

# July 2019 Newsletter

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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

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## From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

I hope you are finding ways to enjoy the warm days and beautiful summer nights! All of us who live in Minnesota know how quickly this season flies by, so we need to take time to stop and create memories that will help us get through the winter months.

Thanks to all of you who stopped by the MAC booth at Twin Cities Pride. It's always fun to see you and be inspired by the work you are doing.

MAC staff are busy getting ready for several upcoming trainings, regional meetings, and the 2019 Annual Meeting and Capacity Training. I don't want to give too much away, but you are not going to want



to miss the silent auction at the Annual Meeting. We have received some super big ticket items and are adding a raffle so that everyone has a chance to go home a winner!

I am encouraged that we continue to hear from so many of you who are reading along with us at MAC as we journey through the book, *Trauma Stewardship*. When MAC decided to focus on trauma stewardship and trauma-informed leadership this year, we believed it was an issue that all of our member programs face, but hearing how much the book and the training series are positively impacting programs is validating. This September's Capacity Building Training will provide the opportunity to continue this conversation and offer knowledge that can improve programs' efforts to support their team members. MAC is also working to develop concrete ways we can help grow our members' capacity to be responsive to the impact of trauma. We hope to be able to share some exciting news with you soon!

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg

### MAC at Twin Cities Pride!

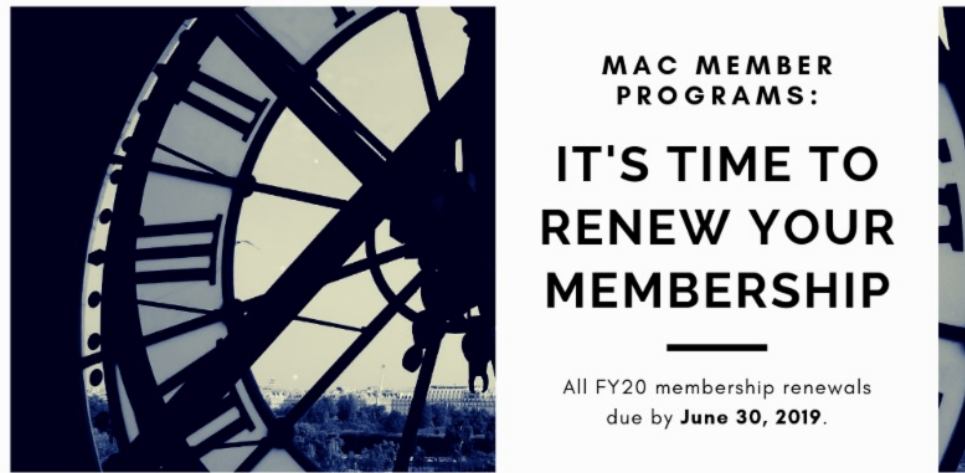


## Meet MAC's Summer Intern: Spencer Wilken

Hello MAC members and allies!

My name is Spencer and I am interning at MAC this summer. I am about to go into my senior year at the University of Minnesota and will be graduating with a degree in political science and history next May. I grew up in Medina, Minnesota, in the western suburbs of the Twin Cities. I am always open to new experiences, ideas, and people. Following graduation, I plan on attending law school.

Interning at MAC was intriguing to me because of my deep interest in criminal justice. My time at MAC so far has been spent doing legislative research, helping to prepare for trainings, and organizing for the annual silent auction. It's been awesome working with the great people here at MAC.



**As of today, many of our member programs have not yet renewed their membership. Please make sure you renew as soon as possible to continue your member benefits! If you have any questions or concerns, email [Danielle Kluz](#).**

As we close Fiscal Year 2019 and start Fiscal Year 2020, the Minnesota Alliance on Crime has much to celebrate! MAC has experienced incredible growth that has led to increased capacity to provide services and support to our member programs. As a membership coalition, MAC is only as strong as the sum of its parts.

As a MAC member, your support and input has been critical to helping MAC grow and become more responsive to the needs of our members and crime victims throughout Minnesota. We look forward to your organization renewing your MAC membership for FY20. We are all stronger together!

You may download the membership form by [clicking here](#). Please make sure you complete it and return it to MAC with your annual dues by as soon as possible.

Thank you for your membership and commitment to the Minnesota Alliance on Crime!



At the 2019 MAC Annual Meeting, to be held on September 6, 2019 in St. Cloud, we will award the Spotlight Award to a MAC Member who is truly making a difference for victims. We need YOUR help in nominating outstanding members for this award!



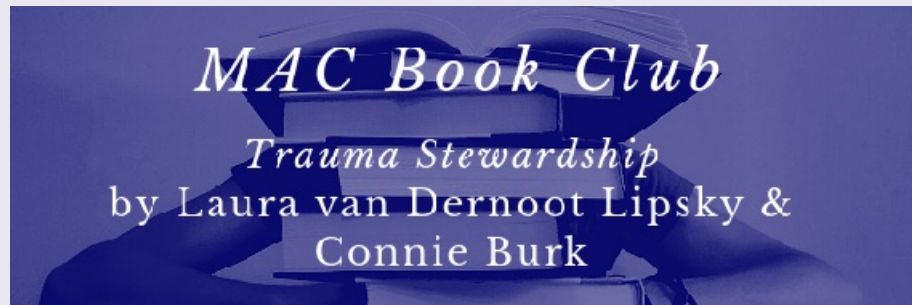
### Spotlight Award Criteria:

- The nominee must currently be an employee or volunteer for a [MAC member program](#).
- The person nominating does not need to be a MAC member.
- The nominee does not need to work directly with victims but they must work on behalf of victims in some way. (Example: The executive director of a direct service organization.)
- You may nominate someone at your own agency or another MAC member organization.
- You may nominate yourself.
- The nominee must be doing work that is considered innovative and/or outstanding.

### How to Nominate:

- [Click here](#) to download the nomination form.
- Email the completed form to [Danielle Kluz](#) by **July 25, 2019**.

**MAC staff will review all nominations that meet the criteria** and the award will be announced at a special lunch ceremony at the Annual Meeting.



We are finally reading my favorite part of any “self-help” book: the part where the author starts to give me some solutions. But it’s more than just solutions... it’s *activities*. (Imagine the [Smiling Face With Horns](#) emoji here.) I love activities. Give me journal prompts, give me discussion questions, give me meditation exercises, give me *charts and tables to fill in*, give me whatever you’ve got! I love this stuff. It’s my jam.

But, friends, I am going to be extremely candid with you: these activities have been HARD for me! So far at MAC we’ve only talked through the first direction:

*North (water): Creating space for Inquiry  
Why am I doing what I’m doing?  
Is trauma mastery a factor for me?  
Is this working for me?*

Like some of you, my story of getting started in this field involves a combination of lived experience with violence/crime and a deep vocational pull towards the work. I’m doing what I’m doing because I can’t imagine myself doing anything else. I have a complicated relationship with trauma mastery - the creation and re-creation of situations as similar as possible to original traumatic incidents in which we seek to feel competent and in charge where we once felt powerless. Honestly, most days I do feel like it’s working for me, but some days I have to wonder if my life would be easier if I were a successful businesswoman making big money selling rose water to models in Europe. (Spoiler alert: It wouldn’t. I would *never*.)

This stuff is hard to think about, write about, and talk about because it’s important. We’re all messy sometimes (I know I am), and I’ve found that the best way out of messy for me is to take some time to reflect on what’s working, what I can do to make it better, and who I can talk to for help. I’m grateful to have found a book that’s asking the right questions.

I’m also thankful that I have the opportunity to have these conversations with people like you and my wonderful colleagues at MAC. If you need a safe space to talk through some of these questions, you’ll find my door is always open. Send me an e-mail or give me a call. I’d love to support you.

As always, it’s never too late to join us if you’d still like to jump into *Trauma Stewardship*. You can find our reading schedule and links to download the book [on our website](#).

Happy reading!

Julia Tindell  
Program Manager - Training and Special Projects



## OVERCOMING RACISM

The Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative

### Propose a Workshop for the Overcoming Racism Conference

**Proposals are invited** for workshops that address the conference theme: *Dismantling White Supremacy - Its Power, Structures & Culture*. Workshops will be offered the afternoons both days of the conference in breakout sessions lasting 90 minutes each. We expect our workshop presenters to create participatory and reflective opportunities for participants to be actively engaged and stimulated.

The conference will be held November 15-16, 2019 at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul.

**We seek workshops** that enable participants to:

- Acknowledge and confront the construct and legacy of white supremacy in this country
- Identify how white supremacy is embedded in the policies, practices, and structures of the criminal justice, education, housing, wealth accrual, medical, social service, and land usage systems
- Become familiar with tools, resources, and networks available to those who have committed themselves to removing the vestiges of white supremacy from these systems
- Discover ways to further the internal work each of us must do in order to effectively confront institutions long grounded in white supremacy
- Learn from each other about the work currently being done to dismantle white supremacy, and how we can replicate that work in our own communities
- Creatively envision a world without white supremacy in which everyone can flourish

**DEADLINE:** Proposals must be received by 5:00 pm on July 22nd, 2019.

### Funding Alert: Office for Victims of Crime FY 2019 Field-Generated Solutions for Tribal and Non-Tribal Communities to Improve Services to Victims of Crime

The United States Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime has released *Funding Opportunity: FY 2019 Field-Generated Solutions for Tribal and Non-Tribal Communities to Improve Services to Victims of Crime*. The overarching goal of this program is to support victims of crime and to bridge gaps in services to victims. The objectives of this program are to:

- Identify and address gaps in knowledge,
- Develop and assess innovative practices,
- Deliver much-needed victim assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and other victim populations,
- Encourage evidence-based training and technical assistance, and/or
- Develop strategic approaches for leveraging resources to reach and serve more victims.

There are five purpose areas:

- Purpose Area 1: Innovative Programs to Fill Gaps in Tribal Crime Victim Services
- Purpose Area 2: Innovations in Telehealth
- Purpose Area 3: Improving Responses to Victims of Burglary
- Purpose Area 4: Improving the Ordering and Collecting of Restitution for Victims
- Purpose Area 5: Other Innovative Programs to Fill Gaps in Crime Victim Services

Across all five purpose areas, OVC expects to make up to 12 awards of up to \$800,000 each for a 36-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2019.

Learn more and apply for the [FY 2019 Field-Generated Solutions for Tribal & Non-Tribal Communities to Improve Services for Victims of Crime](#) solicitation. **Apply by July 24, 2019.**

## The Advocates for Human Rights Seeks Attorneys to Provide Pro Bono Legal Services for Asylum Seekers



The Advocates  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Advocates for Human Rights is in great need of volunteer attorneys to provide pro bono legal services for asylum seekers.

To represent asylum seekers, an attorney:

- Must have a current bar admission in any U.S. state;
- Does not need any specialized knowledge or experience in immigration law or asylum law; and
- Agrees to represent an asylum seeker throughout the person's asylum proceeding.

Our asylum clients are located in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, and all hearings are venued in Bloomington, MN.

Volunteer orientation sessions for asylum attorneys are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Sessions take place at noon at The Advocates' Minneapolis office. Remote participation is available. To volunteer as a pro bono attorney with The Advocates, please complete the [Volunteer Attorney Registration](#) form.

[Click here for more information.](#) Questions? Contact [Alison Griffith](#).



Minnesota's legislative session wrapped up late last month with some historic changes to our state's long-term care system, including the passage of the 2019 Elder Care and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act! These bipartisan reforms were celebrated at this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference where Governor Tim Walz signed the bill.

Our staff worked diligently to ensure this historic legislation provides a host of new protections for vulnerable and older residents in long-term care settings, as well as a licensing structure that benefits older adults, and creates a workable framework for the facilities providing care.

For over two years, the Minnesota Elder Justice Center (MEJC) collaborated with a variety of stakeholders to develop this comprehensive system of assisted living licensing and resident protections. Along with other organizations, MEJC helped craft consensus legislation that will expand the rights of residents and their families.

Among many new resident safeguards, the law will ensure:

- Residents of assisted living settings have protections against unfair discharges and evictions;
- Residents of nursing homes and assisted living settings will be protected from retaliation;
- Residents of nursing homes and assisted living settings will have the right to install a camera in their own rooms to monitor care; and
- Assisted living settings must be licensed by 2021 under new requirements, which include stricter training and staffing standards, physical plant requirements, and dementia care standards.

The new law also makes investments in critical programs such as the long-term care ombudsman's office and county-based adult protection units, for which MEJC staff advocated at the Capitol.





*MEJC Policy Director Sean Burke, and Executive Director Amanda Vickstrom with Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan and Governor Tim Walz at the WEAAD Conference and bill signing.*

**MAC wants to highlight your organization's amazing work! To spotlight your agency in our monthly newsletter, please email [Danielle Kluz](#).**



Does your organization have a Facebook page or are you considering creating one? This is the webinar for you!

In this webinar, you will learn how to utilize Facebook to positively spotlight your organization, including understanding the role of social media in public relations, determining target audiences, strategies for creating content, posting tools, and measuring your social media reach. Now's the chance to learn to benefit your organization and highlight your great work with Facebook.

#### **About the Presenter**

Julie Walker is a community-based advocate in Marshall, Minnesota at New Horizons Crisis Center. Julie is also a professor of Communication Studies at Southwest Minnesota State University. She teaches public relations, storytelling, and health communications. She received her BS in Business Management from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and her MA and MFA in Communication from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

**Register today!**

The New Laws Training 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.

**DETROIT LAKES** - August 8 & 9, 2019

**GRAND MARAIS** - August 15 & 16, 2019

**WORTHINGTON** - August 22 & 23, 2019

**WINONA** - September 5 & 6, 2019

**ST. CLOUD** - September 19 & 20, 2019

**METRO** - September 30 & October 1, 2019



## Other Trainings, Webinars, and Conferences

### **Best Practices of Law Enforcement in Working with LGBTQ Victims**

**Sponsored by the National Resource Center for Reaching Victims**

**Webinar | July 15, 2019 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

Part three of the LGBT Trauma and Resilience series. Many studies have shown that having law enforcement serve as the “front door” of victim services has a chilling effect on LGBTQ victims, who often refuse to have voluntary contact with police. This webinar will highlight some of the most effective and replicable law enforcement practices being implemented across the country to improve law enforcement/LGBTQ community relations. Law enforcement and allied professionals are the target audience for this virtual training. [Learn more.](#)

### **2019 Stand Against Child Abuse Conference**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance and First Witness Child Advocacy Center**

**In Person | July 22-23, 2019 | Duluth Convention Center, Duluth**

**\$140 to \$175**

Join us for a conference for multidisciplinary teams focused on improving coordinated responses to child abuse and maltreatment. The Stand Against Child Abuse Conference will convene in Duluth, Minnesota, offering over 25 sessions with leading experts in the field and up to 12 hours of continuing education credit included in your registration fee. [Learn more.](#)

### **Addressing Identity Theft in Native Communities**

**Sponsored by the National Identity Theft Victims Assistance Network**

**Webinar | July 15, 2019 | Noon to 1:00 pm**

During this webinar, Dee Koester, founder and executive director of WomenSpirit Coalition, along with Cheryl Neskahi Coan, a victim services liaison, will discuss their work to create an identity theft and cybercrime program specific to serving tribal communities. They will present on the connection between identity theft and other types of victimization, focusing on the intersectionality of identity theft and domestic violence. [Learn more.](#)

### **A Rural Perspective: Serving Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence with Disabilities in Rural Communities**

**Sponsored by the Vera Center on Victimization and Safety**

**Webinar | July 15, 2019 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

Survivors of domestic or sexual violence with disabilities face barriers in receiving services, but when they live in a rural community, they may have an even more difficult time receiving accessible services. In this webinar, an overview of the challenges rural service providers face in helping survivors overcome barriers will be provided, followed by some best practices and solutions to the challenges faced. [Learn more.](#)

### **Beyond Trauma: Applying Trauma to the Human Experience**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs and the Washburn Center for Children**

**In Person | July 23, 2019 | 8:00 am to 5:00 pm | United Health Foundation Training Institute at Washburn Center for Children, Minneapolis**

**\$25**

Through three presentations from experts in trauma and its impact on individual and community health, attendees will gain knowledge on how to apply the science to the human experience. [Learn more.](#)

### **Improving LGBTQ/Law Enforcement Relationships: A Webinar for Community Advocates**

**Sponsored by the National Resource Center for Reaching Victims**

**Webinar | July 29, 2019 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

Part four of the LGBT Trauma and Resilience series. Every LGBTQ community advocate has seen it: LGBTQ crime victims who refuse to access justice, compensation, and/or healing services because they fear having to deal with law enforcement. This webinar will highlight some of the most effective



and replicable law enforcement practices being implemented across the country to improve law enforcement/LGBTQ community relations. Specific attention will be paid to the roles LGBTQ advocates can play in improving their own communities' LGBTQ/law enforcement relationships. [Learn more.](#)

### **2019 Specialty Institute: Coming Together to Create a Cultural Response to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and Their Children**

**Sponsored by the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center**

**In Person | August 13-15, 2019 | Radisson Blu Mall of America, Bloomington**

**\$100**

While there has been a lot of discussion, policies and practices around the topic of domestic violence and the intersection of child welfare, there continues to be a lot of unanswered questions, unresolved issues, misunderstandings and even harmful practices. The Specialty Institute is committed to addressing these issues from the root causes to identifying cultural best practices, strength based approaches and practice-based policy recommendations. This Specialty Institute is designed to strengthen our advocacy, promote tribal sovereignty and build our capacity to respond appropriately and effectively to children and their non-offending parent who are impacted by domestic violence. [Learn more.](#)

### **How Do You Build Survivor Centered Spaces for LGBTQ++ People of Color?**

**Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network**

**Webinar | August 15, 2019 | Noon to 1:30 pm**

This webinar will teach you basics on working with LGBTQ++ survivors of color and how to make your organization welcoming and supporting for them. We will review broad concepts as well as specific policy and practice changes. [Learn more.](#)

### **Adverse Childhood Experiences & Trauma-Informed Care**

**Sponsored by the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center**

**In Person | August 20, 2019 | 8:00 am to 4:00 pm | JWRC offices, Minneapolis**

**\$125 (purchase three registrations, get one free)**

Studies have shown that adverse childhood experiences and traumatic events can have a lasting, negative impact on a person's health and well-being. This training is designed to help you develop the unique skills needed to support individuals who have experienced adverse childhood experiences and traumatic events. [Learn more.](#)



***A Summer Online Auction to Benefit Family Pathways***

**Bidding is open from July 8 - 12  
Bidding closes July 12 at 11:59 PM**

Win great gifts (for yourself and others) and do good with your dollars. Bid on 17 adventures and experiences including a Zipline Canopy tour, Wild Mountain passes, Fargo Force tickets and more!

Click [here](#) to see the full list of fun activities available to you and your family this summer! You will need to register a credit card to bid but will not be charged unless your bid wins.

Accommodation requests please contact [hello@thinkself.org](mailto:hello@thinkself.org)  
by July 10, 2019

# THINKSELF FIESTA CRUISE!



SUNDAY, JULY 21ST  
BOARD: 4:30PM, SAIL: 5PM, DOCK: 7PM  
HARRIET ISLAND PADELFORD LANDING  
[HTTPS://TICKETSTRIPE.COM/TSBDAYS2019](https://ticketstripe.com/tsbdays2019)

Tacos, snacks, unlimited soft drinks, cash bar aboard the Betsey Northrup

## 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](#).