 2nd National Prosecutors' Summit on Child Abuse. The Summit will include instruction from



Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**The Woman's Club Of Minneapolis
410 Oak Grove Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403**

You are cordially invited to join us for a special evening together to support Asian Women United of Minnesota. Enjoy warm and friendly **company**, some delicious **appetizers**, a cash **bar**, a silent **auction** and **raffle** drawing, and **artistic presentations**: poetry and Chinese lion dance.

This fundraising event is **free** and **open to the public** but **RSVP** is required.

Each guest will be **invited to make a donation**. Your gift will support families struggling with domestic violence. Partner with us as we work together to end domestic violence by promoting safe & healthy relationships within the Asian-Pacific Islander community!

Free parking in the adjacent lot with an overflow area just 1/2 block east on Oak Grove. Street parking also an option.

Questions? awum@awum.org

RSVP for From the Heart Today!

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)

Please send by the 26th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



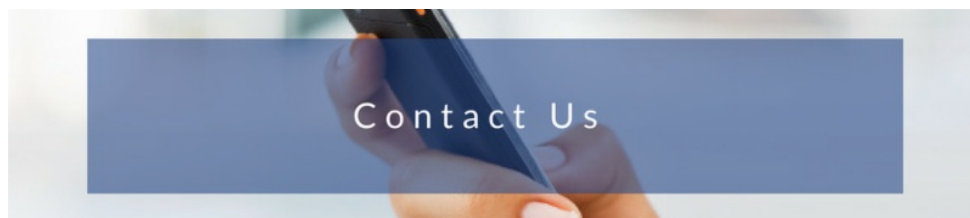
[Click for the latest decisions from the Appellate Court.](#)



[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 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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