



# February 2019 Newsletter

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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## From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

I am declaring 2019 the year of connection! Last year, we heard from a

number of our members that it would be helpful to have time to connect with MAC and with one another, so we are committed to creating space for those connections to happen in meaningful ways.

In 2019, MAC is convening members regionally so you have the opportunity to have conversations with MAC staff and one another. We also want to learn what MAC can do to best support you and the crime victims you work with every day. We held the Metro regional meeting two weeks ago. The conversations were very productive and we witnessed several networking opportunities take root.



While MAC staff is always here to listen and provide feedback, information, and resources, we know that having time to talk with your colleagues can be beneficial. We invite our member programs to share and celebrate work that is going well and to support one another and learn how others are addressing emerging issues in your region. MAC also needs to hear from our members about what we can do to best support you in your work.

MAC has created a map and organized it into six regions; Metro, Central, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast. The 2019 meeting schedule for each region:

- March 7: Central**
- May 2: Northwest**
- May 3: Northeast**
- July 18: Southwest**
- July 19: Southeast**

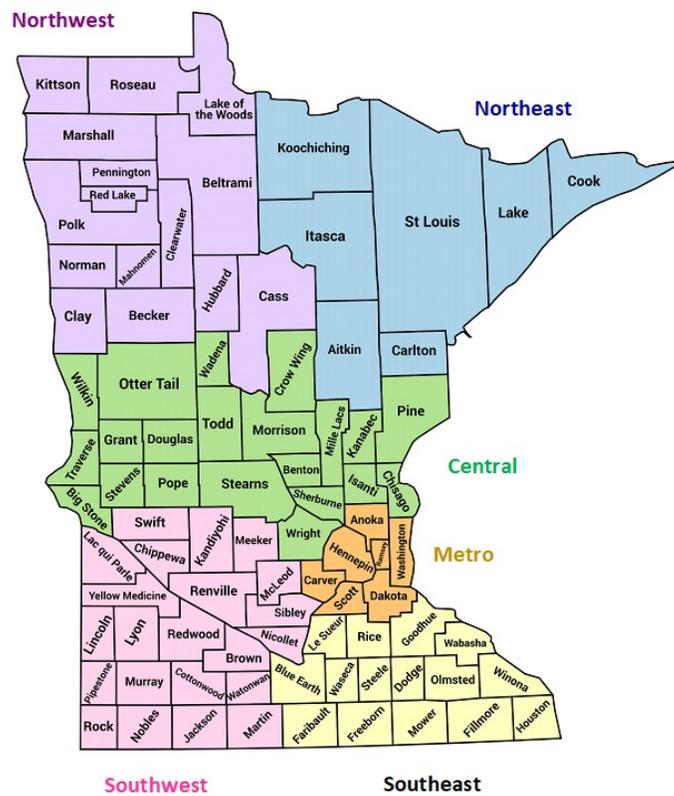
We look forward to seeing our members throughout the year at the regional meetings and then at the Annual Membership Meeting and Capacity Building Training on September 5-6, 2019 in St. Cloud. Stay tuned for more information for these great events for our members. If your organization doesn't belong to MAC and you'd like to join us to take advantages of the great benefits of members, [click here](#) for more information.

If you have ideas about other ways MAC can increase our connection with members and stakeholders, please reach out to me. We all become stronger the more connected we are to one another!

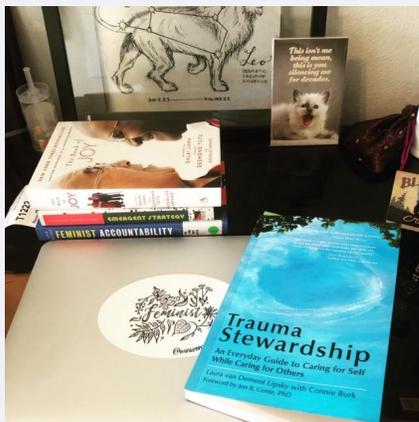
In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg





*MAC Book Club*  
*Trauma Stewardship*  
 by Laura van Dernoot Lipsky &  
 Connie Burk



“How am I different now than I was?”

Laura van Dernoot Lipsky asks this question in the first chapter of her book, *Trauma Stewardship*. She implores her readers to pose this question with no conclusions, judgments, or defensiveness, just curiosity.

This is difficult for me. I feel that I am quite different today than I was before I entered the anti-violence field. I’m more cynical, more resourceful, more cautious, more critical, more emotional. Somehow I’ve become both harder *and* softer. I went through a “never cries about anything” phase but now I’m in a “cries when dinosaurs die in *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*” phase. Sometimes I feel like I’m a very cool and powerful woman who is changing the world. Sometimes I feel

like the world is unchangeable.

This morning when I opened *Trauma Stewardship* and started reading about Laura’s realization that her work had changed her, I felt seen. When she wrote, “I had to find some way to bear witness to trauma without surrendering my ability to live fully,” I felt understood. The more I read about trauma stewardship, the more I started to feel hopeful and excited—for me, for my colleagues and friends reading the book alongside me, and for our field—because I believe that the message Laura has for us will be transformative.

Now I’d like to ask you: **how are you different now than you were?** Try not to jump to conclusions, to judge yourself, or to get defensive. Just ask yourself with curiosity and love - what’s changed?

If you’d like to share, you can [e-mail me](#). I would love to hold space for you to consider this question. Or better yet, pick up a copy of *Trauma Stewardship*, invite a friend or colleague to read it with you, and explore this question and many others with them.

Each month in our newsletter, I'll give you an update on all the ways reading this book is having an impact on me and the people around me, and provide you with some food for thought. You can find our reading schedule and links to download the book [on our website](#).

Happy reading!

Julia Tindell  
Training and Special Projects Program Manager



### **JWRC and NCPTC join Zero Abuse Project**

We are pleased to announce that as of January 2, 2019, the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center (JWRC) and the programs of National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) have joined the Zero Abuse Project (ZAP). ZAP is a 501(c)(3) public charity based in St Paul, MN, committed to education, training, and survivor support in order to eradicate child sex abuse and remedy its resulting harms. [Learn more.](#)

### **Domestic Abuse Project: Welcome DAP's New Executive Director**

The Domestic Abuse Project Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Annie Van Avery as DAP's new executive director, effective as of January 29th, 2019. Annie Van Avery brings twenty years of mission driven, nonprofit leadership experience to Domestic Abuse Project. Centering collaborative leadership and a commitment to progressive social change, Annie has both led and partnered to foster transformational strategic vision setting and implementation to help organizations and communities thrive. [Click here for more info.](#)

### **Minnesota Public Radio News ChangeMakers: Farji Shaheer of NextStep Program**

Farji Shaheer is program manager and director of the Next Step program at Hennepin County Medical Center and North Memorial Hospital. Shaheer isn't a medical doctor, but he wants to treat gun violence "like a cancer." He grew up on the south side of Chicago and calls himself a survivor of an epidemic of gun violence. The program intervenes with victims between 12 and 26 who have been shot or suffered other violent injuries in an attempt to decrease the likelihood that they'll return with another violent crime injury. The program is credited with reducing that recidivism by 40 percent. [Click here for the full interview.](#)

### **Minnesota Corrections Association: Call for Conference Presenters**

This is your chance to submit a proposal to present at Minnesota Corrections Association's Annual Fall Conference, being held October 23-25, 2018 at Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, MN. We're looking for a wide range of engaging topics geared toward corrections professionals and partners. Deadline for proposal submission is April 29, 2019. Presenters will be notified by May 6th if presentation has been accepted. [Click here for more info.](#)

### **Praxis International: Applications Open for Advocacy Learning Center**

Praxis International, in partnership with the Office of Violence Against Women, invites you to apply for this innovative 18-month course which gives advocates, advocacy program managers, and coalition staff a rare chance to come together for self-reflection, inspiration, and an opportunity to re-think their approach to individual, institutional, and community advocacy. Application deadline March 18, 2019. [Click here to apply.](#) There will be an informational webinar on Thursday, February 7, 2019, 2 – 3 PM Central. Join us for more details on how to apply, and to ask questions. [Registration required.](#) Participation in the informational session is not required for application to the ALC. A recording of the webinar session will be posted here approximately two days after the webinar.

### **Funding Opportunity: NCVLI Victims' Rights Enforcement Project**

The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI), through a cooperative agreement with the Office for Victims of Crime, is soliciting proposals for the Victims' Rights Enforcement Project – also known as RISE (Rights In Systems Enforced). Please join NCVLI for an optional informational webinar to learn more about this Project on February 8, 2019 at 12:00 pm (Pacific). Register online to attend. The webinar will be recorded for those who cannot attend. [Click for more info.](#)

### **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: Enhanced Guidelines for Improving Court Practices in Juvenile Justice Cases**

In 2017, the NCJFCJ revisited the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines to ensure that it reflected the

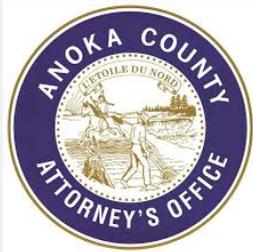
changes in court practice, advances in brain science, the understanding of adolescent development and the juvenile specific rulings from the Supreme Court. The enhanced version contains up-to-date information on general court processes, initiating juvenile justice court processes, best practices in detention or initial hearings, waiver and transfer hearings, trial/adjudication hearings, disposition hearings, the appeals process, post-disposition reviews, and probation and parole violations. [Read more.](#)

### Office for Victims of Crime: National Crime Victims' Week Color Palette and Theme Poster Available

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) will be commemorated April 7–13, 2019. This year's theme is *Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future*. Every year, this week-long initiative promotes victims' rights and honors crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. To honor this year's theme, the [2019 NCVRW color palette](#) and a [customizable copy of the theme poster](#) are now available to download.

### Bureau of Justice Statistics: Victims of Identity Theft 2016

A report that features extensive data on identity theft's prevalence, victim impact, and much more. [Click here.](#)



Anoka County has created and launched a new tool for victims. [Domestic Abuse Connect](#) is an online resource providing step-by-step details on bringing a domestic violence case to court. Site visitors can also access resources and service providers. The digital resource center, which includes videos and written materials, is the collaborative effort of Anoka County criminal justice and advocacy agencies that have been working together since 2010 on the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP).

The Lethality Assessment Program was created because of a need to address domestic violence homicides, amid an increase of deadly assaults in Anoka County. [The Anoka County Attorney's Office](#) obtained a federal grant to fund the effort, which resulted in the LAP screening tool and Intensive Domestic Assault Pre-Trial Program (IDAPP). The lethality program is designed to identify cases where there is a high risk for lethality and to immediately connect a victim with supportive services. The abuser is placed under pre-trial supervision when appropriate and the case is fast-tracked through the courts.

The [Domestic Abuse Connect](#) website is aimed at further closing the gap of information and services for victims, offering one more place to turn for help. Video vignettes feature all the agencies involved in a domestic abuse case, starting with the 911 call to the judge and disposition.

"Helping victims and their families understand the court process goes a long way in reducing their fear of the process," Anoka County Attorney Tony Palumbo said. "It makes it easier for them to get the help they need."



# How the Accumulation of Stress Changes Our Future

Presented by Karina Forrest-Perkins

Thursday, February 21, 2019

3:30 Registration | 4:00 - 7:30 Training

Carondelet Center - Room G1

1890 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN

*MN Alliance on Crime's Trauma Informed Leadership Series*

## 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

- Understand 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 early onset of high-risk behavior.

**MAC has applied for 3.0 standard CLE credits.**

## Registration Fees

MAC Members: **FREE**

Non-MAC Members: \$35.00

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

**Light refreshments will be provided.**

## Travel Benefits for MAC Member Programs

MAC will provide mileage reimbursement for one vehicle per organization traveling more than 60 miles one way. Mileage reimbursement forms will be available at the training.

## About Karina A. Forrest-Perkins

Karina A. Forrest-Perkins joined People's Center Clinics and Services in January as our new Chief Executive Officer. She most recently served as the Chief Executive Officer for Wayside Recovery Center, a women's chemical dependency and co-occurring treatment center in the Twin Cities. Karina is a member of the Cherokee Nation and has authored Congressional briefs regarding health disparities for indigenous communities. She is known for her work on historical trauma, early childhood development, and family focused best practices in co-occurring behavioral health care. She was selected as a 2017 Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow and is a champion for improved access to whole health integrated care environments. Karina has a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma and is pursuing her master's in business administration from Harvard Business School.

Register now



Join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime  
for a **FREE** webinar:

**everything you ever wanted to  
know about reparations  
(but never got a chance to ask)**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
Noon to 1:00 pm

Presented by Danielle Kitto,  
Minnesota Office of Justice Programs

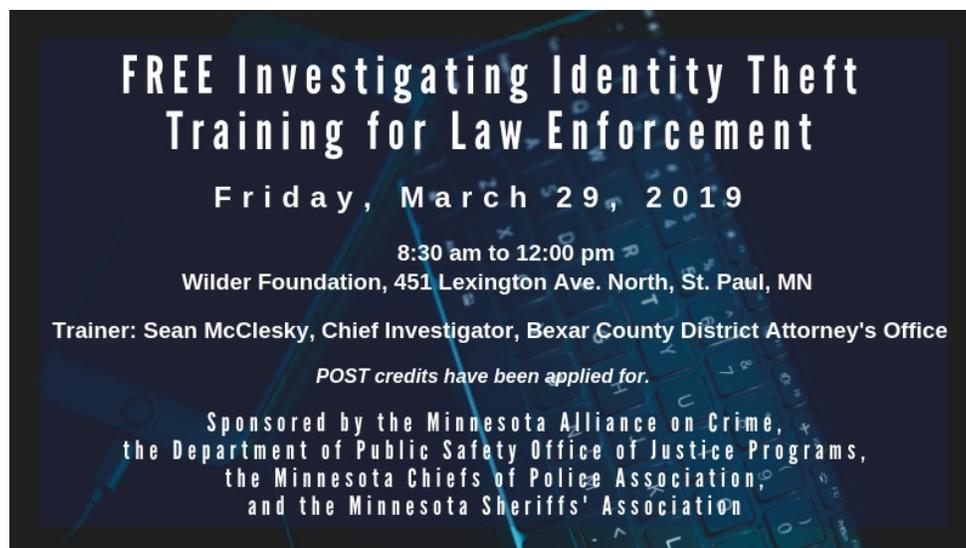
This free webinar will provide information about financial assistance available to crime victims from the Crime Victims Reparations Board. It will provide an overview of the eligibility requirements for the program, the appeal process, and the many benefits available including lost wages, healthcare costs, funeral expenses and loss of support. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about the application process and how decisions are made on claims.

**MAC has applied for 1.0 standard CLE credit for this webinar.**

#### **About the Trainer:**

Danielle Kitto is the reparations claims manager at the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs. She has been with the Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board for more than 20 years and currently serves as the program's claims manager and team leader. Danielle also directs the reparation's training and outreach program, and last year conducted training sessions to more than 200 people from disciplines such as law enforcement, prosecutor's offices, advocacy, social service agencies, and community organizations.

**Register Today - Spots Are Filling Quickly**



**FREE Investigating Identity Theft  
Training for Law Enforcement**

Friday, March 29, 2019

8:30 am to 12:00 pm  
Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Ave. North, St. Paul, MN

Trainer: Sean McClesky, Chief Investigator, Bexar County District Attorney's Office

*POST credits have been applied for.*

Sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance on Crime,  
the Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs,  
the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association,  
and the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association

**Please forward this email to your law enforcement partners.**

In this presentation, Sean McCleskey will train patrol officers in identity theft response, including practical methods for identifying and investigating this pervasive crime. Calling on years of personal investigative experience and institutional knowledge, McCleskey will give concrete examples and help patrol officers to learn what to look for and how to use it to support a case against perpetrators of identity theft. **POST credits have been applied for.**

- MAC will **reimburse one night's lodging** at the Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge (at the rate of

\$135 per night) for attendees more than 150 miles roundtrip to to attend. **Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1, 2019.**

- MAC will **reimburse mileage** at the rate of .58 per mile for those traveling more than 150 miles roundtrip.

Law enforcement has preference for registration, but community partners may be added to a waiting list if they would like to attend the training. To be added to the waiting list, please email [Julia Tindell](#).

### **Registration Deadline:**

**Friday, March 22, 2019**

### **About the Trainer:**

R. Sean McCleskey is the Chief Investigator for the [Bexar County District Attorney's Office](#), Criminal Investigative Division. Prior to this position, Sean served as a deputy with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), Intelligence Unit, coordinating the collection and dissemination of information related to gang activity. He also served in BCSO Reserve Unit, East Patrol Division. Sean also served as a special agent with the United States Secret Service until his retirement in 2015.

**Register Today**

## **Other Trainings and Webinars**

### **OFFPs, HROs, and DANCOS for Advocates 101**

**Sponsored by Standpoint**

**Webinar | February 7, 2019 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

Orders for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders are helpful tools when assisting your clients with their safety. This webinar will be a starting point in understanding the necessary pieces of information you would need in order to answer questions asked by your program participants within the context of these two orders. This training is appropriate for the novice advocate providing services in Minnesota to domestic violence and sexual assault victims and victims of trafficking but more seasoned advocates may find this a helpful review as well as an opportunity to learn up-to-date information on statutory changes. [Learn more.](#)

### **Addressing Trauma in the Lives of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

**Sponsored by the Vera Institute for Justice**

**Webinar | February 12, 2019 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

Trauma can have a lasting effect on a person's mental, emotional, and even physical states. When a person has an intellectual or developmental disability, the impact of trauma can be even more pronounced and unique methods for addressing the trauma are necessary. This webinar will explore the complicated manifestation of trauma in individuals with I/DD who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence, as well as techniques for supporting survivors with intellectual and developmental disabilities experiencing trauma. [Learn more.](#)

### **Perceiving Credibility: Judicial Decision-making in Domestic Violence Protective Order Cases**

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

**Webinar | February 12, 2019 | 2:00 to 3:15 pm**

Many women who experience intimate partner violence (IPV) seek domestic violence protective orders (DVPOs) for secondary IPV prevention. Because judges have considerable autonomy making DVPO case decisions, there is a need to describe how courtroom interactions and information available to judges may influence DVPO dispositions. This webinar will discuss a qualitative research study that involved collecting and analyzing data from DVPO hearing observations and phone interviews with District Court Judges. [Learn more.](#)

### **Introduction and Overview of the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center for OVW Grantees**

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

**Webinar | February 19, 2019 | 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

The National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center provides technical assistance and training on the effective implementation and enforcement of domestic violence-related firearm prohibitions. This is an informational webinar geared to OVW grantees to explain the various forms of training and technical assistance available through the resource center. It is intended to give participants an overview of the project, including our newly re-launched website, [Safer Families, Safer Communities](#). [Learn more.](#)

### **Expert Q&A: Serving Victims of Teen Dating Violence**

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

**Webinar | February 20, 2019 | 1:00-2:00 pm**

Teenagers are impressionable and influenced by the world around them, which in turn can impact the way they view relationships and what they believe is or is not abusive behavior. This session will identify warning signs of teen relationship abuse and explore the effect relationship abuse has on teens. [Learn more.](#)

### **Statewide Summit**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Men and Masculine Folks Network**  
**In Person | February 21-22, 2019 | Minnesota Humanities Center, St. Paul**  
**\$25 per person**

Summit goals: 1) Build a sense of community statewide of men, boys, and masculine folks who are invested in the issues of domestic violence, sexual violence, sex trafficking, and other forms of gender-based violence; 2) Space for men, boys, and masculine folks who are interested in these issues to link up; and 3) Increase awareness and tools on how to effectively engage self and others in ending gender-based violence. [Learn more.](#)

### **Gretchen Carlson Leadership Initiative Regional Summit**

**Sponsored by All In Together, Break the Silence, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, and Minnesota Women's Consortium**  
**In Person | February 23, 2019 | 9:00 am to 12:30 pm | Wilder Foundation, St. Paul**

Are you ready to raise your voice and effect change on the issues that matter most to you? Please join All In Together for the Gretchen Carlson Leadership Initiative Regional Summit. The Gretchen Carlson Leadership Initiative (GCLI) is a program that unites diverse communities of women for a day of nonpartisan advocacy and civic leadership training, with a special focus on reaching and equipping survivors of and those passionate about ending gender-based violence and harassment. [Learn more.](#)

### **Building a Bridge to Compliance: How to Improve Outcomes for Defendants and Victims through Enhanced Problem-Solving Court Models**

**Sponsored by the Center for Court Innovation**  
**Webinar | March 5, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

This webinar will look at innovative approaches to drug, domestic violence, and veteran issues that target aspects of defendant behavior and promote victim safety. Speakers will discuss implementation strategies, collaborative partnerships, enhanced services, victim-centered approaches, lessons learned, and how to rethink performance measures. [Learn more.](#)

### **2019 Demand Change Project**

**Sponsored by Breaking Free**  
**In Person | March 8, 2019 | 9:00 am to 5:00 pm | Union Depot, St. Paul**  
**\$89 per person**

The Breaking Free Demand Change Project brings together local, national, and international leaders and experts in the anti-human trafficking movement for an interactive conference to end the demand for commercial sex. [Learn more.](#)

### **13th Annual Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers Conference: Weaving Our Wisdom to End Gender-Based Violence**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, the Sacred Hoop Coalition, and Men as Peacemakers**

**In Person | April 17-19, 2019 | Minneapolis Marriott, Bloomington**

Annual conference focusing on collaborative work to end violence against Native women and girls. [Click here](#) to register. [Click here](#) if interested in submitting a workshop proposal.



34<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Luncheon

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Brackett's Crossing Country Club, Lakeville



360 Communities®



Featuring guest speaker Safia Khan, Minnesota Department of Corrections

Time: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

\$30 per ticket.

Please RSVP by February 26, 2019.

[Click here to register.](#)



### Save the Date: Rally to End Domestic Violence

March 27, 2019 at 11 am  
Capitol Rotunda, St. Paul, MN

Join advocates, survivors, and community partners for a rally to end domestic violence in Minnesota.

For details, email [bsmith@mcbw.org](mailto:bsmith@mcbw.org).

### 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 28th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



## Employment Opportunities

[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 28th of each month. **If you have posted the position to the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits' website, you do not need to email it to us as we check their listings daily.**

- 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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## 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](http://www.mnallianceoncrime.org).

To join our coalition of crime victim service programs, [click here](#).