

# January 2018 Newsletter

**MAC**  
MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

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## From MAC's Executive Director

Happy New Year!

I'll be honest with you: 2017 has been a challenging year. Many of the programs, institutions, and people we care about have been maligned. The divisive rhetoric and personal attacks we witness every day can leave us feeling that our core values also are under attack.

But here's why I am hopeful: Over the past year, all of you, MAC members and allies alike, have shown that you care about MAC, crime victims, and



those who are most vulnerable in the current atmosphere of intolerance and oppression.

When MAC asked you to amplify voices of the victims/survivors, you rose to the challenge. When MAC invited you to join us in continuing to be guided by our core values, you stepped forward. When MAC asked you to double down on kindness and renew your commitment to creating a criminal justice system that allows all crime victims to experience justice, your passion was evident. We are going to need that passion going into 2018.

MAC has experienced tremendous growth, in multiple ways. Our staff has tripled in two years, we have nearly doubled the number of our member programs, and we've outgrown our current office space. (Yes, we're moving. More details on that next month...) While we have a lot to celebrate, there is much work to do in 2018.

The need for MAC to be actively engaged in state and federal policy and legislative conversations and work is critical. Crime victims are counting on all of us to ensure that not only are their rights not diminished, but that they are strengthened. In 2018, MAC's priority initiatives are to: 1) provide opportunities for crime victims to inform our work, and 2) take meaningful steps towards strengthening crime victims' rights in Minnesota.

In order for us to achieve our goals in 2018, we will need your help! Here's what you can do:

- **Actively participate** in MAC's regional convenings;
- **Stay connected and share information** regarding opportunities to strengthen victims' rights;
- **Spread the word** about the work that MAC is doing! We can only be successful if we continue to grow our network and there definitely is strength in numbers; and
- **Help MAC grow our donor base.** Much of the legislative work that will need to be done cannot be funded with government grant dollars. Increasing the amount of unrestricted funds MAC has on hand is critical to achieving success that results in changes to our current statutory scheme.

The support of MAC's members and allied stakeholders has made it possible for us to increase our effectiveness as an organization and we know it will continue to move us forward in 2018.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg



## Bureau of Justice Statistics Releases Criminal Victimization 2016 Report

[This report](#) found that 42 percent of violent victimizations were reported to police; and only one in 10 victims/

survivors received victim services following the crime. The redesign of the National Crime Victimization Survey precludes comparisons of data to previous years.

### **NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool**

[This dynamic analysis tool](#) allows you to examine National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) data on both violent and property victimization by selecting victim, household, and incident characteristics. The NCVS is the nation's primary source of information on criminal victimization. It is an annual data collection conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The NCVS collects information from a nationally representative sample of U.S. households on nonfatal crimes, reported and not reported to the police, against persons age 12 or older.

### **Bolder Advocacy: Update on New Tax Reform Law and Nonprofits**

The tax bill, which has now passed in both the Senate and House of Representatives and will make its way to the President's desk for signature, will have major implications for all taxpayers. As discussed in an earlier [blog post](#), there are several provisions included in the legislation that may impact the nonprofit sector. [Click here to read more.](#)

### **Survey of Women Working in Criminal Justice**

The authors of the book *Successful Women in Criminal Justice* are now working on a journal article that seeks insight from women working across all components of the criminal justice system to include police, courts, corrections, juvenile justice, victim services, research agencies, and academia. This research seeks to identify key components that contribute to the professional success of women in criminal justice. Please [click here](#) to complete this anonymous survey.

### **Free Management Resources**

[The Free Management Library](#) provides free access to over 650 topics with nearly 10,000 links to resources for personal, professional and organizational development.

### **National Conference of State Legislatures: State-By-State Domestic Abuse/Violence Definitions**

[This resource](#) provides each state's statutory definition of domestic abuse/violence, which can be helpful if you're working with a victim originally from a state other than Minnesota or your agency is located in a border area.



MAC invites you to be a part of the Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network (MITCIRN). MITCIRN is made up of organizations like yours across the state that are dedicated **to improving access to supportive services for victims of identity theft and cybercrime.**

MITCIRN meets quarterly to discuss emerging research, engage in training opportunities, share resources, and advance statewide efforts to combat identity theft and support victims through targeted committee work.

MITCIRN participants will:

- Receive e-mail updates on emerging research and relevant information on identity theft
- Attend free trainings (webinars and in-person) to advance knowledge and skills
- Connect with other professionals working to combat identity theft
- Contribute to efforts to combat identity theft and support victims by working with the community outreach, public policy, or victim services committees

In order to sign up to participate in this network, we only ask that you fill out a brief (less than five minutes) survey identifying a point of contact for your organization and answering a few questions about the services

your organization provides for victims of identity theft.

[Click here to sign up to participate in the network today!](#)

For more information on MITCIRN, information on upcoming events, resources for victims/survivors, and training materials for service providers, [visit the MITCIRN website.](#)

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## Get Free Legal Help at an Upcoming SMRLS Pro Bono Clinic

Did you know that the Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services' Volunteer Attorney Program hosts [free legal clinics](#)? We handle a variety of client needs, ranging from divorce, wills for seniors and single parents, and criminal expungements.

Interested clients should call SMRLS at 1-888-575-2954 or [apply online.](#)

### Divorce Clinics

Jan. 9, 2018 - Owatonna 1 PM

Jan. 12, 2018 - Mankato 1 PM

Jan. 24, 2018 - St. Paul 9 AM

### Eviction Expungement Clinics

Jan. 5, 2018 - St. Paul - 12 PM

### Power-Up Legal Clinics

Jan. 4, 2018 - St. Paul - 1 PM

Jan. 18, 2018 - St. Paul - 1 PM



## Law Enforcement Elder Abuse Response Policy Model Policy Development Meeting

The Minnesota Elder Justice Center invites criminal justice and community partners across Minnesota to meet and provide input into the development of a model law enforcement elder abuse response policy. Four information gathering / listening sessions will be scheduled throughout Minnesota in early 2018.

### Session One:

January 31, 2018

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Beltrami County Administration Building

County Board Room 102

701 Minnesota Ave NW

Bemidji, MN

(The other three session dates and locations are TBD.)

Law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protection workers, long-term care ombudsman, aging services and domestic violence/sexual assault programs are all invited to attend and provide input into the development of

the model policy.

Subsequent to the information gathering / listening sessions, selected professionals from across the state will convene in St. Paul to develop a draft of the model policy. The draft will be distributed to Minnesota law enforcement for final review and input. The finalized model policy will be presented and available for adaptation in the fall of 2018.

Register [here](#) to attend. (Note: Lunch will be provided)

**Questions or concerns, please contact:**

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*The Minnesota Elder Justice Center (MEJC) is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults. The MEJC focuses its work in four areas: public awareness, professional education and practice, public policy and direct services.*



the minnesota identity theft & cybercrime information & resource network  
presents a free webinar:

## building identity theft advocacy skills

presented by suzanne elwell, minnesota office of justice programs

thursday, january 4, 2018 from noon to 1:00 pm

minnesota alliance on crime

**Join us for MAC's first webinar of 2018 and the first training opportunity from our new project, the [Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network!](#)**

In this webinar, Suzanne Elwell will discuss the service provider's immediate response when an individual states that they are a victim of identity theft, in particular: identifying the source and extent of the harm, taking steps to stop the harm and reduce the impact of the victimization, acknowledging and addressing the emotional needs of the victim, connecting the victim to critical resources, educating the victim about the further steps and monitoring required, and setting the stage for what can be a long repair process.

*Suzanne Elwell is the Crime Victim Justice Unit within the Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs.*

**MAC has applied for CLE credit for this webinar.**

[Click to Register](#)

## **Other Trainings and Webinars**

### **All In Together Workshop**

**Sponsored by MCBW and the Gretchen Carlson Leadership Initiative**

**In Person | January 13, 2018 | 9:00 am to noon**

Please join All In Together, in partnership with the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, for a Gretchen Carlson Leadership Initiative Community Workshop. This educational program aims to bring women's civic leadership training to thousands of women across the country, with a special focus on empowering women who care deeply about issues related to gender-based violence and harassment. No cost and breakfast and child care provided. [Learn more.](#)

### **Assessing Your Court's Protection Order Process**

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

**Webinar | January 17, 2018 | 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

The Best Practice Assessment of the Civil Protection Order System is NCPOFFC's FREE tool to assess a court's protection order process. Join this webinar to learn about the steps involved in the process from a jurisdiction that has conducted the assessment. This interactive session will provide examples of the assessment tool and subsequent recommendations to improve protection order processes. Presented by Mary Fitzgerald, Dist. Judge, Tulsa, OK and Suzann Stewart, Tulsa Family Safety Center. Hosted by Sarah Henry, Attorney Advisor, National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit. [Learn more.](#)

### **Understanding the Complexities of Sexual Violence Response**

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

**Webinar | January 23, 2018 | 2:00-3:30 pm**

This webinar is designed to introduce multi-disciplinary participants to the work of the Sexual Violence Justice Institute and explore the complexities of sexual violence, especially for programs and communities that see a limited number of disclosures. Presented by Leah Lutz and Johannanna Ganz of the Sexual Violence Justice Institute. [Learn more.](#)

### **The Science and Practice of Community Informed Risk Assessment**

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

**Webinar | January 25, 2018 | 2:00-3:30 pm**

This webinar explains the development of a community informed risk assessment tool for use by law enforcement and advocates in cases of intimate partner violence. Presented by Neil S. Websdale, Ph.D., Director, Family Violence Institute, NAU and Greg Giangobbe, MA, Law Enforcement Coordinator, Family Violence Institute, NAU. [Learn more.](#)

### **Trauma-Informed and Culturally Specific Practice for Latina Survivors**

**Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network**

**Webinar | January 25, 2018 | 11 am to 12:30 pm**

In this webinar, National Latin@ Network researchers will provide accessible language that service providers can use to describe the overlap between the trauma-informed and culturally specific aspects of their work. Presenters will first present principles developed using research the NLN gathered from culturally specific practitioners across the domestic violence field. Then, presenters will discuss findings from a national research project designed to evaluate culturally specific and trauma-informed aspects of service for Latina survivors. Presented by Dr. Josephine V. Serrata and Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez, National Latin@ Network. [Learn more.](#)

### **STAR-Lite Training: Learning Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience in a Single Day**

**Sponsored by the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute**

**In Person | January 27, 2018 | 9:00 am to 5:00 pm | Northwest Area Foundation, St. Paul**

STAR-Lite is a single-day research and practice-supported peacebuilding training integrating neuropsychology, trauma healing and resilience, restorative justice, nonviolent conflict transformation, and broadly defined spirituality. The training enables people to become trauma-informed, resilience-oriented, and restorative justice-focused. [Learn more.](#)

### **Human Trafficking and the Opioid Crisis**

**Sponsored by the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center**

**Webinar | January 31, 2018 | Noon to 1:30 pm**

The webinar will highlight emerging trends, case studies, and research on human trafficking and substance use with a specific focus on the opioid crisis. Presented by Dr. Elizabeth Hopper, the Trauma Center at the Justice Resource Institute; Audrey Morrissey, My Life My Choice; Dr. Ginny Sprang, University of Kentucky. [Learn more.](#)

**International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Gender Bias**  
**Sponsored by End Violence Against Women International**  
**In person | April 3 - 5, 2018 | Hilton Hotel, Chicago, IL**

This annual conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. It brings together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers, and others for a three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities. Scholarships available through OVC. [Learn more.](#)



**Save the Date!**

**33rd Annual** March 23rd, 2018

**Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Luncheon**

*Prevention: let's start with our youth*

11 am Registration  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm Lunch and Program  
Register at [360Communities.org](http://360Communities.org)



**360 Communities.**

**Let MAC help your organization get the word out about your training or event!**

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

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



**Please send by the 27th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.**



## Supreme & Appellate Court Decisions

[Click for the latest published decisions from the Minnesota Appellate and Supreme Court.](#)



## Employment Opportunities

[Click for the latest victim service employment opportunities in 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 27th of each month.

- Location
- Job title
- Organization name
- Link to organization's website
- Link to the job posting
- Closing date



## Contact Us

*Happy Holidays!*

MAC's offices will be closed on  
Monday, December 25th and  
Monday, January 1 for the holidays.



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

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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 73 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](http://www.mnallianceoncrime.org).