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February is Black history month and Black history is American history. As I try to find the words I want to write about the violence that BIPOC individuals and communities continue to experience at the hands of those whose purpose is to serve and protect, there no words that are adequate. All of the words have been spoken and promises have been made, but real change is still elusive. MAC will continue to be at the tables where conversations are taking place and we will push for action over words, and action that occurs with the communities most negatively impacted. MAC will work with our law enforcement allies to create a system that is safe for, and representative of, all of the communities they serve.

MAC wants to thank Gov. Walz for proposing an \$8 million dollar increase to crime victim services, in his proposed budget, to help bridge the gap created by the decreasing availability of federal VOCA funds. MAC, MCA, MNCASA, MIWSAC, MSH, and VFMN are working together in our legislative proposal for a \$25 million increase to crime victim services funding in each year of the upcoming biennium. It has been eight years since crime victim services has received a funding increase, and so much has happened in the past 8 years that have had a negative financial impact on crime victim service programs, and crime victims. We hope you will support this legislation and use the [linked talking points](#) when speaking with your legislators. [Click here](#) to see Governor Walz's detailed public Safety budget proposal.

MAC's 30th Anniversary celebration will be here before we know it and we need your help! If you have pictures and/or information you would be willing to share regarding the early days of MAC's works, please contact me or Kim Mongoven. We are working to develop a video that chronicles MAC's work from 1993-2023. Any information you are willing to share will be helpful. Save the date for the 30th Anniversary celebration on Thursday, September 7th, at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. Watch for more details in the coming weeks and months.

I encourage each of you to take time to practice some REAL self-care. There are a lot of heavy things happening in the world, our nation, our state, and in each of our corners of the state. Remember that we are not individually responsible for "fixing" things, but together we can be part of needed conversations, changed policy, and real reform. But, we can only meet the needs of those who need our support the most, if we are taking time to breathe in fresh oxygen and doing what restores our ability to respond with empathy. Fill your tank first before you try fill someone else's.

We would also like to welcome our new interns Karena and Ellie. This month we are introducing you to Karena and next month you will get to meet Ellie. We are very excited about the upcoming year and all of the work we will accomplish together, feel free to say hello and welcome them to MAC!

As always, thank you for the work you do on behalf of crime victims throughout Minnesota!

In Peace!

Bobbi

mac staff news



We are very excited to welcome Karena Trauger to MAC as an intern!

Karena is currently a Senior at Hamline University in Saint Paul, MN. She is pursuing a BA in Criminal Justice, with minors in Legal Studies and History.

After graduation, Karena hopes to further her education and attend either law or graduate school and work in the legal field.

Karena loves to read and her favorite genres are historical fiction and mystery.

She also enjoys hanging out with her friends, family, and especially her parent's dogs. Karena is excited to join the MAC staff and is looking forward to participating in everything MAC offers.

Karena will be working primarily with Bobbi during this legislative session. Please welcome Karena to MAC!

Crime Victim Services Funding Request

Minnesota's six crime victim service coalitions are continuing our request for an increase in base funding for crime victim services. These badly needed funds allow crime victims to access the services and support they need to care for themselves and their children. Crime victim services have not received an increase in base level state funding in over 8 years. Contact your representatives today!



mnallianceoncrime.org/wp-content/uploads/CVS-Talking-Points-1.pdf

[Click here to see Governor Walz's detailed public Safety budget proposal.](#)

[Click here to see coalition talking points](#)



Save the Date: Regional Meetings

Central Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 20th
9 am to 11 am

Southern Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th
1 pm to 3 pm

Northern Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th
1 pm to 3 pm

Metro Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th
9 am to 11 am

To ensure the safety and accessibility of all of our members these meetings will take place online. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the regional meetings.

www.mnallianceoncrime.org/regionalmeetings

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) is convening online regional meetings in June 2023 for our members throughout the state. These FREE meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to discuss emerging issues in your community and to learn more about what's happening in other regions of the state and at MAC.

***More information coming soon:
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*MAC is committed to making these meetings accessible to all members. If you cannot attend your region's date/time, please feel free to register for one that works for you!



MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

In 2007, the coalition changed its name from the Minnesota General Crime Victim Coalition to the Minnesota Alliance on Crime. Working with other agencies, programs and service providers--MAC promotes better crime victim services in all facets of the criminal justice system and beyond.

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SAVE THE DATE: MAC's 30th Anniversary Celebration/Fundraiser will be held in conjunction with our **Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN September 7-8, 2023.** We would love to see you there and will have more information to you in the new year!

VOIC-S THERAPY FOR CRIME VICTIMS.

VOIC-S is a program of the Minnesota Center for Psychology designed specifically to address the mental health needs of crime victims. The therapists who are part of the VOIC-S program utilize trauma informed, evidence-based therapies in helping survivors reduce fear, anxiety, and other symptoms of the victimization. MCP recognizes that initiating therapy, particularly while suffering the impact of a traumatic experience, can be very challenging.

Most types of insurance are accepted, as is private pay. MCP also submits claims to the MN Board of Reparations for eligible payments.

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[minnesotacenterforpsychology.com/voics](https://www.minnesotacenterforpsychology.com/voics)

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For more information, to make a referral, or to schedule an appointment, please contact the front desk at 651-644-4100. More information can also be found here: <https://www.minnesotacenterforpsychology.com/voics>



Identity theft happens in every community

Learn to reduce your risk

 ftc.gov/IDTheftWeek

#IDTheftWeek

Jan 30–Feb 3

2023

Identity Theft Awareness Week 2023, Jan. 30 - Feb. 3

The FTC and its partners will host free podcasts, webinars, Facebook Live interviews, and other events focused on avoiding and recovering from identity theft and spotting scams. We'll have information for everyone and added advice for servicemembers, older adults, young adults, and business owners.

[Find Out More From the FTC Website on Identity Theft](#)

news from the field

[NNEDV Statement on the Murder of Tyre Nichols. Read the full statement.](#)

Justice Counts Technical Implementation Guides—the first of their kind—equip criminal justice agencies with the resources they need to publish data that is both comparable to other agencies nationwide and customized to the realities of their own unique operations. With these guides in hand, criminal justice agencies can begin configuring and sharing the data policymakers need to make critical public safety decisions. [Learn more and get started.](#)

USDOJOJP Published in January 2023, Victim Service Providers in U.S. Counties, 2017 presents findings on the organizations that served victims of crime or abuse as their primary function or had dedicated staff or programs to serve victims, based on data from BJS's National Census of Victim Service Providers, 2017. The report uses maps to display the rates of victim service providers per 100,000 residents for U.S. counties in the 50 states and the District of Columbia and the rates of victims served per 1,000 county residents. The web version of the report features interactive maps that illustrate the rates across the country. [More information here.](#)

The Council on Criminal Justice released its **2022 year-end crime trend report**, which examined data from 35 major U.S. cities and found that homicide and most other violent crimes decreased last year, but robberies and theft offenses rose as the nation emerged from the coronavirus pandemic. [More information here.](#)

Freedom Network USA is pleased to announce the **launch of the Standards of Care for Anti-Trafficking Service Providers (Standards of Care) Project**. The Standards of Care will provide guidance on the development and implementation of services for survivors of human trafficking. Through the creation of Standards of Care, FNUSA, OVC, and OTIP intend to promote uniform service standards to ensure consistent quality and reduce harm to trafficking survivors. FNUSA is committed to the human rights-based approach to human trafficking, placing the expertise, priorities, and choice of trafficking survivors at the center of anti-trafficking services. [Blog announcement and more information.](#)

Applications are being accepted to fill two open vacancies on the **Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board**. The Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board, housed within the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs, is a state program that was established by the Legislature in 1974 to help victims with their financial losses and aid in their recovery from a violent crime. The Board's mission is to reduce the economic impact of violent crime on victims and their families by providing direct financial assistance, and to hold criminal offenders accountable for the costs of crime through improved collection of restitution and civil awards. [More information can be found on the OJP website](#)

The nomination period for the **2022 Congressional Badge of Bravery** is now open. Each year, the Bureau of Justice Assistance recognizes law enforcement officers for their exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty. Nominations are submitted by the recognized law enforcement officer's department and considered by the federal or state and local review boards. Awardees will be honored during an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Learn more about the nomination process and past

award recipients. If you know a similarly deserving law enforcement officer, submit your nominations for the 2022 Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery by **February 15, 2023**. [More information and nomination forms here.](#)

OVC is pleased to announce the **2023 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) theme—Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.**—which calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and create environments where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported. Join OVC during NCVRW 2023 as we commit to elevating and engaging survivors to lift their voices, inform policy and practice, and thereby effect change. [Learn more about NCVRW here.](#)

Funding Opportunities:

FY 2023 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). Closing Date March 28, 2023 This solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. Most of the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) existing tribal government-specific programs are included in and available through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). CTAS is not a program but a single solicitation to allow tribes to apply to seven separate grant programs from four grant-making offices. Each tribe or tribal consortium may submit only one CTAS application. This application can include proposals for project funding under one or more purpose areas (PAs). As such, multiple awards may be made in response to a single application. [More information and application here.](#)

Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education (HTYPE) Demonstration Program. The goal of the HTYPE Demonstration Program is to fund local education agencies (LEA) to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization by providing skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students. The LEA must work in partnership with a non-profit or nongovernmental organization and consult with local law enforcement to develop a Human Trafficking School Safety Protocol. The deadline to apply is April 27, 2023. [More information.](#)

Community-based Suicide Prevention Request for Proposals. The Minnesota Department of Health is announcing a new request for proposals (RFP) for community-based suicide prevention in Minnesota. This grant will provide funding for Regional Suicide Prevention Coordinators and comprehensive suicide prevention models in key communities with high needs and risk of suicide. The grant period will begin on July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2027. Up to 25% of the funding is reserved for American Indian community-based organizations, both tribal and non-tribal. **More information.** <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/suicide/rfp.html>

NOW OPEN: **OVW's FY 2023 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program Solicitation.** OVW's Disability Grant Program (CFDA# 16.529) is to create sustainable change within and between organizations that improves the response to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to hold perpetrators of such crimes accountable. Specifically, the purpose of the program is to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities and Deaf people and to enhance direct services to such individuals. Eligible applicants include states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, tribal organizations, nonprofit organizations, and victim service providers. [More information.](#)

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The Minnesota Alliance on Crime Presents:

TECHNOLOGY RELATED CRIMES

A 4-Part Training Series

JANUARY 31

1 The Trauma of Tech Facilitated Abuse

FEBRUARY 7

2 Child Sexual Abuse Materials

FEBRUARY 14

3 Electronic Crimes Overview

MARCH 8

4 Protecting Victims' Privacy

THRIVING
through



STANDPOINT
Attorneys & advocates against domestic & sexual violence

This 4-part virtual training series aims to increase advocates' understanding of technology related crimes from multiple perspectives. Sessions will cover the unique impacts of technology facilitated stalking and harassment on mental health, an overview of child sexual abuse materials (previously known as child pornography), the law enforcement perspective on how crimes are investigated and evidence is collected, and the legal rights of victims when their privacy is violated through the use of technology.

Registration for non-MAC members is \$50 for all 4 sessions, or \$25 per individual session.

The training is free for MAC members. Not sure if your organization is a member of MAC? Check here: <https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/our-member-programs/>

MAC is currently celebrating it's 30th anniversary with a special \$30 rate for new members, click here to learn more: <https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/membership/>

The sessions will be recorded and the recordings will be made available to all registrants. There are no refunds if you cannot attend live as the recordings will be made available to all who register.

REGISTER NOW!

Fundamentals in Victim Services 201

An online training for **experienced** crime victim services professionals

March 21-23, 2023

15 hours of skill building designed for victim service professionals who have been working in the field for 5+ years



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Free for MAC members
\$50 for non-members



The March 2023 Fundamentals in Victim Services 201 Training is a virtual training for experienced victim advocates to expand and deepen their core knowledge and skills in providing victim-centered services. This training is designed for victim advocates who have been in the field for 5+ years. By the end of this training, advocates will be able to:

- Understand the neurobiology of trauma in victimization and develop skills for providing trauma-responsive advocacy to all victims of crime.
- Expand their understanding of vicarious trauma and strategies to build resilience to sustain their career in victim services.
- Understand and examine their own Occupational Identity (OI) and identify strategies for cultivating healthy boundaries; and
- Describe the reparations process and have a detailed understanding of the current statutes regarding reparations
- Recognize and interrogate the roles of bias, privilege, and oppression in their

daily work

- Understand the ways in which evaluation and grant reporting can be effective and culturally responsive.

Furthermore, training participants will have opportunities to connect with one another and with experienced professionals with a range of knowledge and skills.

We will apply for Continuing Legal Education (for attorneys) and Peace Officers Standings and Training (for law enforcement) credits by request. If you would like CLE or POST credits, please indicate this on your registration, or contact us at training@mnallianceoncrime.org by **March 10, 2023**.

Registration is free for MAC Member programs and \$50 for non-members. Not sure your program is a member? Check here: <https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/our-member-programs/>

MAC will be celebrating it's 30th anniversary in 2023 with a special \$30 rate for new member programs! Join MAC starting in 2023 and get the first 6 months of membership for \$30. Sign up for the [MAC email list](#) to be the first to get the discount code.

Cancelation Policy: If you have registered and can no longer attend, please notify MAC as soon as you know that. Any cancelations received more than 48 hours prior to the start of the training will receive a full refund. Cancelations within 48 hours of the start will not receive a refund.

Registration will close Friday March 17, 2023 at 5 pm CT

REGISTER NOW!

upcoming other trainings and webinars

Survivor Privacy & Safety in Rideshare – a Q&A with Uber and NNEDV
Wednesday, February 1, from 2 PM to 3 PM Eastern Time. Transportation options are just one of many things for survivors to consider while safety planning. Ride-sharing apps, like Uber, are an alternative to taxis, cabs, and other forms of transportation. Each type of transportation will have its own privacy, security, and safety considerations and options. For this virtual session, Uber will share an overview of safety related policies, practices, and features. NNEDV will present a new resource with tips and considerations, specifically developed to help survivors increase their privacy and safety if using Uber. This will be followed by a Q&A session to help advocates feel more prepared to assist survivors when they are navigating this transportation option as part of their life. This session is for coalitions and local programs. [More information and registration.](#)

Healing Roots Learning Community: The Connection Between Our Root Cultures & Anti-Racism Work. Thursday, February 2, 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 pm Central Time. A continued discussion on how connecting with an identity that is based in culture, place, history, and ancestral knowledge is a way to move away from a race-based identity and system. We will dig deeper into this, exploring the many avenues into root cultural work and the many benefits that ripple out to create social change. People new to the discussion are welcome. [More information and login information.](#)

Women's Advocates hosts a **monthly preventionist lunch discussion.** This month's is **Wednesday February 8th, 1:30 to 2:30 pm.** Violence prevention is essential work, but as preventionists, we often get isolated from one another. In an effort to connect us all in our shared mission, we offer a monthly lunch hour Preventionist Huddle for those working in prevention, education, and outreach. [More information and registration.](#)

MNOJP is hosting Data Basics for Victim Advocates: An Overview of Victim-

Related Data Issues, Wednesday, February 8, 2022 1:30 -3:00 PM. Victim advocates encounter “data practices” issues on a routine basis—from protecting the confidences of their clients to instructing victims on how to get a copy of their police report to taking steps to minimize the victim information being displayed in court records. This webinar will provide an overview of the basic statutory provisions that apply to crime victims and advocates, and it will answer some of the common questions related to accessing, withholding, and protecting crime victim data. In addition, the presenter will discuss court rules that dictate public access to case record information and the accessibility of victim information through the court’s online access systems. [More information and Registration.](#)

MN Elder Justice Center presents: Finding Legal Help in Minnesota, February 9th from 12pm – 1pm. When faced with a legal issue, where can you or your clients go to get help? Join Aimee Falbo from Legal Services State Support to learn how to help clients and ourselves find resources and information about different legal issues. During this training, we will learn how to navigate LawHelpMN.org and about the new coordinated intake phone system (1-877-MY-MN-LAW). [More information and registration.](#)

Esperanza United's Promotor@s Listening Session The virtual listening sessions will take place on **February 15th and March 1st, 2023.** Each virtual listening session will run from one hour to an hour and a half. The listening session will consist of 6-8 promotor@s/CHWs from diverse regions. Participants are expected to only participate in one session. Each participant will be compensated with a \$50 e-gift card. [More information and registration.](#)

Fifth Virtual National Town Hall Sponsored by the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center: Hate-motivated Mass Violence Crimes: Addressing Victim, Survivor & Community Impact. Thursday, February 23, 2023. 3:00 pm to 4:30 P.M. EST. [More information and registration.](#)

Submit your session ideas for **MCN’s 2023 Nonprofit Leadership Conference!** The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN), along with the Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, welcomes your proposals for sessions for the upcoming 2023 Nonprofit Leadership Conference on June 14 at the McNamara Alumni Center in Minneapolis. **Proposals are due February 24th.** [More information and submissions.](#)

Women’s Advocate’s is hosting Domestic Violence 201 Friday March 3rd from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. This webinar expands on concepts introduced in the 101 webinar, like coercive control and barriers to leaving. [Learn more and register!](#)

2023 Annual Zero Abuse Project Summit! Discounted early bird pricing is now available, and is being offered for a limited time only. The Summit will run from **June 7 - 9, 2023 in sunny Orlando, Florida** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort. In addition to programming tailored to provide all you need to know about emerging trends in the field of forensic interviewing, there's a unique opportunity for peer review where we'll examine real cases from the field. Only 75 spots will be available, so don't delay and register now for the Summit and peer review session! [More information and registration here.](#)

The Minnesota Elder Justice Center 17th Annual Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference to be held at the Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center, MN, **June 15, 2023.** Denny Chan, Justice in Aging is the keynote speaker. [More information.](#)

Women are Sacred Conference: The Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, Tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, Tribal community members, Tribal leadership, law enforcement, and Tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against Native American women and children. WAS offers state-of-the-art training and networking opportunities designed to increase the capacity of Tribal nations, Tribal domestic violence, and community-based programs to address violence in Tribal communities. Conference presenters include emerging Indigenous leaders, advocates, and other experts in the movement to end violence against Indigenous women and other relatives. **The conference will be held June 26–28, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Isleta Resort and Casino.** [More information](#)

[and registration here.](#)

National Crime Victim Law Institute presents: Victims' Rights: Leveraging 2022 Lessons in 2023. Tuesday, February 28, 2023 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT

NCVLI's Meg Garvin and Terry Campos, who combined have 35 years of experience in victims' rights, will review key developments and lessons learned in victims' rights from cases decided across the country in 2022. Building on these, they will look ahead and identify how these lessons can inform litigation and policy development in 2023. [More information and registration.](#)

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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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