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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

Happy Fall! I love this time of year and not just for the cooler weather. I love the sense of anticipation in the air, the anticipation of celebrating what we have harvested (both literally and figuratively) from the seeds we've sown earlier in the year, and the

anticipation of implementing the plans we are making for upcoming new year. MAC is in the process of developing some really exciting and BIG plans to be implemented in 2019 and we will be sharing the details with you very soon!

It was encouraging and fun to spend two days with all of you who attended MAC's Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training last month. I am always energized by the conversations with our members and am reminded of all the really great work with crime victims happening throughout Minnesota. The evaluations are indicating that those who attended were also energized and left with tools and ideas that will increase their capacity to work with victims and other stakeholders. Thanks so much to MAC's training and engagement manager, Danielle Kluz, for all of her hard work in organizing the meeting and training.



One of the highlights of our Annual Meeting was presenting the inaugural Spotlight on Service award to Barb Hedstrom. I worked alongside Barb at my very first direct service advocacy position. I learned so much from her and I have been in awe of the trajectory her advocacy career has taken. She is now a part of groundbreaking work occurring within the Shakopee Police Department that supports victims of general crime. Keep up the great work, Barb, and continue to inspire those around you!

I also want to take a moment to highlight that October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. I am so proud of the great work MAC, with the strong leadership of Julia Tindell, is doing on the issue of cybercrime and identity theft. See below for more info on Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Enjoy the autumn!

In Peace,

Bobbi




Sergeant John Buetow, Barb Hedstrom, and Chief Jeff Tate, Shakopee Police Department

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime is happy and proud to announce that Barb Hedstrom was awarded our first-ever Spotlight Award on September 6, 2018 for her innovative work on behalf of crime victims. Barb serves as the victim and community services coordinator at the Shakopee Police Department. She is one of the few general crime advocates in Minnesota housed in a law enforcement agency.

Barb was nominated for the award by Shakopee police chief Jeff Tate, who said: "Because of Barb, the

Shakopee Police Department has become 100% victim-centered. Victims always come first...Barb's advocacy and work for crime victims have become an integral part of the police department, and her impact in the community is beyond measurable."

"Barb is a model of bringing advocacy and victim-centered services to law enforcement agencies," stated Bobbi Holtberg, MAC's executive director. "We couldn't think of a better choice for our first Spotlight Award. Congratulations to Barb and the entire Shakopee Police Department!"



MAC welcomes the new members of our Board of Directors:

Leah Ekstrom, Cook County Attorney's Office
Dana Johnson, Polk County Coordinated Victim Services
Therese Lockwood, Hennepin County Attorney's Office
Sarah McGuire, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
Julie Richards, Boys & Girls Clubs Twin Cities



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[Click here to read the report](#), which highlights the work of MAC in FY18.



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



National Cybersecurity
Awareness Month

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According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), 2,725 Minnesotans reported a total of over \$14 million in cybercrime related losses in 2017. [182 Minnesotans reported cybercrime identity theft, with total losses of \\$910,000](#). Of course, these are just the people who reported to IC3. Many victims don't report cybercrime or identity theft because they're ashamed, because they don't know where to go, and/or because they don't see the point of reporting.

At MAC, we'll be focusing in on ways to raise awareness about cybercrime and improve cyber security through our [Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network](#).

This month, we're working to distribute resources to our members working with victims of cybercrime by highlighting ways individuals and communities can improve cybersecurity at home, at school, at work, and across the nation. You can get in on these tips and find ideas for raising awareness in your community by [signing up to receive our bi-monthly MITCIRN brief](#).

We're also excited to host a webinar on cybercrime presented by Kristin Judge, CEO/president of the Cybercrime Support Network. Kristin will talk about what cybercrime looks like and how advocates can support victims through recovery. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, October 23rd, 12:00 to 1:00 pm. [Register today!](#)



National Latin@ Network: Bilingual Staff's Role in Your Organization's Language Access Plan

Many programs have only one or two bilingual staff members responding to a large percentage of the survivors with LEP (Limited English Proficiency) utilizing their services. Some programs compound this inadequate staffing by asking bilingual staff to also act as interpreters for survivors with LEP working with other advocates, or others outside their programs, such as law enforcement or social service agencies. However, the costs in services, morale, and turnover can be high. Bilingual advocates in these types of situations often report feeling isolated and burned out since they bear a disproportionate burden of the language access and outreach responsibilities. [Click here](#) to read more about how to support your bilingual staff in providing language access to survivors.

Center for Victim Research: Funding Opportunity

The [Center for Victim Research](#) (CVR) is pleased to announce the availability of Researcher-and-Practitioner (R/P) Fellowships of up to \$15,000. The purpose of the fellowship program is to encourage collaboration between victim researchers and service providers that helps to build an evidence base for victim services. The Request-for-Proposals (due October 8, 2018) [can be found here](#).

National Public Radio: Adverse Childhood Experiences Study

NPR highlighted an important new national study about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which found that 62 percent of adults in the U.S. had at least one ACE, and one-fourth had three or more. Further, people with low income or educational attainment, people of color, and people who identified as gay, lesbian, or bisexual had significantly higher chances of having experienced adversity in their childhoods. [Click here to read article](#).

Futures Without Violence: New Asylum Toolkit

Futures Without Violence has released a new online toolkit to advocate for the protection of asylum laws and pathways for immigrant survivors fleeing severe domestic violence and sexual assault. The toolkit has a brief overview of the issue, talking points, and a draft letter that everyone can use when talking to their member of Congress, sample social media posts, and a customizable op-ed to send to local newspapers. [Click here](#) to access the toolkit.

National Resource Center for Reaching Victims: Funding Opportunity to Reach Underserved Victims of Crime

The Reaching Victims Mini-Grant program will fund up to 10 projects, with awards up to \$50,000, that seek to better identify, reach, and/or serve victims from communities that are frequently underrepresented in healing services and avenues to justice. Projects will be funded across a 9-month period starting in December 2018 and ending in August 2019. [Click here for the RFP](#).



Upcoming Trainings & Webinars



The Minnesota Alliance on Crime invites you to join us for a FREE webinar:

5 Steps To Securing Your Online Life

presented by Kristin Judge, President/CEO of
Cybercrime Support Network

Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM Central



October is National Cybersecurity Month, and cyber security is our shared responsibility. Everyone can take simple steps to improve their online security today. Better understand what you can do by going through 5 steps with Kristin.

About the Presenter:

Kristin Judge, CEO/President, Cybercrime Support Network

To address the needs of cybercrime victims, Kristin founded the nonprofit Cybercrime Support Network and works with federal, state and local law enforcement and consumer protection agencies to help consumers and small businesses affected by cybercrime.

While serving as a county elected official, Kristin supported the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in growing cybersecurity outreach to state and local government officials. After elected office, she worked at the Center for Internet Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA). Kristin worked with Google, federal agencies, congressional leaders and other key stakeholders across the country to educate consumers and businesses.

Register Now

Other Trainings and Webinars

Full Faith and Credit 101

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | October 4, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

Do you have questions about interjurisdictional enforcement of protection orders? Are you looking for information on the federal law pertaining to protection orders? This webinar will allow participants to identify how protection order enforcement works across state, tribal, and territorial boundaries. By providing a review of the Full Faith and Credit provision of the Violence Against Women Act allied professionals will be able to enhance their practice and enforce the law. This webinar is part one of a two part protection order related series. [Learn more.](#)

Helping Victims of Mass Violence & Terrorism I: The First 24 to 48 Hours

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime TTAC

Webinar | October 12, 2018 | 12:30 to 2:00 pm

This first webinar will discuss steps to execute a response plan, including what to expect during response committee meetings, communication strategies, factors to consider when setting up a

Family Assistance Center, challenges with victim identification and death notifications, and key elements of volunteer and donation management. [Learn more.](#)

Mandatory Reporting Laws in the United States: Impact on Victims of Intimate Partner Violence

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | October 16, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

This webinar will address mandatory reporting laws across the nation as they apply to cases of intimate partner violence. It will describe the history and different types of mandatory reporting laws that directly and indirectly impact survivors; and will highlight research findings on women's views of these laws and how they impact help-seeking. [Learn more.](#)

Using Federal Law to Increase Safety for Indian Women

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | October 18, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Tribal police, prosecutors, and courts have had significant success in combating intimate partner violence committed by Indians in Indian country. But, because of a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision, tribes lacked the authority to prosecute a non-Indian defendant. And, federal law limited tribes to imposing a maximum sentence of one year imprisonment regardless of how serious the offense. The Tribal Law and Order Act (2010) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 potentially and dramatically changed the legal authority of tribal courts and have provided federal prosecutors with new criminal offenses to use when holding offenders accountable. This webinar will cover the relevant changes to federal law, a summary of recent case law, and provide an update on implementation efforts for both Acts. [Learn more.](#)

Helping Victims of Mass Violence & Terrorism II: 48 Hours and Beyond

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime TTAC

Webinar | October 19, 2018 | 12:30 to 2:00 pm

This second webinar will build upon the details that were discussed in the first webinar. We will discuss the transition from short-term to long-term assistance, how to execute productive outreach plans, understanding immediate/acute, intermediate/transitional, and long-term needs of survivors, how to honor victims and survivors, and how to get involved in exercise planning. [Learn more.](#)

Walking with Latin@ Survivors: Lessons Learned Over 35 Years of Working with Latin@ Communities

Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network

Webinar | October 24, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

Effective and culturally relevant program development can be challenging when resources are limited. This workshop will share Casa de Esperanza's best practices to provide culturally relevant support and services to Latin@s survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking. We will take a deeper dive into Casa de Esperanza's history and the development of the Latina Advocacy Framework. We will also share 'Next Steps' that those working with Latin@ survivors can take back to their organizational leaders to adopt meaningful practices into your workplace and communities. [Learn more.](#)

Advanced Full Faith and Credit

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | October 30, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm

Please join us for part two of the two part series on Full Faith and Credit. Building on the framework provided in the FFC 101 webinar, this webinar will provide additional information on advanced topics related to protection orders. The webinar will include detailed scenarios and legal analysis on protection orders. The webinar will provide key information on unique situations where enforcement is required. [Learn more.](#)

Advanced Trauma-Informed Interviewing Training for Law Enforcement

Sponsored by the Sexual Violence Justice Institute and the Office of Justice Programs

In Person | November 27, 2018 | 8:00 am to 4:00 pm | St. Paul, MN

Based in the science of the neurobiology of trauma, this presentation focuses on how trauma affects memory and behavior, especially for victims of sexual violence. When responding to sexual assault, trauma often presents in a way that is counter-intuitive to how most law enforcement have been trained to conduct their job. This presentation helps law enforcement understand scientific concepts concerning the neurobiology of trauma so that victims of sexual violence will be understood and not judged prematurely. POST credits are available. [Learn more.](#)

Future Events

WOMEN'S ADVOCATES COURAGE TO FLY ANNUAL LUNCHEON & BENEFIT

October 10, 2018 | 11:30am - 1:00pm
484 Inwood Ave. N., Oakdale, MN
(Formerly Prom Event Center, now Inwood Oaks)

HOST: Lynne Warfel, Classical Host at Minnesota Public Radio

FEATURED GUEST: Anne Barry, Int. Deputy County Manager,
Health and Wellness, Ramsey County

SPECIAL MUSIC: Unity Singers

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CONNECTION SIX DEGREES OF ~~SEPARATION~~ An educational panel on domestic abuse



Professionals + experts
discuss how to recognize
signs of abuse:

- 1 Financial control
- 2 Reproductive coercion
- 3 Emotional abuse
- 4 Sexual abuse
- 5 Digital abuse
- 6 Physical violence



Monday, October 22, 2018

6pm to 8pm

Wilder Center Auditorium

451 Lexington Pkwy N, St Paul

+ Broadcast on Facebook Live

Free to attend, donations suggested

Register: wadvocates.org/event/panel

Questions/Info: 651-726-5233

Women's Advocates
Breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

**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)

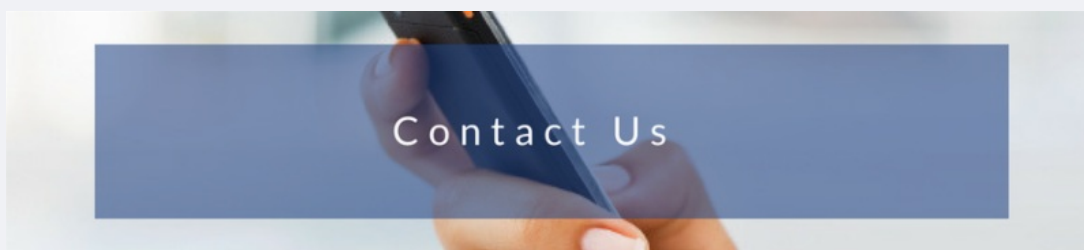
Please send by the 27th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



[Click for the latest 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



As always, if you have any suggestions for MAC, we welcome your input!

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About the Minnesota Alliance on Crime

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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.

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