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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

It was so good to connect with many of you at the joint coalition reception at the Office of Justice Programs conference last week. It's always energizing to be surrounded by others who are passionate about advocacy and are doing incredible work throughout Minnesota.



How can MAC assist you in meeting the needs of crime victims? What training topics would be most relevant to you? Are you aware of MAC's public policy initiative to strengthen the rights of all victims in Minnesota? We are preparing to send out our Annual Member Survey very soon and we NEED your feedback to these questions and more!

As a statewide coalition, MAC is uniquely positioned to impact services and outcomes for crime victims throughout Minnesota. The only way we can plan our FY19 training, technical assistance, and public policy efforts is if they are informed by all of you who are on the front lines supporting crime victims. While we know how incredibly busy you are, we are asking that you prioritize completing the survey so we can support you as comprehensively as possible. We work for **you**, our members, and your voices truly guide the work we do.

In FY18, MAC increased the number of trainings we provided by 90% from FY17. In order for us to be able to measure and report on the effectiveness of our trainings, **it is imperative that training attendees complete the evaluation surveys that are sent via email after training is completed.**

To date, the number of completed training and webinar evaluation surveys we have received has been much lower than we expected. MAC worked with Aurora Consulting last year to ensure we developed an evaluation process that was minimally taxing on participants while also providing the feedback that MAC needs. We send out a short evaluation survey soon after trainings and webinars are completed in hopes of gaining insight about how your work has been informed by training MAC has delivered. Your evaluations also help us report to our funders about the effectiveness of our trainings, **which allows us to offer all of trainings and webinars to MAC members at no cost.**

We don't want to go back to the days of holding training participants hostage in the room while they complete a paper evaluation, but we need *a lot* more feedback than we are currently getting. So, please take a few minutes and complete the evaluations when you receive them in your email inbox. Your feedback matters and informs our work!

Please take time to enjoy these summer days as they pass by way too quickly.

In Peace,

Bobbi

MAC Members: It's Time to Renew Your Membership for FY19

Membership renewals are due July 1, 2018.

Membership renewal forms available at
www.mnallianceoncrime.org/membership.



Save the Date

Expand the Circle: Annual Meeting & Capacity Building Training

September 6-7, 2019

Dakota Lodge, West St. Paul, MN

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime



Minnesota Department of Health: Online Survey for Community Input to the Safe Harbor for All Strategic Plan

The Safe Harbor for All Strategic Planning Team invites community members to share their feedback and wisdom for the Safe Harbor for All strategic planning process. This is a great opportunity for those who are interested in participating and have not done so yet. [Click here.](#)

Women's Foundation of Minnesota: 2018 Status of Women and Girls in Minnesota

Since 1990, the Women's Foundation of Minnesota has conducted research to inform its grant making and policy work. Launched in 2009, Status of Women and Girls in Minnesota is an ongoing collaborative research project. Periodically, data specific to Minnesota women and girls are gathered and analyzed in economics, safety, health, and leadership. The project represents a unique approach to research by using a gender-race-place-equity lens. [Click here.](#)

Uber: Policy Changes to Prevent Sexual Violence

Changing organizational policies and practices is an important part of preventing sexual violence. Uber has recently been in the news due to their handling of sexual violence within their company headquarters as well as among their drivers. Uber has responded to sexual violence within their company and they have made some important changes to increase transparency and give survivors more choices. Last month, Uber announced [new safety features](#) in the app and improvements to the screening process and they hope today's changes will advance the conversation about ending sexual violence and harassment. [Click here.](#)

Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative: Propose a Workshop for the Overcoming Racism Conference

Proposals are invited for workshops/breakout sessions that address The conference's theme is "Overcoming Racism in Spite of...". Workshops will be offered the afternoons of the conference in breakout sessions lasting 90 minutes each. We need concrete ideas on how to continue this work. Proposals must be received by 5:00 pm on July 30, 2018. [Click here.](#)

Centers for Disease Control: National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey

This is a great resource and fact sheet for advocates of crime. Findings from this survey indicate that millions of Americans are affected by sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence every year. Impact is felt well beyond an individual victim, with substantial economic costs across victims' lifetime due to medical care, lost work, and criminal justice activities. [Click here.](#)

New York Times: The Rise of the Victims' Rights Movement

This article talks about the victims' rights movement, which began decades ago, has lately reached new heights. In November, voters in five states will decide on ballot-initiated victims'-rights

amendments. Activists hope, one day soon, to amend the U.S. Constitution. [Click here.](#)

National Sheriffs Association: New DUI Brochures for Law Enforcement

These brochures were produced for law enforcement to give to victims of DUI crashes. Please share with your local and state police. [Click here.](#)

A Call to Men: Free Online Certification Training

A Call to Men today announced the launch of a free online certification training for its LIVERESPECT Coaching Healthy, Respectful Manhood Curriculum. The on-demand webinar series takes educators, coaches and mentors through A Call to Men's signature training on its curriculum for middle-school and high-school boys. Typically conducted in person over the course of a school day, the online certification training can be completed in three sessions that average 35 minutes each at the convenience of the participant and includes a downloadable certificate upon completion.



The Minnesota Alliance on Crime presents a **FREE** webinar

Working with Victims/Survivors in Loss of Life Cases Part II: An Advocate's Perspective

Presented by Kelly Nicholson,
Dakota County Attorney's Office & MAC Board of Directors

Thursday, June 14, 2018 from Noon to 1:00 pm

About This Webinar:

Homicide cases are serious in nature and can pose several challenges to a victim services provider. There are many dynamics that should be considered and addressed in order to fully support survivors. This webinar will outline those dynamics and provide solutions and ideas for providing mindful, responsive, and comprehensive services and support.

This webinar is a continuation of MAC's April 2018 webinar from Rachael Joseph of Survivors Lead. You do not need to have attended the previous webinar to attend this one. If you are a MAC member and would like to access April's webinar, it is available on the [MAC Member Page](#).

MAC has applied for 1 standard CLE credit for this webinar.

About Kelly Nicholson:

Kelly has worked as an advocate in the criminal justice system since 1995. She began in the Anoka County Attorney's Office where she worked for 11 years working directly with victims of crime. Currently, she is the Supervisor of the Dakota County Attorney's Office - Victim Witness Program.

In addition to providing direct services to victims, she has directed community education and outreach efforts, supervised a sexual assault volunteer program, and provided training on victim issues to law enforcement, criminal justice professionals, advocates, and community members. Kelly is also an Adjunct Instructor at Saint Mary's University in the Police Science Program and serves as Vice President of the Minnesota Alliance on Crime Board of Directors.

Kelly has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and Sociology, and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

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dakota lodge, west st. paul, mn

fundamentals in victim services training

a two-day training for crime victim advocates

minnesota alliance on crime



About This Training:

The June 2018 MAC Fundamentals in Victim Services Training is a two-day advocacy training for victim advocates to develop core advocacy knowledge and skills to provide victim-centered services. This training will cover:

- The role and importance of the advocate (both community-based and system-based);
- Working in collaboration with other criminal justice professionals;
- Crime victims' rights;
- Systems change advocacy;
- Understanding bias, privilege, and oppression;
- And MORE.

The training will feature interactive modules to appeal to different styles of learning, with a combination of lecture, small group work, and games.

Who Should Attend:

The primary audience for this training is prosecution-based victim/witness advocates who have been working in the field for less than one year. We highly encourage victim/witness advocates from programs newly funded by OJP to attend. Community-based advocates from general crime, domestic violence, and sexual assault advocates are also welcome to attend, as well as advocates with more experience who would like a refresher training to strengthen their understanding of core advocacy. Others involved in the criminal justice system such as prosecutors, legal aid attorneys, and law enforcement may attend as well.

Training Fees:

- **FREE** for MAC members, plus hotel reimbursement if applicable. (Not sure if you're a MAC member? [Check here](#). Want to join MAC before registering? Please email Danielle Kluz at danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org.)
- \$75 for non-MAC members. **Want to join MAC to take advantage of our free training for members and other great membership benefits?** [Click here](#).

Travel and Meal Reimbursement:

To support your participation in this training, MAC will provide the following support to MAC member attendees:

- Reimbursement for one hotel room for one night at the Holiday Inn Inver Grove Heights (at MAC's group rate of \$96.00 per night) for each program traveling more than **100 miles one way** to the training.
- You must make your hotel reservation yourself by June 5, 2018. See below for more information.
- If you are planning on requesting reimbursement, you must fill out the [Reimbursement Request Form](#) and return it to MAC by June 8, 2018.

MAC will reimburse member organizations, not individuals. MAC will only reimburse members who attend the entire training.

Lodging:

MAC has negotiated a special rate of \$96.00 per night (plus taxes) at the [Holiday Inn Express Inver Grove Heights](#) for training attendees. You must make your hotel reservations by June 5th by calling (651) 450-1100 and requesting the room block for "the training for Minnesota Alliance on

Crime."

Registration Deadline:

Friday, June 15, 2018 or when space fills. **Our last Fundamentals training sold out quickly** so register early to ensure your place!

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

CYBERCRIME TRAINING

Tuesday, July 17th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Wilder Foundation | 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St. Paul, MN

8-8:30 AM Registration
8:30-10 AM Networking with Federal Partners
10:15 AM-12:00 PM Cybercrime Expert Panel

FREE for ALL attendees + mileage/lodging reimbursement
available for programs traveling 45+ miles one way

Presented by the MN Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information &
Resource Network

About This Event:

The next meeting for the MN Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network (MITCIRN) is right around the corner! On Tuesday, July 17th, attendees will be invited to participate in guided networking with federal partners to discuss the various ways local, state, and federal programs can partner on identity theft investigations and victim services. The networking hour will be followed by a presentation featuring a panel of experts on cybercrime. Details will be released in a forthcoming agenda.

MAC will apply for CLE and POST credits once the agenda is confirmed.

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.

For updates on this and other identity theft trainings, as well as a weekly identity theft brief, [sign up to participate in MITCIRN here!](#)

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



Save the Date for the 2018 New Laws Trainings

The New Laws training program meets the need for domestic and sexual violence advocates, attorneys, law enforcement, and probation to gain concise, accurate and relevant information on domestic and sexual violence law. This training is designed to provide information about recent changes to Minnesota state and federal statutes and case law regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking. New Laws also provides training on local and national trending topics.

CLE and POST Credits Available.

Locations and Dates (click location for information flyer):

August 16-17: [Walker](#), sponsored by Family Safety Network

August 23-24: [Fergus Falls](#), sponsored by Someplace Safe

August 27-28: [North Branch](#), sponsored by Family Pathways

September 20-21: [New Ulm](#), sponsored by Brown County Probation

September 27-28: [Faribault](#), sponsored by Hope Center

October 1-2: St. Paul, sponsored by SOS of Ramsey County (flyer coming soon)

SAVE THE DATE!

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition
Northwest Indian Community Development Center

Native Men's Summit

To Prevent Sexual Violence

September 10-12, 2018

Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN.

*Limited Scholarships Available to assist with Lodging and Mileage

Point of Contact: Cristine Davidson at cdavidson@miwsac.org 651-646-4800

Other Trainings and Webinars

Bring Her Home: Creating Tribal Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Sponsored by the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Conference | June 12-14, 2018 | Black Bear Casino Resort, Carlton, MN

This two-day summit will be an opportunity for tribal community members, advocates, law enforcement, tribal officials, professionals, artists, experts, survivors, and others to collaborate to build stronger responses to commercial sexual exploitation in our communities. [Learn more.](#)

2018 Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference

Sponsored by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center

Conference | June 13, 2018 | 8:30 am to 4:30 pm | Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center

\$80 per person

The goal of this conference is to elevate the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation, and provide education on best practices for prevention and response. The conference is directed towards professionals who work with older and vulnerable adults. [Learn more.](#)

Assessing and Responding to Men who Pose High Risk to their Intimate Partners

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | June 13, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

David Adams, Co-Director of Emerge, will describe innovative practices in assessing and responding to risk in batterer intervention programs. This webinar will describe a new protocol, developed and piloted in Massachusetts, for assessing risk of men who attend batterer intervention programs. David Adams will also discuss risk management strategies for different types of high risk clients, drawing from his clinical practice as well as his research about men who killed their intimate partners. [Learn more.](#)

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Sponsored by the Elder Justice Initiative and Office for Victims of Crime

Webinar | June 13, 2018 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Join as experts discuss how their organizations are helping to build a strong support for older adults.

The webinar will discuss the latest on representative payees; the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act and new resources being developed to respond to elder abuse. It will also provide information on their guardianship grant programs and the importance. Lastly it will also present on some of the latest trends and resources that will help you respond to elder abuse. [Learn more.](#)

Cultural Awareness within Behavioral Health

Sponsored by Wayside Recovery Center and the Minnesota Department of Human Services

In Person Training | 7:30 am to 4:30 pm | Minnesota Humanities Center, St. Paul, MN

Culturally responsive care is a necessity to be successful in our work. This free conference will offer new ideas about historical trauma, cultural awareness, and worldview and how it intersects in the peer support role. Our objective is to learn how cultures might see the peer support role differently and that peer recovery specialists would benefit from learning how to offer effective support across multiple cultures. [Learn more.](#)

Extreme Risk Laws: An Overview

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | June 19, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This webinar is intended to inform individuals about Extreme Risk Protection Orders, and provide an opportunity to explore the implications of these orders for survivors. As these are relatively new laws, the impact of their application in the domestic violence context is still unclear. Extreme Risk Laws, also known as "Gun Violence Restraining Orders" or "Extreme Risk Protective Orders," allow family and household members and/or law enforcement officers to petition a judicial officer to temporarily prohibit firearm purchase and possession and/or require firearm removal from persons who are at an elevated risk of harming themselves or others. [Learn more.](#)

Forensic Interviews Regarding Allegations of Physical Abuse

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

In Person Training | June 20, 2018 | 9:30 am to 4:00 pm | Roseville, MN

\$75

This training will take an in depth look at physical abuse allegations and the forensic interview. Some of the topics that will be discussed are poly-victimization and the intersection of physical abuse, how to shift focus in an interview when physical abuse allegations emerge, how to corroborate physical abuse and tools for obtaining episodic narrative during instances of repeated ongoing physical abuse. [Learn more.](#)

Expert Q&A: Technology, Social Media, and Victim Safety

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center

Webinar | June 20, 2018 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Social media and technology can be powerful tools to connect with and assist crime victims, but they can also be tools used against victims and survivors. Learn ways to manage social media and technology successfully when working with victims and strategies victims can use to help increase their online safety and privacy. [Learn more.](#)

When Victims of Battering are Charged with Crimes: Part 1: Background and Overview

Sponsored by the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | June 20, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This webinar will explore many of the common reasons that victims of battering get arrested, the unique challenges they face in the criminal legal system, difficulties they face trying to get assistance and services from victim service organizations, and safety risks they face as a result of being charged. [Learn more.](#)

Annual Training Symposium

Sponsored by the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Conference | June 27-28, 2018 | Sugar Lake Lodge, Cohasset, MN

\$100-\$150

Annual symposium on sexual assault advocacy and ending sexual violence. Includes pre- and post-symposium sessions. [Learn more.](#)

Training for Advocates & Directors Working in a Children's Advocacy Center

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

In Person Training | June 27-29, 2018 | AmericInn Hotel, Sartell, MN

\$75

Through hands-on practice, participants will learn how to put advocacy principles into action, including:

conducting a focus group to improve programming, changing organizations and systems; and creating programs and interventions that meet victims' needs. Participants will practice skills for effective crisis intervention and advocacy, problem solving, and decision making on the toughest issues in advocacy work. Learn more. [Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #2: Legal Guardianship & Consent

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | June 27, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This webinar will better equip service professionals to work with people with disabilities by understanding how to legal system in Indiana navigates guardianship and consent. We will explore the intentions and impacts of laws concerning guardianship law, relationships, and sexual agency, as well as how service providers can work with disabled people to advocate with them for their rights, education, and health.

[Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #3: Advocacy & Survivorship

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | July 11, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The third webinar in a series of five collaborative webinars focused on Disability Justice and Violence Prevention. Webinar 3 explore opportunities for advocacy with disabled people in medical, social, educational, and other settings. This webinar will address opportunities and practices for contributing to advocacy inter-personally and with a systems-level perspective.

[Learn more.](#)

Achieving Language Access for Crime Victims: A Regional Training Series

Sponsored by the Vera Institute of Justice

In Person Training | July 11-12, 2018 | Westin Hotel, Minneapolis MN

This free two-day training will increase crime victim service providers' expertise around language access for people with limited English proficiency and people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. The training will include, among other things, the legal and ethical responsibilities of providing language access. How to conduct a needs assessment and where to find resources in your community to provide for needs. [Learn more.](#)

When Victims of Battering are Charged with Crimes: Part 2: Effective Advocacy Strategies

Sponsored by the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 11, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

What does a community need to do in order to enhance the responses to those victims who end up in the system as defendants? Building on Part 1 of this series, this webinar will explore advocacy strategies from a "defense-based" perspective, including systems advocacy and concrete ideas of ways to work with individual victim defendants. [Learn more.](#)

Stand Against Child Abuse Conference

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance and the First Witness

Conference | July 23-24, 2018 | Duluth Convention Center, Duluth, MN

\$200

Stand Against Child Abuse Conference (SACAC) is a gathering of professionals who respond to child abuse or who work with children. The conference offers a platform to learn, share ideas and build connections with diverse plenary sessions, case studies and 90 minute break-out sessions. [Learn more.](#)

When Victims of Battering are Charged with Crimes: Part 3: Helping Victim Defendants Navigate Concurrent Protection Order Proceedings

Sponsored by the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

Webinar | July 25, 2018 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Victims of battering are often involved in multiple court interventions simultaneously. Concurrent legal proceedings can impact one another, often to the detriment of the victims. This webinar will explore ways advocates and attorneys can help to minimize the potential risks faced by victim defendants who also have open protection order proceedings. [Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #4: Best Practices for Working with People with Disabilities

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | August 22, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The fourth webinar in a series of five collaborative webinars focused on Disability Justice and Violence Prevention. Webinar 4 will address best practices for working with people with a variety of disabilities, including etiquette and ways to increase accessibility and leadership opportunities in organizations and service agencies. This webinar will also explore how engaging in disability justice work, working on internalized ableism and contributing to increased access in various spaces, directly results in prevention of violence. [Learn more.](#)

Disability Justice & Sexual Violence Prevention Webinar Series #5: Preventing Violence against People with Disabilities

Sponsored by the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), the Multicultural efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA), and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA)

Webinar | September 26, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The fifth and final webinar in a series of five collaborative webinars focused on Disability Justice and Violence Prevention. Webinar 5 will connect content presented throughout the webinar series and build on these concepts to offer ideas for preventing violence against people with disabilities. Presenters will offer critical feedback around the opportunities developed through public health, transformative education, and social justice practices in preventing violence against disabled people, especially those who experience multiple axes of marginalization. [Learn more.](#)



Welcome to Hell

June 7 - 10, 2018

Open Eye Figure Theatre, 506 E 24th Street, Minneapolis, MN

Showcasing an innovative cast of talented deaf and hearing actors, WELCOME TO HELL spins a surreal tale of a couple waging an endless battle with language and emotion as their weapons ... until one of them becomes determined to break the cycle.

This new play by Minneapolis playwright Janet Preus cleverly shifts between absurd comedy and chilling drama, immersing the audience in the rollercoaster of emotions often experienced in an abusive relationship. Produced by ThinkSelf and directed by Scotty Reynolds, this production is designed to be fully accessible to Deaf and hard of hearing audiences and is co-performed in American Sign Language and spoken English.

[Click here for more information.](#)



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 27th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



[Click for the latest published decisions from the Minnesota Court of Appeals 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 by the 27th of each month.

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



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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 92 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.