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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

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### from mac's executive director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

As many of you know, Cecilia Miller, director of the grants unit at the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs, has informed coalition directors and programs, that the federal funding forecast is looking bleak. **We have two years to organize, mobilize, and let legislators know** about the horrific consequences that crime victims will face if Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding is not made a priority.



The statewide anti-violence coalitions are working together to ensure a clear message is being articulated regarding the essential services that will be jeopardized if Congress fails to act swiftly to shore up VOCA and VAWA funds. [Click here for an extremely helpful guide](#) created by our sister coalition, [Violence Free Minnesota](#) (formerly the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women). This is just the first step in what will have to be ongoing efforts to secure essential funding for our programs. MAC will continue to, in coordination with our sister coalitions, provide resources and messaging to support the efforts of our member programs. **There is no time to waste, we need to begin taking action NOW.**

It is imperative that not only community-based but county-based programs begin to tell the story of how general crime victims they serve would be negatively impacted if VOCA funding is decreased or cut. Some people think that county-based programs would not be as negatively impacted by a funding

decrease because they believe that counties would be able to absorb the loss of funds. **This is not the reality.** We need to clearly articulate how crime victims would suffer if funding to county-based victim/witness programs and community-based victim programs were to be reduced or lost altogether.

MAC will use our monthly webinars to continue this conversation and provide up-to-date information regarding decisions made at the federal and state levels. [I encourage you to register for MAC's November 20, 2019 webinar that will provide an overview of the legislative process and what both community-based and county-based programs can do to educate legislators about the impact of their work with victims.](#)

**Don't forget to support MAC on November 14th** by donating to us on Give to the Max Day. Your tax-deductible donations help us help YOU with training, technical assistance, resources, networking, and advocating for the funding of victim programs throughout the state. I am so grateful for the generosity of our members and friends is supporting our work.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [bobbi@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:bobbi@mnallianceoncrime.org).

In Solidarity,

Bobbi Holtberg



## Help the Helpers by Giving to MAC

Each year, generous supporters like you celebrate Give to the Max Day by making your online donation to MAC on GiveMN.org. Please join us on **Thursday, November 14, 2019** for Give to the Max Day and help MAC continue to [help the helpers](#) (like you!) to connect systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime.

**Your tax-deductible gift will mean so much as we [help the helpers](#):**

- **\$25** will provide five new crime victim advocates attending MAC's Fundamentals in Victim Services Training with electronic resources on working with victims.
- **\$50** will allow MAC to send out its e-newsletter to more than 600 professionals in the crime victim service field for one month.
- **\$75** will provide mileage reimbursement so that an advocate from rural Minnesota can attend a training sponsored by MAC on the effect of trauma on victims.
- **\$100** will assist MAC in providing a one-hour educational webinar for 100 members and allies on helping families of homicide victims.
- **\$250** will help one staff member to travel to Greater Minnesota for a regional networking meeting with members on victims' rights.
- **\$500** will assist two advocates from Greater Minnesota with mileage, lodging, and meal costs to attend MAC's Annual Meeting & Capacity Building Training.

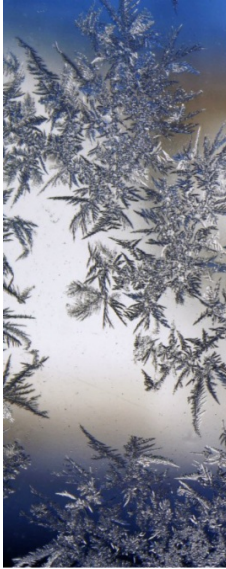
**The MAC Board of Directors and staff will be matching donations up to \$1,000. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 this year and YOU can help us reach it!**

**Click here to give to MAC!**

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# HOLIDAYS

MAC's office will be closed on November 11 for **Veterans Day** and November 28 & 29 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday.



Please join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime for a celebratory open house

*Cocoa, Coffee, and Cookies  
with the Coalition*

Thursday, December 19, 2019  
10 am to Noon

1 West Water Street, Suite 260  
St. Paul, Minnesota

## Meet MAC's Fall 2019 Intern

Hello, my name is Charles Sosa and I am the intern this fall for the Minnesota Alliance on Crime. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, and I am pursuing a major in political science with a minor in the sociology of law, crime, and deviance. I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio until 2011, when I moved to Minnesota. I enjoy spending the free time that I have reading and learning about random new things. One of my favorite activities is to have conversations with my friends and peers about topics that we find important. I also play guitar and sing in a band.



I sought an intern position at MAC because I could not think of a better place to get started in learning about my career interests as well as my passion for understanding the legislation behind general crime and victim advocacy. One of my favorite things that I have done so far is comparing/contrasting the victim rights laws of Arizona with Minnesota to see where Minnesota could strengthen their victims rights. I look forward to continuing to learn from the wonderful staff at MAC, and I am more than grateful to be given the opportunity to have a place to learn so much from this fall.

**Charlie is exploring career options with MAC members and allies. If you'd be interested in meeting with him to talk about your program and what you do to help crime victims, please email [Danielle Kluz](#).**

## news from the field

### Funding Opportunity: 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects

Apply for funding for projects to raise public awareness of victims' rights and services in communities during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 19–25, 2020. The [NCVRW Community Awareness Projects](#) grants reimburse up to \$5,000 in costs associated with conducting public awareness activities during NCVRW. Learn more and apply on the [NCVRW Community Awareness Projects](#) website. The site contains resources to assist prospective applications, including information

about a pre-application webinar on November 4, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. eastern time and information about previously funded projects. Apply by November 22, 2019.

### **Ohio Domestic Violence Network: Resources on Strangulation and TBIs**

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network has developed a tool, the [Invisible Injuries Booklet](#), for domestic violence programs to accommodate survivors who have suffered brain injuries and strangulation and who may need emergency or follow-up care. The companion card, [Has Your Head Been Hurt?](#), is an educational card on strangulation and head injuries.

### **Newsy Article: A Broken Trust: Sexual Assault And Justice On Tribal Lands**

"Native women have told me that what you do when you raise a daughter in this environment is you prepare her for what to do when she's raped — not if, but when," said Sarah Deer, University of Kansas professor and author of *The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America*. More than half of American Indian and Alaska Native women will experience sexual violence in their lifetimes, according to the Department of Justice. [Read more.](#)

### **Victim Witness Services of Coconino County & Northern Arizona University: Supporting Rural, Remote, and Underserved Survivors - The Need for Mobile Victim Advocacy Units**

Rural, remote areas in the U.S. often do not have victim related services readily accessible or available. Researchers and practitioners identify the rural population, and more specifically Native Americans living on and off tribal lands, as an underserved population in terms of resources for those who have been involved in a crime, yet victim services to these communities are still lacking or at some time/distance away. The NAU-VWS partnership worked together to develop and employ a needs assessment that captured the scope of victimization issues, populations needing services, and what those services are. [Read more.](#)

### **Bolder Advocacy: Census Advocacy - What Your Nonprofit Needs to Know**

While the Supreme Court disallowed the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, nonprofits will still need to be vigilant in their work to support a full count of historically undercounted communities. [Learn more.](#)

### **American Immigration Council: An Overview of U.S. Refugee Law and Policy**

The United States has long been a global leader in the resettlement of refugees—and the need for such leadership remains enormous. The number of refugees around the world who are fleeing violence or persecution in their home countries in search of safety abroad has grown dramatically over the past decade. [Read more.](#)

### **International Public Safety Association Journal: Victim Services Best Practices - The Aftermath of a Mass Violence Incident**

This paper addresses the best practices in the victim services field to prepare for and respond to a mass violence or active shooter incident. While these attacks typically only last a few minutes, the road to recovery for victims, to include first responders and those vicariously traumatized, will take much longer. Two resources, based on best practices and related studies, provide a blueprint for communities and may become part of a national standard for mass violence victim services. [Read more.](#)

### **Minnesota Department of Health: Registration Open for the Next Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019, time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, location: Neighborhood House, 179 Robie St. E., St. Paul, MN 55107, topic: Violence-free Age: Preventing Sexual Violence Against Older Adults. Join us at this discussion to learn more about what sexual violence does to older adults, and to collaboratively explore prevention strategies that will assist in achieving safety within this community. [Learn more.](#)

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## **Join the Minnesota Department of Health for a Safe Harbor Listening Session**

Safe Harbor is conducting a series of Listening Sessions across Minnesota to receive public input regarding the upcoming Regional Navigator and Supportive Services Request for Proposal (to be released January 2020). The MDH Safe Harbor team will be focused on three major themes and we hope to gain additional insight from you. Please RSVP to [tasha.scott@state.mn.us](mailto:tasha.scott@state.mn.us) so we can plan for attendance.

The three major themes for discussion are: increasing diversity of potential grant seekers; highlighting the importance of collaborations (community level and/or statewide); and ways to ensure we are moving Safe Harbor forward. The listening sessions will provide an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on implementation of these and other MDH Safe Harbor priorities and strategic plans.

**Dates and Locations:**



### **Safe Harbor Listening Session (Online)**

WebEx conference call. Contact [Tasha](#) for login information.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from noon to 2:00 pm.

### **Safe Harbor Listening Session (Central MN)**

St. Cloud Public Library, 1300 W. St Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301 (BREMER Community Room)

Wednesday, November 15, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Zero Abuse Project and its programs Jacob Wetterling Resource Center (JWRC), ChildFirst, and CAST are pleased to announce that our **free** on-demand Webinar library is back online! First up: JWRC Director Alison Feigh trains on three important topics in the field.



**Community Notification:** Can Community Notification Meetings be a place for prevention? What can parents do when a convicted sex offender moves in down the street? How can we attend to the emotional needs of survivors at Community Notification Meetings? This workshop guides advocates and law enforcement through prevention strategies that can be used at these often highly charged meetings. [View here](#).

**How to Talk to Kids About Pornography:** Pornography impacts the developing brain and the development of relationships among young people. This video will give youth workers, faith leaders, teachers, and caregivers tools to support them in having conversations with young people about pornography. [View here](#).

**Empower Me: An Overview for Parents:** How do we talk about personal body safety without scaring children to death? This short webinar goes over best practices for parents and those who work with youth about how to make personal body safety messages empowering and effective. This can be used as a partner to the "Empower Me" presentation as an overview for parents. [View here](#).

We invite you to view and share these helpful free resources from experts in the field, and check back frequently for new content.

Also, our office is moving to St. Paul in January! Our new address will be **366 Jackson St., Suite 300, St. Paul, MN 55101**.

For more information, and for a complete list of training opportunities and workshops, please [visit our website](#).

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

upcoming trainings & webinars



Please join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime  
for a FREE webinar:

## The Road to the Minnesota Legislature

November 20, 2019  
Noon to 1:30 pm

Presented by Bobbi Holtberg,  
Minnesota Alliance on Crime

Have you ever wondered what it takes to turn an idea for a policy into a legislative bill? Or how a bill becomes a law? Are you confused about what a nonprofit 501(c)(3) or government-based organization can do to influence legislation? In this webinar, Bobbi Holtberg will walk through the process to demystify what happens at the state legislature. This webinar will also describe what the Minnesota Alliance on Crime and other organizations can and cannot do to inform and shape new statutes or modifications to existing laws and advocate for state and federal funding for victim service programs.

### About the Presenter

Bobbi Holtberg has been the executive director of the Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) since January 2016. Bobbi has over 20 years of experience working as an advocate for crime victims, as well as developing and providing training to victim advocates, law enforcement, and other criminal justice system professionals. Prior to joining MAC, she was the domestic violence response initiative coordinator at the Minnesota Department of Corrections and a program manager at Violence Free Minnesota (formerly known as the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women). Bobbi has been a leader in facilitating conversations regarding the disparity in response to victims from marginalized communities and shedding light on the inherent biases that exist within the criminal justice system and victim services field.

**Register today!**

## fundamentals in victim services training

**a two-day training for crime victim  
advocates**

**january 9-10, 2020**

**dakota lodge, west st. paul, mn**

**minnesota alliance on crime**



### **what is this training about?**

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. Community-based advocates from general crime, domestic violence, and sexual assault programs are also very 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.

This training is **FREE** for all MAC members and includes generous travel reimbursement for members who qualify. Non-members are also welcome to attend.

Not a MAC member yet? [It's easy to join!](#)

[Click here for more info & to register](#)

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## Other Trainings, Webinars, and Conferences

### Who Is Who in Family Court

Sponsored by Standpoint

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

As we work with victims through divorce with children and custody cases in family court, a lot of professionals participate in the process. Who are these people? What are their roles? What are these professional's roles and responsibilities? What rights do our clients have when working with them? How can advocates prepare our clients for these steps in proceeding through divorce with children or custody cases? [Learn more.](#)

### Leveraging Worldwide Perspectives on Serving Survivors with Disabilities

Sponsored by the Vera Institute of Justice

Webinar | November 19, 2019 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and other international laws provide an international framework for serving survivors with disabilities safely and accessibly. Anastasia Holoboff and her team studied the practices of programs around the world, spoke to global experts at the intersection of violence and disability, and documented their findings in a groundbreaking report. In this webinar, Ms. Holoboff will review the guidelines the team developed and highlight the lessons that agencies in the United States can learn from agencies around the world. [Learn more.](#)

### Expert Q&A: Courageous Spirit - The Effects of Historical Trauma on American Indian/Alaska Native Communities

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime

Webinar | November 20, 2019 | 1:00 to 2:15 pm

This session will identify the historical and traditional ways that domestic and sexual violence were addressed in American Indian and Alaska Native communities prior to colonization and how historical experiences persist to have residual trauma in the community. Recommendations will be provided to improve advocacy for native communities that have been affected by domestic and sexual violence.

[Learn more.](#)

### Blueprint to Ending Poverty

Sponsored by the Hamline University Center for Justice and Law

In Person | December 6, 2019 | 12:30 to 4:00 pm | Hamline University Anderson Center, St. Paul

\$25-\$90

How we can end poverty in the Twin Cities? In 2009, Minnesota Legislature Commission to End Poverty created a report with a pathway to end poverty in Minnesota by 2020. What has worked? What hasn't? What do we need to do next? We will examine poverty from the perspective of courts, nonprofit organizations, corrections, and personal experience. [Learn more.](#)

## upcoming events

MINNESOTA ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

*Breakfast Fundraiser*

TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB, ST PAUL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 8 - 9 AM

Please join us at The Town & Country Club in St. Paul to learn about the impact of [our important work](#), and help stop abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults.

Thanks to support from our sponsor, Eldermark Senior Housing Software, a complimentary hot breakfast will be served. While there is no cost to attend, you will be invited to donate at the end of the program.

[Click here to register.](#)

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## 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

[Check out 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](#).**