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Dear MAC Members and Allies,

Happy August! I hope you are all taking time to enjoy the fleeting summer days and do something that renews your soul.

We are busy at MAC finalizing plans for our [2018 Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training](#), to be held September 6-7 at the Dakota

Lodge in West St. Paul. This truly is my favorite MAC event of the year! I get energized being with all of our incredible member programs.



This year's theme is a continuation of the initiative that began with 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, *Expand the Circle*. MAC staff and board have been engaging in intentional work towards our goal of being a diverse, inclusive, accessible, and transparent coalition. This work must be rooted in building authentic relationships with organizations and communities and especially those that have historically had their voices silenced and continue to be marginalized. MAC works daily to expand our circle and we are committed to continuing this work, as we know it is an ongoing process and not a fixed event. As a result of spending two days together, we believe MAC members will be better informed and energized to expand their circles within their communities.

Once again, we will hold our annual Silent Auction during the two-day event. I've seen some of the donated items and am confident there will be something great for everyone to bid on. In addition to the Silent Auction, there will be a WINE PULL! For \$10 you are guaranteed to walk away with a bottle of wine that has a minimum value of \$10 and many bottles are valued at a higher dollar amount. **If you'd like to be amazing and donate to the Silent Auction, please email [Julia Tindell](#) by August 15, 2018.** We are so grateful for the generous donations from our members!

This year, MAC will be presenting the inaugural Spotlight Award at the Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training to a member who was nominated for their innovative, best practice-oriented, and inspirational work with crime victims. We are so excited to be able to shine a light on an example of the exceptional work our member programs are doing.

Please take three minutes to complete your registration today. Space is limited and you won't want to miss this event. It's FREE for our member programs!

One last thing for our member programs: **If you haven't taken a moment to complete the 2018 MAC Member Survey, PLEASE do so.** We rely on this feedback to guide conversations at the annual meeting and also to plan our work for the coming year. Your voice and opinions matter and we need to hear them! Check your inbox for your link to the survey. If you didn't receive it, please email [Danielle Kluz](#).

I look forward to seeing all of you in September!

In Peace,

Bobbi



Please complete the 2018
Minnesota Alliance on
Crime Member Survey

Check your email for your
survey. Just 4 minutes of your
time helps MAC help our
members!



Expand the Circle: 2018 Annual Meeting & Capacity Building Training

September 6-7, 2018

Dakota Lodge, West St. Paul, MN

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime

Please join the Minnesota Alliance on Crime on September 6 and 7, 2018 for two days of strategizing, learning, sharing, and networking to advance rights and services for crime victims in Minnesota. This year's theme, *Expand the Circle*, reflects MAC's efforts, based on the needs of our membership, to build our members' capacity to serve *all* victims of crime in Minnesota. **MAC members and non-members are all welcome to join us!**

MAC Annual Membership Meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2018, 8:30 am to Noon

The Membership Meeting will provide members and allies the opportunity to learn more about the strategic work MAC staff and board are currently engaged in and 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.

Spotlight Award Lunch: Thursday, September 6, 2018, Noon to 1:00 pm.

During a special recognition lunch, we will award the Spotlight Award to a MAC member who is truly making a difference for crime victims with their innovative work.

Capacity Building Training: Thursday, September 6, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Friday, September 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Over a day and a half, participants will hear directly from victims/survivors and experts in the victim services field who will provide critical training on "gray area thinking", working effectively with tribal communities, and strengthening rights for the victims we serve. We will also offer valuable time for regional networking/collaboration.

Full agenda coming soon. MAC has applied for CLE and POST credits for the training portion of the event.

Registration Fees

MAC Members:

FREE for both days. Not sure if your agency is a member program? [Check here.](#)

This includes lunch on Thursday.

Non-MAC Members:

Thursday Only: \$45 (this includes lunch)

Friday Only: \$30 (no lunch included)

Thursday and Friday: \$65

MAC will provide travel reimbursement benefits to make this event accessible for our members who need to travel more than 200 miles roundtrip.

Registration Deadline

Friday, August 31, 2018

[Click here for more info and registration](#)

Meet Avery - MAC Summer Intern

Hello MAC Members and Allies!

My name is Avery and I'm one of MAC's interns this summer. I'll be graduating next spring with a double major in Corrections and Gender and Women's Studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Along with being a student, I'm also a domestic violence shelter advocate at the Committee Against Domestic Abuse. In my free time, I love being involved in the clubs on campus, binge-watching true crime shows/podcasts, and spending time trying new restaurants with my family and friends.



Initially, what drew me to MAC was being able to gain a more general perspective on crime and learn about community and government resources in Minnesota. I've spent my time at MAC working with Julia Tindell on the [Minnesota Identity Theft and Cybercrime Information and Resource Network](#). It's been amazing being able to see all the behind-the-scenes work MAC does to help their members. All of the trainings and webinars have made me even more excited to continuing my career in victim advocacy work upon graduation!

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



Survivor Resources: Summer Support Groups

Survivor Resources is offering grief support groups this summer for the loved ones of victims of homicide, suicide, overdose, or accident. Groups are located in St. Paul, St. Louis Park, and Forest Lake. [Click here for more information](#).

Standpoint: Archived Webinars Ready to View

[Standpoint](#) has two of their latest webinars ready to view on YouTube: [Criminal Law Sexual Assault for Advocates 101](#) and [Housing 101](#).

Vera Institute of Justice Launches ICON (Immigrant Connection Project)

ICON, a partnership between the Vera Institute of Justice and New America, is a resource for parents who have been separated from their children due to the administration's zero tolerance policy - as well as for the attorneys for these parents - to locate and connect with the legal service providers working with their children. ICON also seeks to ensure due process for these separated children and their families. While the federal government is the only entity that can physically reunite children and families, ICON provides a route to connect parents and their legal representatives with a legal service provider that is working directly with their children. [Click here](#) to access this legal resource.

Bolder Advocacy: 501(c)(3)s Have a Role to Play in Getting Out the Vote

It's important to know that 501(c)(3)s can and should play an important role in getting people to the polls when critical issues are at stake. Although 501(c)(3)s cannot tell people who to support or vote for, they can encourage people to go out and vote. They can even conduct voter registration drives. Before doing so, it's a good idea to check your state's voter registration laws. It's important to understand deadlines, how to handle the registration forms, and other practical details that will dictate how you conduct the drive. [Read more](#).

Praxis International: Make The Call Toolkit

Implementing an advocacy-initiated response (AIR) can provide critical information about upcoming court processes, resources available to help with court proceedings, and support available for coping

with other aspects of life affected by a batterer's behavior. The Make the Call Toolkit offers a free, on-demand resource for advocacy programs to explore, adapt, and implement the AIR model to connect victims of battering with community-based advocacy as soon as possible after law enforcement has responded to a domestic violence 911 call. [Click here](#) to access this toolkit.

End Abuse of People With Disabilities: Culture, Language, and Access - Serving Deaf Survivors Policy Brief

Recent research suggests that Deaf women experience higher rates of sexual and domestic violence than their hearing counterparts, but are often shut off from victim services and supports that are ill-equipped to respond to their unique needs. The *Culture, Language, and Access: Key Considerations for Serving Deaf Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence* policy brief offers practical suggestions for expanding and enhancing Deaf survivors' access to victim services and other supports. [Click here](#).



We Need YOUR Help to Build the Tribal Resource Tool

We are currently collecting information about victim service providers to include in the [Tribal Resource Tool](#) and we need your assistance.

Our team is working to identify any and all organizations that provide resources or support to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) crime victims living on and off tribal lands, Alaska Native villages, and in urban areas. If your organization provides services to help American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) survivors recover from crime and abuse, please submit your information to be listed in the Tribal Resource Tool by visiting our website at www.tribalresourcetool.org.

This web-based resource map and searchable database will:

- Connect AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse to resources
- Provide a listing of services available for AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse
- Help identify and address gaps in services

The Tribal Resource Tool is an innovative collaboration between the [Office for Victims of Crime](#), the [National Congress of American Indians](#), the [Tribal Law and Policy Institute](#), and the [National Center for Victims of Crime](#) with the input and guidance of [tribal stakeholders](#) across the country.

Help us engage others in this important project by sharing information widely and asking providers to fill out our inclusion form.

For additional information about the project, to request materials to help promote the tool, or to share outreach events where the project team can present the tool, contact Kaylana Gates at kgates@victimsofcrime.org.



Minnesota Office of Justice Programs: Nevada Route 91 Shooting Victim Outreach - Reparations for Minnesotans

There were 101 tickets sold in Minnesota to the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the tragic mass shooting occurred on October 1, 2017. As of June 2018, the Nevada Victims of Crime Program (similar to the Minnesota Reparations Board) has received only 11 assistance applications from Minnesota survivors. If you know anyone who was present at the Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting, please encourage them to visit VegasStrongRC.org and apply for reparations, as **the deadline for accessing potential financial assistance is October 1, 2018.**

Funds from the program may help reimburse survivors for out-of-pocket expenses resulting from the crime such as medical bills or counseling co-pays not covered by insurance. **Even if survivors don't have any eligible expenses now, survivors are encouraged to apply for the program before the deadline in case they incur future expenses that may be covered by the program.**

Visit the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center at VegasStrongRC.org for information, or email the center at vegasstrongresiliencycenter@clarkcountynv.gov or call 1-833-299-2433.

The Vegas Strong Resiliency Center serves as a free, one-stop resource and referral hub for anyone affected including survivors, family members of victims, responders, and anyone dealing with effects from the attack including hotel workers, taxi cab drivers, or bystanders who tried to help victims. Since the Resiliency Center opened, it has served more than 6,000 people. Services include victim advocacy and support, grief counseling and spiritual care referrals, and technical assistance accessing online resources including FBI Victim Assistance Services for claiming personal items left behind at the October 1 concert venue.



Register TODAY. There are only a few spots left!

About This Webinar:

Reproductive coercion is any behavior(s) intended to maintain power and control over an individual's reproductive decisions and health, such as monitoring menstrual cycles or destroying someone's contraceptives. It often occurs in an intimate partner context, making it a devastating and often unrecognized form of domestic abuse that until 2013 was not officially recognized by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

This webinar will cover the three main forms of reproductive coercion: birth control sabotage, pregnancy pressure/coercion, and sexual coercion, with detailed case studies to represent each form, in addition to information about assessment and safety planning, harm reduction strategies, legal remedies, and legislation. The focus of the presentation is to provide basic introductory information

about an under-studied form of domestic abuse, and will be particularly useful for victim/witness advocates, social service providers, prosecutors, and law enforcement.

MAC has applied for 1 standard CLE credit for this webinar.

About Meggie Royer

Meggie Royer is the Education and Outreach Coordinator at Women's Advocates in St. Paul, the nation's first domestic violence shelter. She provides trainings to social service providers, healthcare providers, students, criminal justice professionals, and more, covering topics such as revenge pornography, domestic violence, healthy relationships, strangulation, and the pregnancy-homicide link. She most recently presented on reproductive coercion at the Office of Justice Programs' Conference on Crime and Victimization in May 2018.

[Click here to register!](#)



The Minnesota Office of Justice Programs is currently accepting applications for the 2018 Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy! The training is tentatively scheduled for October 9-12 & November 14-16, 2018. **The application deadline is August 17, 2018.**

The Minnesota Victim Assistance (MNVAA) is a series of comprehensive, academically based trainings to build the capacity of victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice professionals, law enforcement, and other professionals who work with victims of crime.

[Click here for more info and registration.](#)

Other Trainings and Webinars

The ABCs of BAC: Toxicology for Prosecutors and Investigators

Sponsored by AEquitas

Webinar | August 2, 2018 | Noon - 1:00 pm

This presentation will explain the toxicology of alcohol, as well as drugs, in lay terms that will help participants understand how they affect the body. Topics will include alcohol metabolism, the disproportionate effect of alcohol on women and men, the mechanism of intoxication, an explanation of blackouts vs. pass outs, and other common toxicological issues. It will also explore common issues and challenges related to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases where alcohol is present. [Learn more.](#)

Ni Santas, Ni Putas: The Impact of External and Internalized Misogyny on Latina Survivors

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Webinar | August 6, 2018 | 10:00 - 11:30 am

This webinar will review rape culture manifestations within some Latino communities and how cultural issues, gender double standards, rape myths, and self-blame can all impede survivor help-seeking. It will also address the role that Latina and Latino stereotypes play in victim blaming and how the current climate of Latinx demonization and othering is impacting both Latina survivor identification with the #MeToo / #YoTambien movement, and the victim advocacy efforts of bilingual victim advocates. [Learn more.](#)

Multidisciplinary Team Cross-Training: Prosecutors and MDTs

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime

Webinar | August 6, 2018 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Join in a discussion about the ethical responsibilities of a prosecutor and the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration in the fight against elder abuse. The discussion will include the prosecutor's perspective on what makes a good case; what are their parameters on an MDT; what they get out of MDT collaborations and how best to collaborate; and what they contribute. [Learn more.](#)

Restoring Self, Restoring Community, Restoring World: International Restorative Justice Conference

Sponsored by Community Mediation and Restorative Services

In Person | August 9-11, 2018 | Metropolitan State University, St. Paul

Registration fee: \$135-\$405 (scholarships available)

An international conference that will inspire people to think bigger and differently to transform communities into being inclusive and restorative; equip people with the knowledge, skills, and tools they need to effectively lead restorative changes in their schools and communities; and spark ongoing opportunities for connections, networking, inspiration, and collaboration. [Learn more.](#)

The Role of Judges in an Elder Abuse Case

Sponsored by the Elder Justice Initiative

Webinar | August 10, 2018 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Judge Karen Howze discusses the dynamics of elder abuse, relevant issues such as cognitive capacity, expert witnesses that may be required, reasonable courtroom accommodations, the advantages of elder abuse multidisciplinary teams, and the importance of judicial leadership on the issue of elder abuse. [Learn more.](#)

Know More, Do More: Identifying and Responding to Stalking

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

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

This webinar will address common tactics used by perpetrators, identify stalking-specific risk assessment tools to better determine the level of threat to victims, and discuss effective safety planning strategies. [Learn more.](#)

Dealing With The Dark Side: How To Handle Your Most Difficult Employees

Sponsored by Justice Clearinghouse

Webinar | August 16, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Every agency has employees who live on the "Dark Side," yet few organizations feel truly empowered and skilled enough to turn these employees back to the light. This webinar will explore how employees get drawn to the Dark Side and what you can do to stop it, explain the underlying factors that fuel all bad behavior and how to eliminate those from your agency, review tools that every supervisor should learn to use with challenging employees, and explain how to motivate the Dark Side people to move back to the light. [Learn more.](#)

Expert Q&A: Addressing Vicarious Trauma for the Individual

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime

Webinar | August 22, 2018 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Vicarious trauma (VT) is related to secondary traumatic stress. The victim experiences primary traumatic stress, yet as a victim service provider who uses controlled empathy, you can also become traumatized. By attempting to remain objective, your inner sense of who you are, and your beliefs about feeling safe and trusting others, can change. It's important to know what contributes to VT, such as professional isolation after hearing trauma-related narratives and being empathetic. [Learn more.](#)

Twenty-Third Annual Domestic Violence Conference

Sponsored by the First Judicial District Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

In Person | October 5, 2018 | The Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake

Registration fee: \$75.00

A conference on domestic violence, featuring keynote speakers Kristin R. Lewis on vicarious trauma, and Brittany Schneider, whose late husband was a police officer fatally shot during a domestic violence call. The conference is for advocates, attorneys, prosecutors, law enforcement, social workers, judges, court personnel, and probation. [Learn more.](#)



Hennepin County Library: Free Programs on Criminal Justice, Incarceration, and Second Chances

Upcoming programs at the Minneapolis Central Library, Pohlad Hall, 2nd floor.

Thursday, August 9, 7-9 p.m.

Jason Sole, author of [*From Prison to Ph.D.: A Memoir of Hope, Resilience, and Second Chances*](#), and Emily Baxter, author of [*We Are All Criminals*](#). [Register online.](#)



Thursday, August 16, 7-9 p.m.

[*Knife Skills*](#) film screening and conversation with Brandon Chrostowski. [Register online.](#)

Thursday, September 13, 7-9 p.m.

Susan Burton, author of [*Becoming Ms. Burton*](#). [Register online.](#)

Thursday, September 27, 7-9 p.m.

Exhibit closing event with [*We Are All Criminals*](#) and Kevin Reese from [BRIDGE](#). [Register online.](#)

We encourage you to register, but it is not required to attend these programs.

There will also be a [*We Are All Criminals*](#) exhibit in the Cargill Gallery (Minneapolis Central Library) from August 1 to September 30.



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 published decisions from the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.](#)



[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

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](#).