



# August 2017 Newsletter

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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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From MAC's Executive Director

MAC now has 64 members and continues to grow!

We are busy planning for MAC's upcoming 2017 Annual Membership Meeting and Capacity Building training to be held in St. Cloud on September 21-22. I look forward to this opportunity to connect with members and allies to engage in meaningful conversation about how MAC can best support our member programs and positively impact the statewide response to victims of crime. This Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training also is an excellent opportunity for victim service providers to network with one another.



Due to a VOCA training grant MAC received from OJP, we are able to offset some of the costs for MAC members who attend the annual meeting and training. [Details of what expenses can be reimbursed are outlined in the registration materials.](#) In order to be eligible for reimbursement, MAC has to have received your organization's completed FY18 membership application and dues prior to September 21, 2017. Only current members will receive reimbursement.

We have worked hard over the past year to increase the benefits of MAC membership. Often, the travel reimbursement you may receive from attending the Annual Membership Meeting and Capacity Building Training and others will more than pay for your program's membership. If you aren't a MAC member yet and would like to know more, [please take a minute to look at the benefits and membership application.](#)

MAC will also be hosting our annual Silent Auction fundraiser throughout both days. We have many new donors and past donors that have increased their contributions. Just to give you a taste of what will be available to bid on, the Minnesota Vikings have donated an autographed 8x10 picture of Stefon Diggs! MAC relies on the proceeds from the Silent Auction to provide unrestricted funds for us to engage in public policy and legislative work. If you would like to make a donation for the Silent Auction, [please contact me!](#) All donations must be received by September 14th. We hope you will all plan to attend and help to make this year's event a HUGE success.

See you all in September!

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg



### Meet MAC's Newest Staff Member: Otis Alexander

We are pleased to introduce you to MAC's new Chief Morale Officer, Otis Alexander. Otis is a five month-old Shorkie (a Shih Tzu/Yorkie mix) who now graces our office almost every day. "I'm here to keep the MAC staff, and their visitors, smiling," said Otis, before settling down to take a hearty nap in his kennel.

Otis is a small, gentle fellow, who rarely barks, is hypoallergenic, loves to chase balls and his stuffed lamb, and adores cuddling. Come visit us at to MAC's office to meet Otis!

the minnesota alliance on crime  
annual meeting  
& capacity building training  
above and beyond:  
excellence in victim services  
september 21-22, 2017  
st. cloud, minnesota

Please join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime on September 21 and 22, 2017 for two days of strategizing, learning, sharing, and networking to go above and beyond our work in advancing rights and services for crime

victims in Minnesota. This year's theme, *Above and Beyond: Excellence in Victim Services*, reflects MAC's efforts, based on the needs of our membership, to build capacity to reflect best practices and provide comprehensive services to victims.

### **MAC Annual Membership Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 8:30 am to noon**

The Annual Meeting will provide members and allies the opportunity to learn more about the strategic work MAC staff and board are currently engaged in and to provide direct feedback that will shape MAC's initiatives moving forward. Members will also be tasked with ratifying changes to MAC's bylaws and the presented slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.

### **Capacity Building Training: Thursday, September 21 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, and Friday, September 22 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Over a day and a half, participants will hear directly from victims/survivors and experts in the victim services field who will provide training on victims' rights in Minnesota, vicarious trauma, emerging issues in the crime victim services field, and a panel discussion on advocacy. Full agenda coming soon.

#### **Location**

Holiday Inn and Suites, 75 37th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

#### **Training Fees**

**MAC Members:** Free

**Non-MAC Members:** \$25 for Thursday only or Friday only; \$50 for both days.

**MAC will provide mileage, lodging, and/or meal reimbursement for qualified member programs.**

#### **Registration Deadline**

Friday, September 15, 2017

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



### **Office for Victims of Crime New Online Resource on Tribal Victim Assistance**

As part of OVC's ongoing commitment to providing relevant resources and tools to Indian country professionals, OVC TTAC has created this site to help guide tribal victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, judges, and others to information about how to create a victim-centered response to American Indian and Alaska Native victims of crime across the lifespan. We invite you to explore this site and learn more about available federal and non-federal resources that can help tribal communities better meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and many other forms of victimization. [Click here.](#)

### **Bureau of Justice Statistics Report: Hate Crime Victimization, 2004-2015**

Hate crimes are violent or property crimes that the victim perceived to be motivated by bias due to the victim's race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. The report examines the perceived motivation for the hate crime, evidence that the crime was motivated by bias, demographic characteristics of victims and offenders, and hate crimes reported and not reported to police. It compares characteristics of hate crime and non-hate crime victimizations. The report also compares the NCVS and FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting hate crime statistics. [Click here.](#)

### **United States Department of State: 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report**

*The Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report* is the U.S. Government's principal diplomatic tool to engage foreign governments on human trafficking. It is also the world's most comprehensive resource of governmental anti-human trafficking efforts and reflects the U.S. Government's commitment to global leadership on this key human rights and law enforcement issue. It represents an updated, global look at the nature and scope of trafficking in persons and the broad range of government actions to confront and eliminate it. [Click here.](#)

## **Pew Research Center Report: *Online Harassment 2017***

Roughly four-in-ten Americans have personally experienced online harassment, and 62% consider it a major problem. Many want technology firms to do more, but they are divided on how to balance free speech and safety issues online. [Click here.](#)

## **The Survivor Reentry Project**

With support from the Office for Victims of Crime, the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence has launched the [Survivor Reentry Project \(SRP\)](#). SRP provides national training and technical assistance for attorneys working with human trafficking survivors who have been convicted of a crime as a result of their victimization. [Post-Conviction Advocacy for Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Guide for Attorneys](#) is also a helpful resource for victim assistance professionals.

## **Centers for Disease Control Report: *Racial and Ethnic Differences in Homicides of Adult Women and the Role of Intimate Partner Violence, 2003 – 2014***

Homicide is one of the leading causes of death for women aged ≤44 years. In 2015, homicide caused the death of 3,519 girls and women in the United States. Rates of female homicide vary by race/ethnicity, and nearly half of victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner. To inform homicide and intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention efforts, CDC analyzed homicide data from the National Violent Death Reporting System among 10,018 women aged ≥18 years in 18 states during 2003–2014. The frequency of homicide by race/ethnicity and precipitating circumstances of homicides associated with and without IPV were examined. [Click here.](#)

## **Bureau of Justice Statistics: *Crime Against Persons With Disabilities, 2009-2015***

The report presents 2009-2015 National Crime Victimization Survey estimates of nonfatal violence crime against persons with disabilities. The report compares the victimization of persons with and without disabilities living in noninstitutionalized households, including distributions by sex, race, Hispanic origin, age, disability type, and other victim characteristics. It also includes crime characteristics, such as victim-offender relationship, time of crime, reporting to police, and use of victim services agencies. NCVS data were combined with data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey to generate victimization rates. [Click here.](#)

## **Nominations for the 2018 National Crime Victims' Service Award**

The 2018 National Crime Victims' Service Awards nomination period is now open. [View past recipients](#) and, if you know a similarly deserving individual, group, team, or program, watch this video for instructions on how to [submit a nomination](#). The video includes information about submission requirements, a short demo of the online nomination form, and tips for submitting a noteworthy nomination. **Nominations are due on July 31, 2017.**

## **In Need of In Need of Training and Technical Assistance? The National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center Can Help**

NHTTAC can provide virtual and/or in-person training and technical assistance (T/TA) to help your agency prevent or respond to human trafficking. T/TA is funded by the Office on Trafficking in Persons. NHTTAC services are free and delivered based on need. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

## **Minnesota Office of Justice Programs: Update for Grantees on Emergency Fund and Direct Client Assistance**



The purpose of this article is to update you on the status of the Emergency Fund and OJP's expectations for use of Direct Client Assistance (DCA) or Emergency Funds for the remainder of your FY17 grant (ending Sept. 30th).

As of July 1, 2017, the full Emergency Fund grant of \$150,000 has been awarded (through a competitive process) to Cornerstone Advocacy Services (Cornerstone) to provide emergency financial assistance to crime victims statewide under MN Statute 611A.675. Cornerstone also operates the statewide Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line and has a grant to provide Minneapolis-based general crime victim services. The Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line is staffed 24/7 for victims to talk or text directly with an advocate who can provide support, options and help to access necessary resources statewide. **The Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line number is [1-866-385-2699](tel:1-866-385-2699) (to text, use [612-399-9977](tel:612-399-9977)).**

Many of you have FY17 grant funding allocated to the DCA line of your budget. Because DCA funds can cover all of the same expenses that the Emergency Fund can cover, you should spend out your DCA funds first



before connecting those you serve with Cornerstone for assistance from the Emergency Fund. If your DCA line has been spent out (or you don't have funds allocated to the DCA line), you may assist victims in accessing the Emergency Fund at the number above, *preferably by calling Cornerstone on the client's behalf.*

Further guidance for FY18 (beginning Oct. 1, 2017) regarding the Emergency Fund and DCA will be provided in the upcoming FY18 renewal application for funding, expected to be released within the next three weeks.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to this new model of administering the Emergency Fund. Please share this information with your staff and contact your grant manager with questions.



## Cornerstone Advocacy Services to Open New General Crime Advocacy Program in Minneapolis

On January 3, 2017, Cornerstone's centralized Day One Call Center began operating. The call center responds to crisis calls twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week from two separate toll free numbers. One line (1-866-223-1111) responds to calls from victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking and the other line (1-866-385-2699) responds to calls from general crime victims.

Cornerstone's general crime line responds to a broad category of offenses, including both property crimes and crimes against persons. The Day One Call Center is focused on providing trauma-informed support, as well as immediate access to resources within the caller's identified community.

As of July 1, 2017, Cornerstone has been in the process of establishing new services that will expand beyond the crisis line to begin offering in-person advocacy and support for general crime victims in the Twin Cities metro area. Our new program arm is called **Crime Victim Advocacy Services (CVAS)**. It will be located in Minneapolis and is being managed by Pamela Maldonado. Over the course of the next month, we expect to be hiring an additional 3-4 employees who will provide individual advocacy, support, access to referrals, assistance with accessing emergency funds, therapeutic services, community engagement, and education on crime victims' needs. We also recently added Jill Bartlett in the supervisor role. CVAS will also manage the statewide OJP Emergency Fund and we anticipate that our emergency funds advocate will be on board within the next two weeks.

We are excited about working closely with the Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC), their leadership, and each of its members. If any of you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact Pamela directly at 651-216-0429.



minnesota alliance on crime  
save the date for our training:  
the adverse childhood experiences study:  
how the accumulation of stress changes our future  
presented by karina forrest perkins  
november 17, 2017  
bloomington, mn

**August 9-11, 2017**  
**Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Prior Lake, MN**

**Co-sponsored by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices of Minnesota, Eastern Michigan, Eastern Wisconsin, Western Michigan, and Western Wisconsin.**

Participants serving tribal communities are encouraged to attend. This conference will benefit victim service providers, law enforcement, tribal leaders, court personnel, prosecutors, probation, etc. Workshops include elder abuse, healing historical trauma, healing via the Three Principles, homicide in Indian Country, tribal community health and opioid abuse, and sex trafficking in Indian Country.

Conference fee: FREE. Travel scholarships are available.

Registration deadline: July 31, 2017. [Register here.](#)

[Full conference brochure here.](#)

## **Other Trainings and Webinars**

### **Family Law Advocacy 101**

**Sponsored by StandPoint**

**Webinar | August 3rd | 3:00 pm –4:30 pm CST**

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 family law. This webinar will provide Minnesota advocates an overview of how domestic and sexual violence survivors can best represent their interests in divorce, child support, child custody, and other family law matters. This training is appropriate for the novice and intermediate advocate providing services in Minnesota to domestic violence and sexual assault victims. More seasoned advocates may find this as a helpful review as well as getting up-to-date information on statutory changes. [Learn more.](#)

### **Part I: Recognizing Stalking in Intimate Partner Violence Cases**

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

**Webinar | August 9th | 2:00 pm –3:00 pm CST**

Research has shown that 7.5 million adults are stalked in one year in the United States, yet stalking is a crime that is often misunderstood, minimized, or missed entirely. While stalking remains an underreported crime, when it is reported, stalking charges are rarely filed even when all the elements of the crime are present. Part I of this webinar series will explore the importance of recognizing the intersection of stalking in intimate partner violence cases and the various technologies being used to track and monitor victims. [Learn more.](#)

### **Debunking Domestic Violence Myths**

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

**Webinar | August 16th | 2:00 pm –3:00 pm CST**

Intimate partner violence (IPV) and its concomitant elements of physical violence, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, and coercive control can profoundly affect the lives of those exposed to it. How women respond to IPV has been the subject of analysis for several decades. The overall conclusion of much of that work is that the term "battered woman syndrome" does not adequately capture the scientific and clinical knowledge of battering and its effects, a statement that is even more true today. [Learn more.](#)

### **New Laws Training**

**Sponsored by Standpoint**

**August 17th-18th, Violence Intervention Project, Thief River Falls**

**August 24th-25th, Women's Shelter Inc. and DFO Corrections, Preston**

**September 7th-8th, Women's Rural Advocacy Project, Granite Falls**

**September 21st-22nd, Hands of Hope, Staples**

**September 28th-29th, Sacred Hoop Coalition, Duluth**

**October 2nd-3rd, Southern Valley Alliance and Shakopee Police Department, Shakopee**

Registration is now open for New Laws Training. This 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. [More info and registration here.](#)

## **Safer Families, Safer Communities**

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

**Webinar | August 21st | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm CST**

SaferFamilies, Safer Communities, a project of the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center, supports comprehensive implementation and enforcement of domestic violence firearm prohibitions at all levels of government. By providing information, as well as community-based strategies and examples, this project seeks to prevent domestic violence-related homicide in our families and communities. [Learn more.](#)

## **Testifying Training**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance**

**In Person | August 22-23, 2017 | Redwood County Government Center, Redwood Falls, MN**

**\$10 per person**

This training examines forensic interview protocols and best practices as defined by research and practical experience; explains the purposes of interview stages; explores the use of media, props, and tools; and provides practical examples and tips for direct and cross examination. Presenter: Amy Russell, Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center. [More info here.](#)

## **Part II: Stalking Evidence: What to Look For and How to Get it Admitted**

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

**Webinar | August 23rd | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm CST**

In Part II of this webinar series we will delve into the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases. We will explore how to conduct thorough investigations, including evidence preservation and collection as well as investigative strategies for interviewing victims and suspects. We will also look at evidentiary issues, particularly around technology, prosecutors may face when trying stalking cases. It is imperative that law enforcement and prosecutors work together to hold offenders accountable and keep victims safe. [Learn more.](#)

## **Is It Abuse? Signs to Look for When Investigating Child Abuse**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance**

**In Person | September 19, 2017 | 9:00 am to noon | Sanford Bemidji Medical Center, Bemidji, MN**

Dr. Mark Hudson, a board-certified child abuse pediatrician, will train on signs and indicators of abuse to look for when investigating child abuse. This training is for law enforcement, advocates, child protection, prosecutors, and medical providers. **To register, please email your name, agency, and phone number to Ashley Her at [ashley@minnesotachildrensalliance.org](mailto:ashley@minnesotachildrensalliance.org).**

## **Second National Prosecutors' Summit on Child Abuse**

**Sponsored by the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center, Minnesota Children's Alliance**

**In Person | September 20-22, 2017 | Metro Square Building, St. Paul, MN**

The Child Abuse Prosecution Project is a training and technical assistance resource provided through the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. The Midwest Regional CAC is very pleased to co-sponsor their upcoming 2nd National Prosecutors' Summit on Child Abuse. The Summit will include instruction from leading experts in the field of child abuse and neglect on cutting edge topics employing the most current model practices for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect. [Learn more.](#)

## **Behind Closed Doors**

**Sponsored by Saving Grace**

**In-Person | October 27th | 7:30 am – 4:30 pm | Amherst H. Wilder Foundation**

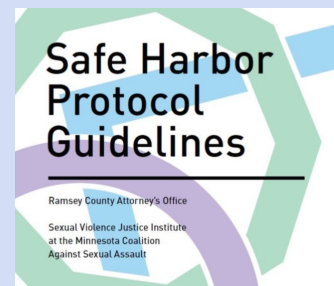
**Fee: \$130 - \$150**

Behind Closed Doors will provide education and training to understand the effects of verbal/emotional, physical, sexual, and interpersonal violence, trauma and recovery in adults and children; to identify the short and long-term impact of domestic violence and sexual assault: emotional, mental, physical, economic, financial, and legal; to understand the effects of trauma on the brain, in adults and children, and utilize Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview techniques; and to increase professional collaboration efforts of community partners in being able to identify, interrupt, and influence a positive change in the outcomes of batterers and victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking. [Learn more.](#)



## Safe Harbor Celebration

Hosted by Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
4:00pm - 7:00pm  
Brief remarks at 5:15pm



At Best Western Capitol Ridge Peddler's Pub  
61 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul  
Appetizers provided

The [Safe Harbor Protocol Guidelines](#) were released this spring, a landmark in Minnesota's fight against sexual exploitation. Please join us on July 25 for a special event celebrating the Protocol Guidelines and our state's broader progress over the last few years in the fight against sex trafficking – more training, more awareness, more victim / survivors identified and helped. RSVP to [chelseaholub@gmail.com](mailto:chelseaholub@gmail.com).



Women's Advocates

### Witness the Journey: A Tour of Women's Advocates

August 8, 2017 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Learn about domestic violence in our community and how you can make a difference. This open house-style event will feature light refreshments and tours of our historic buildings. This event is free to attend and is also an opportunity to meet Women's Advocates' new Executive Director Estelle Brouwer!

RSVP with Tom at [tbrinker@wadvocates.org](mailto:tbrinker@wadvocates.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 26th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



[Click for updates from the Appellate Court.](#)



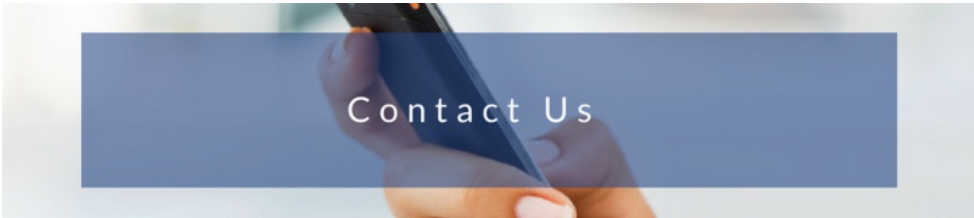


## Employment Opportunities

[Click for the latest victim services 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 26th of each month.

- 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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