Warm greetings on this very cold day!

As I am writing this, the temperature is -16 degrees and the windchill is -37. But, balmy 20-degree days are coming. It's all about perspective.

This last month has brought many opportunities to think about perspective and to find gratitude on cold and dark days. You all have reminded me of what I love the most about doing coalition work. Even when you may feel alone in this work, you’re not. Amee and I have been uplifted and encouraged by your emails letting us know you’re thinking of us and our dear colleague, Danielle. You’ve offered support in so many ways, even to physically help with whatever has been needed. Your kindnesses have provided so much warmth to our hearts.

Even on this bitterly cold day, we all have so much to be grateful for and we all have the ability to bring warmth to someone’s day. Always be kinder than is necessary and remember to show kindness to yourselves.

In Peace,

Bobbi

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Welcome Maggie Gavic,
MAC's new General Crime Coalition Intern!

Maggie is a senior at Hamline University where she is getting a BA in psychology and criminology/criminal justice with a concentration in forensic psychology. She is also minoring in forensic science. After graduation, Maggie plans to get a Master’s degree in a field related to criminology/criminal justice or forensic psychology.
At Hamline, Maggie plays on the volleyball team and works at Public Safety as a Dispatcher. There, she is also a psychology tutor. Maggie loves reading and being outside! Every summer, Maggie and her family go sailing around the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior and it is always the highlight of her year!

Maggie is extremely passionate about criminal justice reform and is excited to take advantage of all of the information and training MAC has to offer!

Join us in welcoming Maggie to MAC!

**news from the field**

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs announced a new Victim Service Portal. The Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Program announced a new feature, the Victim Service Portal, which allows victims to apply for reparations online and directly upload documents into the reparations claims management system. The Victim Services Portal (VSP) can be accessed using any equipment that has Internet capabilities. Once in the VSP, users create a profile, directly input information to apply for reparations, and upload documents to support their application. Once a profile has been created, the applicant can check on the status of their claim through the VSP. If an application is made through the VSP, documents related to the claim can only be submitted through the VSP. [Access the portal.](#)

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC), in conjunction with the Innocent Justice Foundation, is pleased to announce an upcoming no-cost webinar series for law enforcement, prosecutors, and other investigative personnel. Starting [February 2, 2022, 2–3:30 p.m.](#) ET this 6-part webinar series will focus on secondary trauma and traumatic stress, the effect it has on professionals, and the different factors that can compound the response to trauma. [More information or to register.](#)

Call for Proposals: [2022 National Training Institute in St. Louis, Missouri from October 6-8, 2022.](#) The National Center for Victims of Crime is now accepting workshop proposals for the 2022 National Training Institute. Submit your idea for a workshop that addresses how we can innovate victim services, achieve safety and justice, and strengthen partnerships. We encourage submissions that include multiple institutions and diverse perspectives on all topics related to the impact of crime on victims and their communities. Proposals are due [February 11th, 2022 at 5PM EST. More information and/or to submit a proposal.](#)

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits is offering the Mind Body Service Cohort: Building Skills to Heal. During this eight-part virtual care series, Camille Cyprian will lead participants through weekly “experiments” with a scientifically supported Mind-Body techniques that can be immediately integrated into daily self-care practice. Designed to address and prevent burnout, the cohorts will be educational, supportive, participatory, structured, and fun! Limited to first ten registrants, this is your opportunity to build a community of care that will carry beyond this intensive eight weeks together. [More information and registration.](#)

The Minnesota Children's Alliance presents: Homelands, History, Healing: Expand, Educate, Empower, a webinar where participants will learn about some history as well as the current political and social status of American Indians and Alaskan Natives in the U.S. Participants will be introduced to the world relational framework and explore how using such a framework had the potential to support healing. [February 15, 2022, 2 – 4 p.m. CST. More information and registration.](#)

SOAR to Health and Wellness is hosting a training on Human Trafficking February 16th. The 2hr Live SOAR to Health and Wellness training is jointly provided by the Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The module is a collaboration between the Administration for Children and Families Office on Trafficking in Persons and the HHS Office on Women’s Health, supported by the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center. The SOAR trainings are developed in collaboration with subject matter experts in the field, including individuals with lived experience, and partner organizations. [More information and registration.](#)

Women's Foundation Virtual Community Connect: February 17th, 2022, 10-11 a.m. Prospective and current grantee-partners are invited to our quarterly gathering for community partners to connect virtually and learn more about the work of WFMN. Our next meeting is February 17, from 10-11:30 a.m. Share this opportunity with organization leaders you know! [Read more.](#)

[Standpoint’s Trivia Night Feb 17, 6-8 pm (Tickets for a team are $25). More information and registration.](#)
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Organization's GAINS Center is now soliciting applications from experienced trainers (individuals) who are interested in developing their capacity to provide trauma-informed training in their local agencies/communities via the How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses curriculum. If this training is of interest to you, please review the solicitation and submit your completed application form to the GAINS Center no later than February 18, 2022. Learn more.

Men as Peacemakers presents the 2nd Annual Northland Black Business Showcase! Saturday, February 19, 2022. If you provide resources to small businesses, please also feel free to reach out & set up a table. More information.

The National Center on Ending Abuse of People with Disabilities presents Creating Language Access with Deaf Advocates: Partnering for Success February 22, 2-3:30 pm ET. Staff will share the approaches utilized to ensure full inclusiveness and language access for Deaf participants, including the provision of both hearing and Deaf American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters. They will share lessons learned from the from the conference, discuss what our partnership looked like, including what made it a successful partnership, and share recommendations for your future in-person event planning for access and inclusion. Learn more and Register.

The Center for Victim Research: Webinar Recordings and Upcoming Webinars: Wednesday, February 23, 2:00 – 3:00 pm CST Social Reactions to Sexual Assault. This webinar will review research on correlates and impacts of social reactions made to victims disclosing sexual assault and partner violence. Learn more and Register.

National Center for Victims of Crime is hosting a webinar February 24, 2022: Taking Action Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud. This presentation will identify strategies and provide resources to help professionals who are seasoned in supporting victims and those who will occupationally support someone experiencing fraud. Presenters will help identify steps for an action plan and provide intervention and prevention strategies to disrupt the cycle of fraud. Learn more and Register.

The National Victim Assistance Academy is hosting The Intersection of Trauma Informed Victim Assistance & Community Violence Intervention on Feb 24, 2022. This presentation will increase understanding of the effects of trauma on victims of violence, discuss best practices for providing trauma-informed services and assistance and identify how this approach should be an integral part of broader community violence intervention efforts. Register Here.

Call for Proposals: 2022 MN Office of Justice Programs 34th Annual Conference on Crime & Victimization May 17-20 & 24-27, 2022. The Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs is seeking presenters for its 34th Annual OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, a training experience delivered on a virtual platform. Dates for the upcoming conference are May 17-20 and 24-27, 2022. Pencil the dates in now, and make plans to attend this spring! The time to submit your proposal to the 2022 Conference on Crime and Victimization is now! We are accepting proposals through March 1, 2022. More information.

USDOJ Resources. The Bureau of Justice Statistics has published Probation and Parole in the United States, 2020. “This report is the 29th in a series that began in 1981. It includes characteristics of the population such as sex, race or ethnicity, and most serious offense of adult U.S. residents under correctional supervision in the community. The report details how people move onto and off community supervision, such as completing their term of supervision, being incarcerated, absconding, or other unsatisfactory outcomes while in the community. Findings are based on data from BJS’s 2020 Annual Probation Survey, Annual Parole Survey, and Federal Justice Statistics Program.”
The Minnesota Alliance on Crime invites you to join us for Cultivating Culture Change for Individuals*

*Open to anyone working in Crime Victim Services from Interns to Board members

**Webinar 1: February 3, 12:00-1:30 pm**
Exploring Your Connection: Practical Occupational Identity Management

**Workshop 1: February 17, 12:00-1:30 pm**
Building the Roots of Effective Occupational Identity Management

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

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For more information about MAC, go to www.mnallianceoncrime.org.

To join our coalition of Minnesota crime victim service programs, click here.