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I am going to get straight to the point and just say, ***the Minnesota Alliance on Crime NEEDS YOU!***

We need our member programs to give us thoughtful feedback via the **annual membership** survey that went out on July 25th.

We need our member programs to **complete their renewal applications** to ensure you can vote at the annual business meeting and then to register for the annual business meeting taking place the morning of September 8th.

We need members and allied partners to **join us for 1.5 days of inspirational trainings** related to our book club pick, *The Body Keeps the Score*, that will take place September 8th & 9th at our annual meeting & capacity training.

We need all of you to **nominate** that person you know who is always thinking outside the box and helping to create better outcomes for victims, for MAC's Spotlight on Service Award.

We need **donations for MAC's online silent auction** taking place September 8th--11th.

We need members and allied partners to **consider serving on MAC's board of directors**. The deadline is right around the corner, so take this opportunity to help lead MAC into our next three-year strategic plan.

Lastly, we all need to take time to thank Rana Alexander with Standpoint, Representative Kelly Moller, and Caroline Palmer with MDH for their excellent work to gain a victory at the MN Supreme Court ensuring confidentiality for advocates and victims.

I apologize if this seems a bit needy, but we truly do need all of you to help MAC continue our work to improve responses for all victims of crime throughout Minnesota!

In Peace,
Bobbi

annual membership survey



Annual Member Survey

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

To continue our work to achieve our mission, MAC needs the valuable feedback of all our member programs. So that we can better assess how we work with you, what you value from us, and what we can improve upon.

This year's member survey is very quick and easy!

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6908182/2022-Member-Survey>

We will use your feedback to help us set strategic goals and better serve our member programs statewide. If you're a member of MAC, your link to the survey should be in your email inbox from the MAC member list-serve but we want maximum participation so are posting it here as well to remind you!

If you are a member and did not receive an email from the list-serve please email kim@mnallianceoncrime.org.

Completing the survey will take you ***just five minutes*** but the impact of your response will be lasting. Please take a moment now to complete it. ***The deadline for sharing your feedback with MAC is Friday August 19, 2022.***

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy day to complete the survey. Any questions about the survey go to ***becca@mnallianceoncrime.org***.

annual membership drive



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR BECOME A MEMBER

**MAC's fiscal year 2023 is
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.*



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All FY23 membership applications are
due by **September 15, 2022**.

As a membership coalition, MAC is only as strong as the sum of its parts—our members. Supporting and strengthening the work of our member programs is critical to the success of MAC as an organization. We very much hope that your organization will renew your MAC membership for FY23 or consider joining us as a new or lapsed member to ensure all victims of crime have the support and resources they need.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of MAC through membership!

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annual membership meeting
September 8, 2022 from 9 am to noon



SAVE THE DATE

2022 Annual Membership Meeting
& Capacity Building Training

September 8-9, 2022

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[Register here!](#)

Annual Membership Meeting and Capacity Training

Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022

9:00 am to Noon

The 2022 Virtual Annual Membership Meeting will provide our 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 ratify changes to MAC's bylaws and vote on the presented slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. ***This year, in order to continue to assure the safety of our members, the Annual Meeting will be held online.***

We would like to see at least one representative from every MAC member program participate online at the Virtual Annual Meeting!

Capacity Building Training (Schedule TBD)

- Book Discussion: ***The Body Keeps the Score***
- Presentation on ***Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) by Jane Straub***
- A presentation of the documentary ***Paper Tigers (2014)*** followed by a facilitated discussion of the film.

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Second Annual Online Auction

September 8th-11th

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MAC will hold it's second annual online silent auction during the annual meeting.

The silent auction will open at 8:00am Thursday September 8th and stay open until Sunday September 11th. Individuals will be notified at the close of the auction which items they won.

*Please reach out to **[Amea Krogfus](#)** if you or your program are interested in donating items to the silent auction. As a show of gratitude, MAC will recognize your contribution on display at the annual meeting, on our website, and in our e-newsletter.*

You can also submit online here: **<https://form.jotform.com/221925238116049>**



Spotlight Award Nomination

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MAC's Spotlight Award

At the 2022 MAC Annual Meeting, to be held online on September 8th, 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, intern, or volunteer for a **MAC member program**.
- The nominee does not need to work directly with victims but they must work on behalf of victims in a significant way. (Example: The executive director or the volunteer coordinator 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.
(The nomination form is a fillable PDF. Please download and save the form.)
- Email the completed form to **Kim Mongoven** by **Monday, August 29, 2022**.

recruiting interns for Fall 2022!



Internship Opportunities

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) is currently *seeking interns for the fall of 2022*.

This is a remote internship, with occasional in-person meetings in St. Paul.

MAC's public policy intern will be responsible for researching legislative updates and policy change relevant to MAC's member programs with a special focus on state statutes related to victims' rights. [click here](#). For more info on interning with MAC:

<https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/internships/>

Apply to become a MAC Board Member!



APPLY TO JOIN OUR BOARD

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) Board of Directors seeks new members as we continue to achieve our mission of connecting systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime.

Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) Board of Directors member terms are three years in duration and a member may, if ratified by membership, serve up to two consecutive terms. MAC Board members are expected to provide a time commitment of five to ten hours per month to ensure all duties are fulfilled; and provide additional time as needed for special events and projects.

MAC Board meetings are on the second Thursday every other month. Meetings normally last two hours and are held via Zoom. Board members will be elected as a slate at the MAC Annual Meeting, which is held every September.

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Who are we recruiting?

Be an ambassador of MAC's mission of improving the response to crime victims through collaboration, public policy, and development and application of an anti-racist lens in all areas of our work. We are looking for:

- **People who share our values:** Courageous & Bold Action, Collaboration, Integrity, and Social and Racial Justice.
- **Strength in diversity:** BIPOC folx, LGBTQ+ folx, immigrants, people with disabilities, and victim/survivors are encouraged to apply.
- **People with skills in the following areas:** Social Enterprise, Business Analysis and Planning, Technology, Finance, Legal/Prosecution.
- **People with the following community connections:** Corporate, Faith-based, Law Enforcement, Philanthropy.
- **Representation of our membership throughout the state:** Especially from Greater Minnesota.

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a victory for victims/survivors of
sexual assault



STANDPOINT

Attorneys & advocates against domestic & sexual violence



MAC is so grateful to everyone mentioned (*and those not--we do not do this work alone*) who worked tirelessly to protect confidentiality for victims/survivors. **We specifically wanted to send a collective thank you to the Hope Coalition, Standpoint, Representative Kelly Moller, and Caroline Palmer with MDH for their excellent work to gain a victory at the MN Supreme Court ensuring confidentiality for advocates and victims.**

"The Minnesota Supreme Court applied a strict scrutiny standard and it said that the state has a compelling governmental interest in protecting sexual assault victims," said Rana Alexander, executive director of Standpoint. "That is a huge statement from the Supreme Court in recognizing that we are serious in the state of Minnesota about ending sexual violence."

- **Star Tribune article:** <https://www.startribune.com/minnesota.../600189894/...>
- **See the ruling here:** <https://mn.gov/.../archive/supct/2022/OPA210880-071322.pdf>

news from the field

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), through the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC), is offering **free Look Beneath the Surface campaign materials and shipping on all orders while supplies last.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Look Beneath the Surface campaign aims to (1) raise awareness of human trafficking and the increased risk factors for certain populations and (2) empower healthcare providers and faith-based and community organizations to help identify individuals who may be experiencing trafficking and connect them with services through the **National Human Trafficking Hotline**. **Order your free materials here.**

Kitchen Table Conversations - Shaping New Meanings of Masculinity. On Thursday, **June 30, 2022**, the guys from the Men & Masculine Folks Network welcomed David Wang (he/him) & Hunter Beckstrom (he/him) back to the table for their 43rd bi-weekly live Kitchen Table Conversation. They were participants in the first cohort of the Community Leadership Institute, a year-long leadership capacity building program to lead and organize other men and masculine folks in community to end gender based violence through the frameworks of gender and queer analysis. **Watch now!**

On July 8, 2022 President Biden signed an Executive Order protecting access to reproductive health care services. The Executive Order builds on the actions the Administration has already taken to defend reproductive rights by:

- Safeguarding access to reproductive health care services, including abortion and contraception – building on steps HHS has already taken to ensure medication abortion, emergency contraception, long-acting contraception is as widely available as possible and the Attorney-General's commitment to fight any attack by a state or local official who attempts to interference with women exercising their right to travel out of state for medical care.
- Protecting the privacy of patients and their access to accurate information – building on steps HHS Office of Civil Rights has taken to ensure doctors and medical providers and plans know that they are not required – with limited exceptions – to disclose patients' private information.
- Promoting the safety and security of patients, providers, and clinics; and
- Coordinating the implementation of Federal efforts to protect reproductive rights and

access to health care.

For up-to-date information on your right to access reproductive health care, visit www.reproductiverights.gov

The Office of Justice Programs published a [Report on Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2021](#) - This report provides official estimates of school crime and safety from a variety of data sources, including national surveys of students, teachers, principals, and post-secondary institutions. It presents data on different types of student victimization, measures of school conditions, and student perceptions about their personal safety at school.

The Office of Justice Programs published a [Policy Solutions to Address Mass Shooting](#) - NIJ-funded researchers at the SUNY Rockefeller Institute for Government have published the policy brief "Policy Solutions to Address Mass Shootings." In it, they discuss their research that sought to provide information on the association between state gun laws and mass public shootings.

The Office of Justice Programs published a report on [Violent Victimization by Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, 2017–2020](#) - This report presents data on the rate of violent victimization for persons who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender during the 4-year aggregate period of 2017 to 2020. It provides demographic characteristics of victims of violent crimes, including sex, race or Hispanic origin, and age. It also presents data on the types of violent crimes involved and whether victims chose to report the victimization to the police. Population estimates for persons age 16 or older by sexual orientation and gender identity are also provided.

July 30th was World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and the **Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)** [offers many resources on trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches to human trafficking](#), capacity building, and victim identification and outreach. They also have training on supporting comprehensive services, collaborating with local partners, and identifying accurate research on trafficking that impacts victims' rights for trafficking survivors.

Inaugural Red Dress Fundraising Gala is September 9, 2022! The **Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center** work is to empower Native women and families to exercise their cultural values and integrity, and to achieve sustainable lifeways, while advocating for justice and equity. [Register here](#)

National Crime Victim Law Institute's annual **Voices for Justice event** will take place virtually on **Wednesday, September 28th!** Voices for Justice is NCVLI's annual fundraiser, which celebrates survivors of crime and the people who fight for their rights from attorneys and advocates to volunteers and community partners. Registration and our call for nominations for honorees will open soon! Stay up-to-date by checking out the [event website](#).

New from the **National Sexual Violence Resource Center**: **"Nearly one in four men report experiencing unwanted sexual contact at some point in their lifetime.** Yet many face obstacles to finding support. Last year, we published an online toolkit on [Working with Male Survivors of Sexual Violence](#) to assist advocates at sexual assault centers in helping to remove these obstacles. The toolkit includes an organization assessment, infographics, podcasts, resource lists, and more.

upcoming MAC trainings and webinars

Civil Commitments: Part Two

This webinar will focus on the Department of Corrections role in the civil commitment review process and how that intersects with predatory offender notifications. With recent changes to this unit it can be confusing who handles what and who to contact. This webinar will inform victim service professionals on post-conviction victim rights and prepare them to navigate the various systems that a victim encounters post-conviction.

Thursday, August 11th from 2 pm to 3:30 pm CST

Presented by the Minnesota Department of Corrections



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The Minnesota Alliance on Crime hosts Brittany Anderson from the Department of Correction's Victim Services and Restorative Justice Unit. The 90-minute webinar will focus on the Department of Corrections role in the civil commitment review process and how that intersects with predatory offender notifications. With recent changes to this unit it can be confusing who handles what and who to contact. This webinar will inform victim service professionals on post-conviction victim rights and prepare them to navigate the various systems that a victim encounters post-conviction.

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Public Health Reports Meet the Authors – **The Public Health Response to Human Trafficking: A Look-Back and a Step Forward Wednesday, August 3, 1 – 2 p.m.** Professionals working with and serving communities at risk of human trafficking increasingly use public health strategies to establish evidence-informed, data-driven responses to human trafficking. [Register here.](#)

Women's Advocates presents their monthly webinar on **Domestic Violence 101 on Aug 5, 2022 12:00 PM.** This webinar will help attendees understand: the prevalence of domestic violence as a public health concern in Minnesota and beyond; recognizing the different forms of abuse, general warning signs/dynamics, and impact on victim-survivors; acknowledging the root causes of domestic violence and barriers to safety while addressing common misconceptions; engaging in conversations about domestic violence and support victim-survivors including connecting them to safety resources. [Register here.](#)

Inspiring change: Planning for domestic violence awareness month in Indian country the **National Indigenous Women's Resource Center's** webinar about grassroots advocacy and centering Indigenous women survivor voices, which takes place **August 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. MT.** [Register here](#)

The Indian Child Welfare Act- Understanding Intersectionality to Provide Better Advocacy for Crime Victims a VAST Power Hour with Casey Ross, a series on **Thursday August 18th, 2022 12-1:15PM CST.** Join Victim Assistance to Support Tribes (VAST) for the second in a three part webinar series featuring subject matter expert Casey Ross. [Register here.](#)

Standpoint's 2022 New Laws is coming to **5 locations** in Minnesota, August-October! Can't join in person? **Sign-up for the virtual session Aug 18-19.** Registration opens July 1st, but pick your session and get these dates on your calendar now! [What is New Laws?](#) The single greatest source of up-to-date legal information related to domestic and sexual violence for: advocates, attorneys, law enforcement, court officials, and other professionals in Minnesota. Day One consists of Special Topics - this year they will be focused on: housing, immigration, and technology. Day Two outlines changes in statutory and case law, both in Minnesota and federally, that impact sexual and domestic violence justice. Questions? Email nikki@standpointmn.org

Are you a prosecutor handling domestic violence cases in your community? Do you

want to strengthen your skills to better serve victims and hold offenders accountable? Join us this **August 16–18th for the National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence!** The National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence (NIPDV) is a three-day virtual course designed to challenge participants to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting domestic violence. [Mail info@aequitasresource.org](mailto:info@aequitasresource.org) to indicate your interest in attending the Institute

The Zero Abuse Project Presents: Your FIRST Response to an Allegation of Child Abuse August 17, 2022 | 1:00PM-4:00PM ET Protecting children from child abuse and maltreatment requires that everyone understand how to recognize, respond, and report any form of maltreatment a child may experience. FIRST response is often the single most important step in effectively responding to and reporting maltreatment. This half-day training goes beyond recognizing types of maltreatment, combining both lecture and practicum that gives participants the tools and practical skills needed to better communicate with a child during the initial outcry of maltreatment. [Register here.](#)

Child Abuse Summit: Tips for the Team, hosted by the **Otto Bremer Trust Center for Safe and Healthy Children** is taking place **August 22 – 24** as a hybrid event (you can attend virtually or in person). It's a great opportunity for MDTs to learn about the identification and treatment of child abuse and neglect from both regional and national experts. [Registration and more information.](#)

The Zero Abuse Project presents: Adverse Childhood Experiences & Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care (ACE-TIC) August 23-24, 2022 | 8:30AM-12:30PM CT. This training is for anyone who works with children and adults. The impact of childhood trauma has the potential to last a lifetime; this training will help you identify stressors, provide strategies to intervene, and tools to interrupt trauma. [Register here.](#)

On August 31, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET, the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) will present an online Expert Q&A discussion with Alice Hartzog, Kimber Nicoletti-Martinez, and Judith Walton on **"How To Deliver Training With Pizzazz."** Many victim service providers deliver trainings as part of their job. In this session, we'll provide tips on how to develop effective trainings and deliver them with energy and style, as well as strategies on how to design and deliver trainings that focus on communities of color. We'll examine how you can create effective PowerPoint slides, engage participants, and increase your comfort when training others. [More information and registration here.](#)

National Training Institute highlights innovative work in victim services, justice, and public safety. **The 2022 National Training Institute, taking place October 6-8 in St. Louis, Missouri**, will include a variety of plenaries, training workshops, and networking opportunities. [Register here.](#)

MCN's 2022 Annual Conference, hosted in-person! MCN's Annual Conference features 40+ breakouts on forward-thinking topics, 60+ exhibitors to support your work, spaces for networking, celebration, wellness, and now announcing, [two main stage speakers.](#) October 13 & 14 at the St. Paul RiverCentre. [Register here.](#)

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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.

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

To donate: www.mnallianceoncrime.org/donate/

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