



Advancing rights  
and services  
for victims of crime  
in Minnesota.



## December 2016 Newsletter

### Happy Holidays from MAC's Executive Director

As we prepare to close the books on 2016 at MAC, we do so with some mixed emotions. MAC experienced tremendous and positive growth as a coalition in almost every area during 2016. Our board, staff, and membership have expanded and so has our capacity to affect positive change in the response to victims of crime in Minnesota. We also have become increasingly aware of the gaps that exist for victims of general crime who are seeking community-based services and support. MAC is working to identify ways to fill the void.



We learned a lot in 2016 and we will take all of the knowledge gained forward into 2017. MAC is committed to continuing to build bridges for victims of crime to ensure they can connect to both the system- and community-based services they need and deserve. MAC will actively search for opportunities to engage victims/survivors in our work and communities that share our vision of strengthening relationships and building partnerships.

We look forward to opportunities for making meaningful connections in 2017 and we invite everyone reading this to join us in advancing the response to crime victims in Minnesota. Together, I am confident we can begin to close the gaps and make our communities stronger and safer.

Happy holidays and happy new year to you and your families!

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg  
Executive Director



**Make a Resolution to Join the Minnesota Alliance on  
Crime in 2017**

Joining MAC as a member at the start of the new year has many advantages for you and your organization.

In June 2017, MAC will offer a two-day Fundamentals in Victim Services Training for newer advocates. As part of your membership benefits, not only will the training cost your agency nothing, but MAC will reimburse for eligible meals for training participants, as well as mileage and lodging for members traveling more than 60 miles to the training in Bloomington, MN.

MAC will do the same for any other in-person trainings and for the Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training, to be held in St. Cloud in September 2017.

To find out more about the benefits of MAC membership in 2017 and to apply, [check out our website](#).

## News From the Field



### **2017 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization: Request for Proposals for Conference Workshops**

The Minnesota Office of Justice Programs invites workshop proposals to showcase the educational efforts, research, investigation, or recent work done by your organization at the 2017 Minnesota OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization to be held May 23-25, 2017. Submit your completed presentation proposal by February 3, 2017. Email submissions are preferred. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. [More information and proposal applications are here.](#)

### **MAP for Nonprofits and the Nonprofit Assistance Fund Merge**

The boards of directors of both Nonprofits Assistance Fund and MAP for Nonprofits have approved the merger of the two organizations effective January 1, 2017. Because the two organizations' programs are complementary but not overlapping, the combination will result in a more holistic approach to services that meets a larger set of nonprofits' needs, including the ability to more closely link strategy, governance, and finance, and to support nonprofits throughout their organizational lifecycle. [More information here.](#)

### **Survivor Safety and Immigrant Protections Post-Elections Q&A**

Several organizations serving immigrant victims, including the National Network to End Domestic Violence, MCBW, Casa de Esperanza, the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, and Tahirih Justice Center, have put together a question-and-answer document for advocates and attorneys who are serving immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, both undocumented survivors and survivors who may be eligible for VAWA self-petitions, U visas, T visas, or applying for gender-based asylum. [Click here to download in English.](#) [Click here for Spanish.](#)

### **RFP: Communities Against Hate, Open Society Foundations, Due February 15**

Open Society Foundations will provide non-renewable project grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$150,000 to community-based organizations for projects of six months' or one year duration. This rapid response initiative of the Open Society Foundations aims to support, protect and empower those who are targets of hateful acts and rhetoric. Applications from funding intermediaries and coalitions that support organizations responding to incidents of hate are also welcome. Projects must aid people and organizations that are targets of hate, promote healing and community solidarity, or seek to prevent such incidents from occurring in the first place. [Download the full RFP for more information.](#)

### **December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**

The newly revised OVC [Victim Impact: Listen and Learn curriculum](#) has resources to help offenders understand the impact of impaired driving on victims

### **The National Census of Victim Service Providers (NCVSP)**

This census will provide the first comprehensive national picture of the existing response system for victims/survivors of crime and abuse. It will help inform funders, policymakers, federal agencies, and others. More information—including a FAQ, recorded webinar, and list of supporters—is available on the [NCVSP website](#). If your program has not received an invitation, please contact survey firm NORC at [ncvsp@norc.org](mailto:ncvsp@norc.org).

**Star Tribune Article: Are Minnesota Hate Crimes on the Rise? Police Make it a Guessing Game**  
*Last month, a Somali man riding a Metro Transit bus was beaten for not speaking English. A Coon*

Rapids middle school student had her hijab yanked off by a classmate. Vicious racist graffiti turned up in a girls' high school restroom in Maple Grove. Yet it's unclear if any of these events will ever be reported by Minnesota authorities to the FBI's national database of hate crimes. [Read full article here.](#)

### **Non-Fatal Strangulation Documentation Toolkit**

The International Association of Forensic Nurses is pleased to announce the launch of their [Non-Fatal Strangulation Documentation Toolkit](#). You can download the Toolkit for detailed guidance on assessment techniques, documentation, and evidence collection. Sample documents are also provided, such as discharge instructions and policies/procedures. While this Toolkit was developed for use by health care providers, it can also be extremely helpful for law enforcement investigators and other professionals who respond to victims of physical and sexual assault.

### **Video Series: Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault in Indian Country**

The Office for Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women collaborated to produce this four-video series, designed for criminal justice personnel, victim advocates, and allied professionals who work with victims of sexual assault in Indian Country. The videos increase awareness about the prevalence of alcohol used as a vehicle to facilitate sexual violence perpetration and the targeting of vulnerable victims, to include intoxicated persons, by sex offenders; provide commentary on enhancing the investigation and prosecution of sexual violence crimes; and present case studies that illustrate best practices for responding to victims of alcohol-facilitated sexual assault and underscore the need for collaboration and a coordinated multi-jurisdictional response. [View videos here.](#)



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To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designate the **Minnesota Alliance on Crime as the organization to which you want to donate**. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return to shop and support MAC at the same time!

## **New Statewide General Crime Hotline to Launch in 2017**

Day One will be launching the new statewide General Crime Hotline on **January 3, 2017**. This hotline will be staffed 24 hours a day by call center advocates trained in general crime.

Please share this information with your colleagues and law

enforcement partners!

**866-385-2699** is the toll-free voice number for the hotline.

**Victims may also access the hotline via text at 612-399-9977.**

*Do NOT call the hotline before January 3, 2017 as it will not be in operation yet.*



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## Save the Date for the MAC January Webinar: Gathering & Preserving Technological Evidence

**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**  
**Noon to 1:00 pm**

**Presenter: Jeremy Roberts, Digital Forensic Examiner, Dakota County Sheriff's Office**

Free and open to MAC members and non-members.

Registration information coming SOON!



## Upcoming Trainings & Webinars

**Putting the Community at the Center of Conversations About Violence**  
**Sponsored by Berkeley Media Studies Group and Prevention Institute**  
**Webinar | January 11, 2017 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

Participants will learn about a framework for understanding and preventing violence and trauma at the community level and strategies for elevating this framework in the public conversation. [Register here.](#)

**Turning The Case Upside Down – Rethinking the Art and Science of Suspect Interviews**  
**Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project**  
**Webinar | January 12, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 CST**

Reducing false confessions, deception, and false information have long been at the center of criminal justice interest and research. It is absolutely imperative for criminal justice professionals to have the ability to investigate crime, uncover the facts, wade through deception and make determinations. This presentation will review the history of interrogation techniques and discuss the impact of numerous suspect interview/interrogation techniques and the efficacy of these techniques including substantial research that will assist fact-finders in determining some short falls in current interview techniques. Presenter: Russell Strand, Independent Consultant (Retired U.S. Army CID Federal Special Agent and retired Chief of the Behavioral Sciences Education & Training Division, United States Army Military Police School). [Register here.](#)

**Pre-Application Informational Webinar for OVW FY 2017 Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) Program**

**Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project**  
**Webinar | January 17, 2017 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will conduct one pre-application webinar. During this webinar, OVW staff will review the FY 2017 Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program solicitation and grant requirements followed by a brief question and answer session. Participation in this webinar is optional;

however, applicants are highly encouraged to participate as information regarding the FY 2017 ICJR Program solicitation may be different than previous year's funding solicitations. Beginning in FY2016, Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program became the new name for funds that previously were awarded under the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. Presenters: Office on Violence Against Women grant program Specialists Sue Pugliese, Tya Johnson, and Michele John. [Register here.](#)

### **Lobbying? Yes, You Can!**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits**

**Webinar | January 20, 2017 | 10:00 to 11:00 am**

**Free and open to all MCN members**

Minnesota and the world are a better place when nonprofits connect with and educate policy makers. Nonprofits can and should engage in advocacy – which includes lobbying. Join this webinar to learn the rules that govern advocacy and lobbying, how advocacy can further your organization's mission, and the ingredients for a successful legislative lobby visit. Participants will learn important definitions, the federal and state laws related to lobbying, understand reporting requirements, and engage with peers across the state. [Register here.](#)

### **Nonconsensual Pornography: Circulating Sexual Violence Online**

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

**Webinar | January 24, 2017 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm**

Pornography, much like sexual violence, is pervasive, especially in online spaces and has evolved to include content that is both consensually produced and disseminated as well as that which is not. In this webinar, the presenter will define nonconsensual pornography (often referred to as 'revenge porn'), how it impacts victims, what is being done to address it, and how it relates to rape culture. Presenter: Amber Morczek, PhD Candidate, Washington State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

[Register here.](#)

### **Street Gangs and Violent Extremism: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions**

**Sponsored by the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies**

**In-Person | January 27, 2017 | 8:30 am to 4:00 pm | Location: Mall of America, Bloomington**

**Training Fee: \$85**

[Learn more.](#)

### **Autism Awareness: Assisting People with Autism as First Responders and Justice Personnel**

**Sponsored by Justice Clearinghouse**

**Webinar | February 7, 2017 | 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

Autism awareness has become an increasingly important topic as the numbers of people with this diagnosis continue to grow. Justice professionals recognize the need to hone their knowledge about the autism spectrum so that they can react swiftly, safely, and appropriately to a person who has – or whom they suspect of having – autism. Due to their difficulties in processing the hidden cues in social interactions, the actions and intentions of people with autism may be misunderstood or exploited by others, resulting in calls for police intervention. [Register here.](#)

### **Forensic Evaluation of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**

**Sponsored by the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies**

**In-Person | February 24, 2017 | 8:30am to 4:00pm | Location: Mall of America, Bloomington**

**Training Fee: \$85**

[Learn more.](#)

### **Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders in Community and Forensic Settings: Screening, Intervention and Treatment Considerations**

**Sponsored by the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies**

**In-Person | April 7, 2017 | 8:30am to 4:00pm | Location: Mall of America, Bloomington**

**Training Fee: \$85**

[Learn more.](#)

If you have a training or webinar to submit for inclusion in the MAC newsletter, please email the following to Danielle Kluz at [danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org) by the 26th of each month:

- Training title
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- Date and time
- Location



- Names of trainers
- Cost
- Brief description of training
- How to register (web link preferred, will accept attachments)

## Upcoming Events

### **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits 2017 Session Line Up January 6, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm | Best Western Capitol Ridge, 161 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul**

With the election in the background and the 2017 legislative session fast approaching, Session Line Up is a must for nonprofit advocates and leaders. It is a not-to-be-missed annual event where you will hear directly from the leaders of the legislative caucuses as they share their priorities for the upcoming session, identify issues which they think will dominate the debate, and give their ideas on how nonprofits can be a resource to decision makers and their staff. Join hundreds of nonprofit leaders as we share in the opportunity to get our questions on the legislative table from the get-go! Invited speakers include: Governor Mark Dayton, House Speaker Kurt Daudt, House Minority Leader Melissa Hortman, Deputy Majority Leader Michelle Benson, Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk. [RSVP online here.](#)



### **Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women Domestic Violence Homicide Memorial January 31, 2017 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm | 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul**

To honor the lives lost to domestic violence in 2016, MCBW will host a memorial and reception at the College Club in St. Paul. The memorial will include the reading of the names of the 2016 domestic homicide victims and a display of the 2016 Clothesline Project.

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## December Appellate Court News

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

## Employment Opportunities

[Click for the latest employment opportunities around 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](#)

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

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