

# July 2017 Newsletter

**MAC**  
MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

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## From MAC's Executive Director

Happy Summer!

Where did June go? I hope you are all taking time to enjoy the longer days and finding ways to renew and reenergize during the summer months.

The Minnesota Office of Justice Programs (OJP) released the prosecutorial-based general crime victim funding request for proposals (RFP) earlier this week. **All counties that are not currently funded by OJP are eligible to apply, as are select city attorney offices.** This funding is critical to ensuring victims of crime receive the support and services they need. Even if a community program within a county receives general crime victim funding, the county attorney's office is still



eligible to apply. This funding is designed to enhance crime victim services in **every county in Minnesota**.

When a similar RFP was released in 2016, some counties questioned the sustainability of the funding. While nothing is guaranteed, crime victim programs have been supported in Minnesota by state and federal funding since the mid-1970s. Recently, federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds significantly increased due to increased collection of federal fines and fees, the source of VOCA funds (not taxpayer dollars). VOCA and state funding has been extremely stable. These funds are sustainable and consistent.

**MAC is here to provide technical assistance to any county or city that applies for the funding.** The RFP is straightforward and you don't have to be an experienced grant writer to complete the application. MAC is happy to offer assistance at any point of the grant writing/application process. Let us support you in your efforts to enhance crime victim services in your county or city!

This is an opportunity for **every county in Minnesota** to increase its capacity to provide effective victim services. Currently these dollars are earmarked for general crime victims, so don't leave money on the table that could make a difference for victims in your county.

Don't hesitate to [contact me](#) for more information or technical assistance. OJP also has [an information sheet on the RFP](#) that is helpful.

In Peace,

Bobbi



**MAC Member Programs:**  
IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR  
MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME  
MEMBERSHIP.  
Membership renewals due **July 1, 2017.**  
Renewal forms available at  
[www.mnallianceoncrime.org](http://www.mnallianceoncrime.org).  
Questions? Email Danielle at  
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### **The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits: Need a New Website? 48in48 Can Help!**

Many nonprofits have small budgets and choose to spend their money doing good rather than looking good. This September, [48in48](#) will host an event, working directly with nonprofits to market themselves in a way they deserve. They will join forces with local agencies and individual professionals from the marketing, creative, and technological industries to build 48 websites for 48 lucky nonprofits in the Twin Cities.

48in48 will hold an information session at the [Greater Twin Cities United Way](#) on July 17 at 3 p.m. to describe the program and answer any questions you may have. The first 48 nonprofits to complete the interest form, be vetted for qualifications, and successfully complete the coursework will be the ones to receive a new website. [Fill out the Interest Form now!](#)

## The Federal Office on Victims of Crime: Responding to Transgender Victims of Sexual Assault

This guide compiles information from multiple quantitative and qualitative datasets as well as collected experiences from transgender survivors who have navigated sexual assault services and from providers who have worked with transgender survivors. [More information here.](#)

## Overcoming Racism: Request for Proposals for Upcoming Conference

You can be part of the 2017 Overcoming Racism Conference, to be held in November in St. Paul. Propose a workshop or invite others to propose one. **Deadline is August 1, 2017.** This year's conference theme is *Awakening, Woke, Taking Command*. This conference builds on previous conferences (Vigilance Now! and Disrupt Racism as Usual). We want workshops that meet people where they are at, but we want to emphasize that we are in critical times, and – ready or not – we need to act, each with our own skills. [Download the Request for Proposals and submit a proposal online.](#)

## St. Cloud State University: Victim Advocate Certificate Course

This is a course on the rapidly growing field of victim advocacy and assistance. Participants will be prepared to work in victim advocacy arenas, such as domestic violence shelters, crisis centers, and crisis hotlines, and with state and county governments assisting crime victims in progressing through the criminal justice system and toward successful recovery. Training in this area will prove to be rewarding to your career possibilities in the area of law enforcement and crime victim advocacy. Successful graduates of our training program will be eligible at minimum for the NACP Provisional Credential and possibly for the Basic, Intermediate or Advanced Credential based upon their experience in the field. [More information here.](#)

## Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs



## Request for Proposals: Prosecutorial Services to Crime Victims 2018-19

As promised, the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs is releasing the attached RFP for funding of crime victim staff within county and city prosecutorial offices to address the needs of victims in cases being prosecuted and to assist the office in complying with its statutory crime victim obligations.

The application is due August 8, 2017, for funding starting October 1, 2017. Funding covers a 2-year grant period (which differs from the initial informational sheet, which listed the funding for a 12-month grant period). The funding chart has been updated to display the 2-year maximum grant amount and the counties/cities eligible to apply.

The RFP should answer most questions. We will make available a Frequently Asked Questions document and will follow-up questions so all potential applicants have access to the same information. Please contact us with questions.

All applications must be submitted via [E-grants](#), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) online grants management system. **Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on August 8, 2017.** [Download RFP.](#)



save the date  
the minnesota alliance on crime  
2017 annual meeting & capacity building training  
above and beyond:  
excellence in victim services  
september 21-22, 2017  
st. cloud, minnesota

# SAVE THE DATE!

*Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition*

*and Men As Peacemakers co-host*

## Racial Equity and Liberation Workshop

Are you ready to locate yourself on the path to racial equity and liberation for all?

Are you willing to feel uncomfortable as you explore your location?

Are you committed to being fully present for the entire three days?

If so, be sure to RSVP soon to secure your spot!

# July 26, 27, 28, 2017

Twin Cities, Location TBA

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

**Limited scholarships available to assist with travel**

Facilitated by: *Nicole Matthew and Ed Heisler*

Space is limited to 30

**Please RSVP to [cdavidson@miwsac.org](mailto:cdavidson@miwsac.org) or 651-646-4800  
no later than July 15, 2017 to secure a spot**

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# DIRECTORS & LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 24 & 25  
CHASE ON THE LAKE IN WALKER, MN

Join directors and leaders from across the state of Minnesota for networking, workshops and a presentation from OJP.

Details and registration to follow in Summer 2017.

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## fundamentals in victim services training

a two-day training for crime victim advocates

minnesota alliance on crime



MAC staff and board enjoyed connecting with all of you who attended the Fundamentals in Victim Services training on June 22 and 23, 2017. We were excited to share the training with you and provide an opportunity for you to learn, discover, and discuss the incredible opportunities we have to impact the lives of crime victims. It was humbling to be able to be a part of challenging, but necessary, conversations regarding how bias, oppression, and privilege affect the lived experiences of victims and our ability to effectively advocate with and for them. We were encouraged by the courage shown by those who bravely began to identify their own biases and commit to addressing them.

MAC hopes all of you are looking for opportunities to identify the individual steps we need to take to address the issues that will prohibit us from being what **every** victim needs and deserves when they reach out for support. Until we begin the inner dialogue with ourselves, we cannot step into the wider conversations about social justice and meaningful systems change advocacy.

We would like to thank these wonderful people, without whom this training would not have been possible:

### Trainers

Karla Bauer, 360 Communities  
Bree Adams Bill, St. Paul and Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project  
Kelly Nichols, Dakota County Attorney's Office  
Suzanne Elwell, Minnesota Office of Justice Programs  
Erika Thorne, Training for Change

### Training Development Workgroup

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Carolyn Bryant, Minnesota Office of Justice Programs  
Carrie Buddy, New Horizons Crisis Center

Bernie Epper, Brown County Probation  
Krista Kim-Muñoz, Dakota County Attorney's Office  
Amee Krogfus, Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
Denise Loy, Chippewa County Attorney's Office  
Kelly Nicholson, Dakota County Attorney's Office

**We will be holding this training again in late fall of 2017 in St. Cloud, Minnesota.** Stay tuned for more details!

## **Taking Action: Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud**

### **National Center for Victims of Crime**

**Webinar | July 11th | 11:00 am – Noon CST**

More than 30 million Americans are victims of financial fraud every year. Now there is an innovative tool to help victim advocates navigate the many resources available to aid victim recovery. This 90-minute webinar will walk you through the accessible, victim-centered approaches at the heart of *Taking Action: An Advocate's Guide to Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud*. Hosted by the guide authors, the National Center for Victims of Crime and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, this webinar will walk you through strategies for addressing investment fraud, identity theft, mortgage and lending fraud, and mass-marketing scams. [Learn more.](#)

## **How Do I Get SART-ed?**

### **Sexual Violence Justice Institute**

**Webinar | July 17th | Noon – 1:30 pmCT**

Developing a Sexual Assault Response Team is hard work; many of those who wish to create a team often do not know how to take the first steps. This webinar is designed to equip coordinators and newly formed teams with the practical tools and steps they need to take as they develop their SART. Filled with straightforward guidelines, samples of documents, and rural resources, this webinar is truly designed for beginners and early teams. Participants should come ready to ask questions of a panel of experts who have real world experience in developing SARTs. Presented by Johnanna Ganz, Sexual Violence Justice Institute at MNCASA. [Learn more.](#)

## **Implementing a Firearm Surrender Protocol**

### **Battered Women's Justice Project**

**Webinar | July 20th | 2:00 pm – 3:30pm CT**

Research and experience confirm that access to a firearm dramatically increases the risk of lethality in domestic violence cases. This webinar will address applicable federal law, including recent U.S. Supreme Court cases and their application to domestic violence cases handled on a state level. Additionally, this webinar will include lessons learned from launching DV firearm reduction initiatives in DeKalb County, GA and an exchange of ideas from a multi-agency perspective on how to address the surrender of firearms in both the criminal and civil justice systems. The intended audience is anyone who is part of a fatality review team, family violence task force, domestic violence intervention program providers, and the civil and criminal justice system partners. [Learn more.](#)

## **Recent Trends in Firearm Legislation and Case Law Update**

### **Battered Women's Justice Project**

**Webinar | July 24th | 1:00pm - 2:30pm CT**

The landscape around firearm laws is constantly shifting. If you want to know about recent legal changes, this webinar is for you. The National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit is pleased to have Alla Lefkowitz, Senior Staff Attorney of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence present "Recent Trends in Firearm Legislation and Case Law Update." This webinar will provide an overview of legislative changes and current firearm case law. [Learn more.](#)

## **New Research on Women Veterans and Intimate Partner Violence**

### **Battered Women's Justice Project**

**Webinar | July 27th | 1:00 pm – 2:30pm CT**

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is associated with a wide-range of health and social impacts, especially for women. Women veterans may be at increased risk of experiencing IPV and Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities are now routinely screening female patients for IPV experience. This webinar will present findings from the first examination of VHA IPV screening results of nearly 9,000 female patients. Associations with demographic and military service characteristics, mental health diagnoses, housing instability, and healthcare service utilization hold implications for understanding the scope of IPV clinical screening disclosure, risk factors associated with IPV experience, and need and opportunity for clinical intervention. [Learn more.](#)

## **New Laws Training**

**Sponsored by Standpoint**

**August 17th-18th, Violence Intervention Project, Thief River Falls**

**August 24th-25th, Women's Shelter Inc. and DFO Corrections, Preston**

**September 7th-8th, Women's Rural Advocacy Project, Granite Falls**

**September 21st-22nd, Hands of Hope, Staples**

**September 28th-29th, Sacred Hoop Coalition, Duluth**

**October 2nd-3rd, Southern Valley Alliance and Shakopee Police Department, Shakopee**

This training program is designed for those who want to be kept informed about the recent changes to state and federal statutes and case law regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse. [Learn more.](#)

## **The Many Faces of Manhood**

**A Call to Men**

**In-Person | September 14th - 15th | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm | Hilton MSP Airport**

**Fee: \$300 (\$250 for MN residents)**

A CALL TOMEN's 2017 National Conference will explore the Many Faces of Manhood. Through engaging keynotes, roundtable discussions and interactive breakout sessions, attendees will learn how the collective socialization of men creates a fertile ground for violence and discrimination against women and girls. Those same notions of sexism and inequality hold men hostage to the rigid norms of manhood. [Learn more.](#)

## **Behind Closed Doors Conference**

**Saving Grace**

**In-Person | October 27th | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm | Amherst H. Wilder Center**

**Fee: \$150**

This conference is designed for teachers, school counselors, social workers, child protection workers, lawyers, law students, child custody evaluators, guardians ad litem, parenting consultants, judges, law enforcement investigators, health care and mental health professionals, sexual assault and domestic violence advocates, physicians, nurses, and forensic nurses. Through plenary presentations, ceremonies, and breakout sessions, participants will gain in-depth knowledge of the multiple and complex factors associated with abuse and trauma. Featuring keynote speaker Lundy Bancroft. [Learn more.](#)



## **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 26th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



## Appellate Court News

[Click for updates 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



## Contact Us

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

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