



January 2017 Newsletter

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies:

We are one month into the new year and the 2017 Minnesota legislative session and it's been busy. While there are many messages coming from the federal and state government about possible change (change in every sense of the word and in every scenario possible), MAC remains steadfast in our mission to improve access to support and services for every crime victim in Minnesota.



This is a legislative session where our voices need to be heard. **[Please reach out to your legislators](#)** so they know what your organization and the crime victims you work with are experiencing and what change is needed. MAC is carefully monitoring bills that we believe will have either a positive or negative impact on our member programs and victims/survivors. We will be sending out action alerts when we believe it's necessary to mobilize our membership to either support or oppose proposed legislation. Our goal always is to educate legislators about the impact any proposed legislation would have on your work and the victims you serve.

I've heard from colleagues, friends, and family that they are nervous about what the future holds politically. My response to them is to do the good that they can do, anywhere they can do it. We are still in control of our attitude and actions and we should never underestimate our capacity to be the change that those we strive to serve desperately need.

MAC will continue to be guided by our mission and core values, and by a board and staff that are committed to them. There is strength in numbers and MAC invites you to join us as we continue our work to improve response to victims of all crime in Minnesota.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg

MAC February Webinar

February 15, 2017
Noon-1 pm

Gathering & Preserving Technological Evidence

Presenter:
Jeremy Roberts
Dakota County Sheriff's Office

About the Webinar: The session will cover how electronics and the internet can be used to stalk or harass crime victims. Many are not aware of the extent to which technology can be used to track someone. For example, there are methods to track every single activity and movement of your cellphone without you even knowing it is happening. The objective of the webinar is to make these capabilities known so that advocates can better assist victims with protecting themselves from cyberstalking.

About the Presenter: Jeremy Roberts has been working in law enforcement for thirteen years, with the last eight years working in internet crimes and computer forensics. He originally hails from Georgia and served as a sheriff captain in metro Atlanta. While in Georgia, Jeremy worked with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and assisted the U.S. Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation on numerous cases. Along with over 1,700 hours of specialized law enforcement training, he also holds several computer forensics and ethical hacking certifications. Jeremy joined the Dakota County Sheriff's Office in March of 2015 to work with the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force, where he is currently a digital forensics examiner.

Free and open to MAC members and non-members.

Space in the webinar is limited, so [register today](#).



Save the date for the
Minnesota Alliance on Crime's
National Crime Victims' Rights Week
Open House

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

155 S. WABASHA STREET, SUITE 105
ST. PAUL, MN 55107

***Missing & Murdered
Indigenous Women's March***

**Honor missing and murdered Indigenous folks of
ALL genders across ALL continents!**

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Indigenous Women's Life Net,
and Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Native Lives Matter Coalition co-host

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017
11am to 2pm**

WEAR RED!

**BRING BANNERS, SIGNS, SHAWLS, STAFFS, DRUMS, RATTLES
ALLIES WELCOME**



**March starts and ends at Minneapolis Indian Center
1530 East Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN. 55404**

Route will start at Indian Center, down Franklin to Cedar, Cedar to 24th,
West to Bloomington Ave, then Bloomington, back to Indian Center.

*Vehicles will be available for Elders and children

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Funding Alert: The Enhancement or Expansion of Existing Specified Domestic Violence Services or Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Services

In December 2016, the City of Minneapolis approved one-time only funding for the enhancement or expansion of specified existing domestic violence services or sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation services for agencies providing services within the City of Minneapolis.

The purpose of the funding for existing domestic violence programs is to expand or enhance services with a specific focus on serving families with young children ages 0-3, adolescent males, and families whose primary language is not English. The focus of the funding for existing sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation programs is specific to serving victims who are transgender, American Indian, or are young women and girls. Funding for new programs will be considered as part of an enhancement or expansion of a program as it relates to the implementation of services and not planning for new services. Applicants must be ready to start providing services at the start of contracts. [Click here for the RFP](#). **Proposals due February 15, 2017.**

Resource: Free On-Demand Webinars Available

The Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center now offers numerous [free, on-demand webinars](#) on topics such as bullying, corporal punishment and the faith community, and forensic interviewing for advocates and those working with children.

New Publication: State-Tribal Crime Victim Liaison Demonstration Program: Tribal Outreach to Establish Trust and Increase Awareness of Victim Services (OVC).

This report discusses the outcome of a 3-year project through which the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council, Victim Services Division, supported a State/Tribal Crime Victim Liaison. This liaison provided outreach to Oklahoma American Indian victims regarding tribal victim assistance, grant opportunities, and crime victim compensation. [Download here.](#)

OutFront Minnesota January E-News: Highlights OutFront's 2017 legislative agenda. [Read here.](#)

Changing Minds About Children's Exposure to Violence

In October 2016, the Department of Justice (DOJ) launched Changing Minds, a national public education campaign to raise awareness, teach skills, and prompt public action in response to children's exposure to violence in the U.S. This multiyear campaign, established through DOJ's Defending Childhood Initiative, features digital and print content intended to reach adults who interact with children and youth in grades K–12. The new campaign website, [ChangingMindsNOW.org](#), provides resources and tips on how to support children who may have been affected by violence.

Centers for Disease Control: Explore How to Change Social Norms

Discover the relationship between social norms and violence. CDC invites you to explore social norms—what they are and how they can be used to promote positive health and well-being. This [new social norms resource](#) shows how attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors based in misperception can create risk for violence.



Day One Crisis Line Opens New Call Center for Minnesota Victims

[Cornerstone Advocacy Services](#) began operating the Day One Call Center on January 3, 2017. The call center is staffed **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**, with highly trained advocates who respond to crisis calls from two separate toll free numbers. The Day One Crisis Line responds to calls from victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking and the Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line responds to calls from general crime victims. Both toll-free numbers accept calls from across Minnesota. The Day One Call Center is focused on providing trauma-informed support, as well as immediate access to resources within the caller's identified community.

Process:

General crime victims, as well as survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking, call just one number and are immediately connected to a crisis advocate who assesses the caller's needs and connects them with the most appropriate resource or service provider based on the caller's presenting issue and location. The advocate also takes into account any cultural and/or accessibility considerations. Telephone interpreters are available in 180 languages.

Unique Features:

- In addition to accepting phone calls, the new Day One Call Center is able to assist victims/survivors who choose to reach out via text or through a chat function on the website. This will further decrease barriers to accessing safety.
- Call Center staff have extensive experience in trauma-informed and victim-centered services and have completed over 75 hours of training on domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and general crime.
- Regardless of where a caller is located, the number to reach help is the same. The Call Center advocate will help determine the best resources and options for the caller.

Minnesota Day One® Crisis Line (for domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or trafficking)

- Call: 1.866.223.1111
- Text: 612-399-9995
- Chat: www.dayoneservices.org

Minnesota Crime Victim Support Line (for general crime)

- Call: 1-866-385-2699
- Text: 612-399-9977
- Chat: www.dayoneservices.org



To address the rising demand for commercial sex, [Men As Peacemakers](#) in Duluth has developed a public awareness campaign and educational resources called the [Don't Buy It Project](#). The Don't Buy It Project includes a [comprehensive toolkit of resources](#) to help individuals, groups, and communities to build understanding of the damage caused by commercial sexual exploitation and begin to shift attitudes and norms to decrease demand for commercial sex.

While Minnesota has made some great strides in ending commercial sex, what's still missing is a primary prevention strategy focused on reshaping the "normal" culture that allows commercial sexual exploitation to thrive. This requires strategic messaging, educational resources, and organizing focused predominantly on the conditions that make it acceptable for a majority of men to remain silent, if not actively participate in, commercial sexual exploitation.

Minnesota needs communities to rally around clear messages that degrading people and utilizing them as sexual objects is harmful and unacceptable. We need men who have never purchased people who are prostituted to talk with other men and boys in their community. We need community groups to actively work to reduce the normalization of CSE in their communities. It's time for communities to rally around clear messages and resources. **Don't Buy It: People are More Than Products; Men Are More Than Consumers.**



Assessing and Managing Lethality In Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Strangulation

In-Person | February 2, 2017 | 1:00 to 4:00 pm | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Location: Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, MN

Training Fee: Free

This training will help law enforcement, staff, and volunteers who respond to victims of domestic violence learn how to identify the signs and red flags of domestic violence lethality, and best practices response; learn how to recognize the identifiers and risks of stalking and strangulation for victims; and investigate and document the cases for prosecution to enhance victim safety. Instructor: Sgt. Randy McAlister, MA, CTM.

[Learn more.](#)

Family Homicide: Causes, Consequences, and Interventions

Sponsored by the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies

In-Person | February 10, 2017 | 8:30am to 4:00pm | Location: Mall of America, Bloomington

Training Fee: \$99

[Learn more.](#)

Healing Historical Trauma

Sponsored by Indigenous Women's Life Net

In-Person | February 23, 2017 | 10 am to noon | Location: Minneapolis American Indian Center, Minneapolis, MN

A free training on historical trauma and healing this trauma. Trainers: Nancy Bordeaux and Tawacin Tanka.

[Learn more.](#)

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.](#)

Child Interviewing 2017: Update on Research and Practice

Sponsored by the Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center

Webinar | March 9, 2017 | 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

A discussion of the major research advances in 2016 that will help interviewers to do a better job when

they question children. Videotaped examples of novel procedures will be provided. [Register here.](#)

Forensic Aspects of Online and Social Media Usage among Children: Implications for Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, Legal, and Mental Health Professionals

Sponsored by the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies

In-Person | March 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 by the 26th of each month:

- Training title
- Sponsoring agency/organization
- Date and time
- Location
- Names of trainers
- Cost
- Brief description of training
- How to register (web link preferred, will accept attachments)



[Click for January's news from the Appellate Court.](#)



[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 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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