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### from mac's executive director



Happy Summer!

The 2023 Legislation ended with much to celebrate and much to continue to advocate for.

The Public Safety conference committee finished their work and here's where we landed on Crime Victim Services funding:

- \$11 million per year for this biennium will be provided to cover the VOCA shortfall
- An additional \$5 million per year was added to base funding
- This means an additional \$16 million annually for the next two years!
- In addition, significant additional funding was provided for crime and violence intervention and prevention. Much of these funds will go to OJP for existing grants that many of our programs are eligible for. I am hoping to have more info on the specifics of this next week.
- While we did not receive the full \$25 million per year we requested, this is a significant increase in funding for programs for the next two years,

MAC will continue to advocate for a sustainable and substantial increased investment in crime victim services.

I will be providing more information regarding outcomes from the legislative session during our regional meetings in June. I would love to hear from you as to what new laws you would like more information about.

MAC is also back doing outreach events in-person. Last week we were at the OJP conference as attendees, presenters, planners, and exhibitors. June 24th and 25th MAC will be handing out SWAG and doing outreach at the Twin Cities Pride Festival. If you happen to be going--stop by and say hello, grab some swag and information, and meet board members, staff, and MAC interns/volunteers throughout the day! If member programs have give aways or information you want us to hand out--get in touch with kim@mnallianceoncrime.org and we will happily add member program information and swag.

The MAC staff and board are preparing for our strategic planning retreat to be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We have invited a program from each region to participate to ensure the plan is informed by MAC members. We will be sharing the final strategic plan at the MAC annual meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

I know summer just began, but, we are busy planning for MAC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala to beheld the evening of September 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud. Please look for more information and we would love to have all of our member programs and allied partners in attendance to help us celebrate MAC's accomplishments over the past three decades.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the June regional meetings!

In Peace!

Bobbi

#### mac staff news

#### Please Welcome our summer interns Becca and Kailey!



Becca Bonner is living in Duluth and really excited to be a MAC summer intern (remotely)! She is a University of Minnesota Duluth senior majoring in

political science. She is working to have a career in nonprofits and advocacy and stays busy as a student and nanny. She



Kailey
Lipske, is
currently an
incoming
senior at the
University of
Minnesota
studying
Sociology of
Law,
Criminology,
& Justice

with a double major in Psychology.

She is originally from Wisconsin, where

loves to get outside (when the Duluth weather allows it), make art, and listen to podcasts in her free time.

Becca was drawn to MAC because of its mission to support victims of crime and its dedication to social justice. "As someone who has had a great experience with a victim's advocate, I am passionate about victim support, as well as reform and equity. Therefore, I could not imagine a better place to intern! I am excited to see the inner workings of a nonprofit and membership coalition and to gain real-world experience. I am also excited to help run a MAC table at Twin Cities Pride!"

Please welcome Becca Bonner to MAC and stop by and meet her at the MAC Pride table!

her family and two dogs, Piper and Poe, live!

"I was interested in interning at MAC because of my interest in nonprofit work and MAC's connections to a wide variety of member programs throughout the state. I am excited to learn more about current legislation in Minnesota and what advocacy for crime victims looks like through public policy. In the future, I hope to have a career in criminal justice or community advocacy."

Kailey will also be assisting us with the Pride booth so please also welcome Kailey Lipske to MAC and stop by and meet her at the MAC Pride table!

### CVS funding request

# Crime Victim Services Funding Request

Minnesota's six crime victim service coalitions continued our request for an increase in base funding for crime victim services.

Here is what happened:

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- While we did not receive the full \$25 million per year we requested, this is a significant increase in funding for programs for the next two years. MAC will continue to advocate for a substantial and sustainable increased investment in crime victim services.











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# Register Now for MAC's Regional Membership 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**

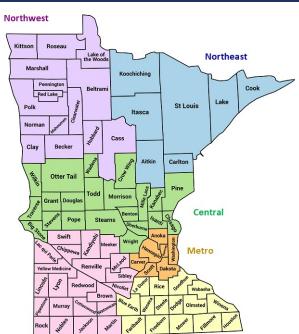
Tuesday, June 13th 1 pm to 3 pm

#### **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



Registration is open Now!

# Northern Minnesota Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 13: 1 pm to 3 pm\*

# Central Minnesota Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 20th: 9 am to 11 am\*

## Metro Minnesota Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th: 9 am to 11 am\*

# Southern Minnesota Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th: 1 pm to 3 pm\*

\*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!



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# Come Join Us at the Twin Cities Pride Festival!

Saturday June 24th and Sunday June 25th--Loring Park Minneapolis

Stop by, say hello, grab some MAC swag, and sign up for information about our work.

Booth number Y102 (in between the Rainbow Stage and the Food Court)

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MAC is committed to outreaching to underserved communities around the state. LGBT Pride is an example but if you know of other free or low cost events where we can outreach and meet more people to talk about the work of victim services organizations across the state we would love to hear about it. Email <a href="mailto:kim@mnallianceoncrime.org">kim@mnallianceoncrime.org</a>.

Thanks and we hope to see you at Pride!



#### MAC MEMBER PROGRAMS:

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

FY24 MAC membership runs July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024.

Join over 90+ organizations and individuals across
Minnesota working to achieve our mission of
connecting systems, service providers, and victims to
advance the response for victims of crime.

All FY24 membership renewals due by August 18, 2023.



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MAC's 30th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser

held in conjunction with our

Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training

Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN September 7th, 2023 5 pm to 9 pm.

We would love to see you there!

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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.

Each year MAC hosts an annual meeting for our member organizations to come together to grow our capacity for victim services through training and community building. 2023 is an important year because *it is our 30th anniversary and we are hosting a fundraiser at the Kelly Inn in St Cloud which will take place in-person September 7, 2023.* We are anticipating that over 150 service providers from across the state will join us.

We organize and host this event annually for our membership, and we need support to create an event our members will truly benefit from and enjoy. Consider being an individual or corporate sponsor today, consider donating to our online and live auctions at the event! The event will be a fun honoring of the last 30 years of MAC while celebrating the start of our new strategic direction.

We are looking forward to meeting old and new friends of MAC and the presentation of our *Spotlight award*, which honors advocates and staff who work with crime victims across the state. There will also be a wide variety of foods to choose from served buffet-style, a cash bar with non-alcoholic options, the *live and online auctions*, and a wine-pull (with a coffee pull for non-drinkers), a photo booth set-set up, speakers, videos, music, and of course fun to be had by all celebrating 30 years of working together to serve crime victims throughout Minnesota!

Individual and Group tickets are \$50
Individual and Corporate Sponsorship start at \$150
COMING SOON--Advocate sliding scale tickets starting at \$10

**Become an Individual and Corporate Sponsor NOW!** 

**Donate to our Online Auction NOW!** 

COMING SOON--Individual and Group Tickets

COMING SOON--Sliding Scale Advocate
Tickets

COMING SOON--Nominations for our Spotlight Awards!



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Online and In-person
Silent Auction Donation
tinyurl.com/MACauctionform

Member programs and individuals interested in assisting MAC with our online/and in-person silent and live aucion for our 30th anniversary event get in touch with Amee Krogfus, <a href="mailto:amee@mnallianceoncrime.org">amee@mnallianceoncrime.org</a>.

We are looking for ideas and places to ask around the state so that we can ensure that everyone has access to prizes from their area. We are also looking for donations of baskets and skills or experiences.

The PDF Form is attached here.

The electronic online donation form is here.

Please be in touch with Amee if you or your organizations are interested in donating baskets, skills, or experiences for us to auction off at our 30th. Thank you!

# news from the field

**Suicide Prevention for Victims of Crime.** Individuals who are victims of crime often experience significant physical and emotional distress due to trauma. Some victims also have other personal factors, such as a history of anxiety and depression. Together, these factors may place victims at risk for suicide. This

module provides victim advocates with a better understanding of suicide risk and best practices for suicide prevention for victims of crime. *More information*.

**Suicide Prevention for American Indian/Alaska Native (Al/AN) Victims of Crime.** Compared to the overall U.S. population, the suicide rates in Al/AN populations are significantly higher. This module provides information to support crime victim advocates as they build suicide prevention and response skills for working with Al/AN individuals. It also addresses several difficult topics, including trauma, victimization, and suicide risk. *More information*.

The Toolkit for Building Survivor-Informed Organizations is a collection of new and existing resources that builds organizational capacity to meaningfully collaborate with and support staff, volunteers, and consultants with lived experience in human trafficking. The toolkit is a resource for anti-trafficking organizations, coalitions, task forces, volunteer programs, and other community and faith-based organizations that want to improve collaboration with those impacted by human trafficking. <a href="More information">More information</a>.

**SurvivorSpace** offers practical tools to support adult survivors of child sexual abuse in their healing journey. Check out our latest resource, The Therapy Toolkit. Presented by clinical psychologist Sarah Helms, this engaging video series offers helpful coping tools that survivors can use anytime, anywhere. For survivors who are interested in seeking therapeutic services, the series also includes tips on choosing the right kind of therapy for you, as well as how to find a therapist. **Check out the full video series here.** 

#### **Funding Opportunities:**

FY 2023 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program. With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to support small and rural agencies in their efforts to combat violent crime. This program will provide funding to small and/or rural agencies and/or to prosecutors who are interested in implementing or improving the capacity of their organization around one or more critical elements found in the Violent Crime Reductions Operations Guide or the Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities. Eligible Applicants: City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments(federally recognized) Grants.gov Deadline: June 13, 2023. JustGrants Deadline: June 20, 2023. More information.

OVC FY 2023 Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime. OVC seeks to develop a workforce of victim service providers to serve American Indian and Alaska Native victims of crime in locations that are remote and where positions are hard to fill. This will be accomplished by engaging interested individuals, including but not limited to, college and university students, who are from, live, and/or attend school in these areas. Successful applicants will create (or continue operating) a victim service internship program that will place individuals in victim service positions either with a Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribally based victim service program. Closing Date June 20, 2023. OVC expects to make up to 10 awards of up to \$500,000 each for a 36-month period of performance to begin on October 1, 2023. More information.

Hennepin County is soliciting proposals for Sexually Exploited Youth (SEY) services. The priority population for these services includes youth within the Twin Cities geographical area who are age 10 through 24 years and who are at-risk or have been victims of sexual exploitation and/or sexual trafficking, with special emphasis placed upon serving youth who identify as Native American, African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and/or LGBTQ+. Proposers may submit one proposal

that includes one or more of these service categories: Prevention services, Early intervention services, Intervention services. *Proposal due date: June 26, 2023 at 2 p.m. Submit questions to HSPH.Vendor.Selection@hennepin.us.* 

upcoming MAC trainings and webinars

# Fundamentals in Victim Services

An in-person training for newer crime victim services professionals

June 6th-8th, 2023

15 hours of foundational skill building and networking

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Free for MAC members \$50 for non-members



Location: Anna Marie's Alliance St. Cloud, MN

#### In-Person Fundamentals Training in St Cloud June 6-8th!

Registration closed Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 at 5 pm CT

upcoming other trainings and webinars

#### **Other Trainings and Events:**

Activating change is offering Free Sign Language Interpretation Service for Victims Service Providers. Activating Change is launching a new service that provides remote sign language interpretation services – free of charge – to victim service providers in the United States. Victim service providers must meet eligibility requirements and apply to participate. Activating Change's Sign Language Interpreting Service for Deaf Victims closes the communication gap for Deaf victims of crime by providing qualified, trauma-informed remote sign language interpretation services – using safe and secure technology – free of charge to victim service providers serving Deaf victims of crime. The service also provides expert guidance, tools, and resources to strengthen organization's capacity to effectively secure, prepare and work with sign language interpreters of different specializations, including Deaf Interpreters and trilingual interpreters. *More information*.

Wear Orange Weekend is scheduled for June 2 - 4, 2023 to honor survivors of gun violence. Information about how to find an event in your community and a great social media Toolkit (with messages and artwork in English and Spanish) <u>here</u>.

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!

The National Crime Victim Law Institute's Crime Victim Law Conference is the premier national conference on rights enforcement in the country. Professionals serving victims gather to learn, share best practices, and plan the future of victims' rights. This year, the Pre-Conference Institute will be held on the afternoon of Monday, June 5th. The Crime Victim Law Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 6th and Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> More information and registration.

MCN is just three weeks away from the 2023 Nonprofit Leadership Conference, and this day-long gathering of nonprofit leaders is over-flowing with opportunities to add to your leadership toolbox, build relationships with nonprofit peers, and laugh until your belly hurts! Wednesday, June 14, 2023 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. McNamara Alumni Center 200 SE Oak St., Minneapolis. More information and registration.

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*.

On June 21 at 2:00 p.m. ET, the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center will present an online Expert Q&A discussion with Karin Ho on "The Role of Victim Assistance Providers in Victim Impact Programs." Victim impact programs are designed to foster empathy from offenders about how their actions harmed others. Correctional and probation employees often facilitate the programs to help guide offenders through various crime types and learn the potential impact each offense may have on victims. By understanding the impact of crime on victims, victims' families, and communities, offenders can develop strategies to avoid repeating their criminal behaviors. In this session, participants will learn about victim impact programs and how best to implement them in young offender and adult institutions. *Read more about this session.* 

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.

**BJA Presents: Restorative Justice for Prosecutors. Date: June 28, 2023, 3-4:30p.m. ET.** This webinar is intended for justice system actors and others looking to learn about restorative justice practices and their relevant applications for prosecutors. Current and former prosecutors will share their experiences of diverting legal cases from the traditional system and collaborating with community-led programs and partners, which include examining the process of establishing memorandums of understanding (MOUs) and any challenges within the criminal legal system. *More information and registration.* 

NNEDV's is hosting Safety Net's Technology Summit 2023, taking place July 17-19 in San Francisco. This unique three-day training summit focuses on the

intersection of technology and domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking. Covering a wide range of technology-related issues, this conference will be helpful to advocates, legal professionals, technologists, and law professionals who work with survivors of abuse. *More information and registration*.

The MCN Nonprofit Fundraising Conference is arriving Friday, July 28 in St. Paul! Join hundreds of fundraising peers for this day-long, in-person gathering where we'll reframe perspectives to inspire action and build confidence in the path ahead. Friday, July 28, 2023. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2023. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. InterContinental Hotel Saint Paul More information and registration

Join NOVA for their 49th Annual Training Event in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 31 – August 3, 2023. Meet the NOVA staff and helping professionals from around the world at the Marriott New Orleans for 4 days of inspiring keynote, engaging workshops and networking. This year, NOVA's theme is The Power of Connection. Engage and connect with NOVA's community of passionate professionals in the field of victim services and crisis response. More information and registration.

**Standpoint's New Laws 2023** dates and locations are here! Join them out on the road (or virtually!) and get the greatest source of up-to-date legal information related to domestic & sexual violence. Registration opens July 1<sup>st</sup>. **More information**.

Adverse Childhood Experiences & Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care
August 21 & 22, 2023 | 8:30AM - 12:30PM CT a training for professionals who work
with children and families, including educators and administrators, childcare
providers, law enforcement, youth-serving organizations, health and human service
providers, faith-based organizations, healthcare and victim advocates. <a href="More information">More information</a>.

Register today to attend the 2023 National Training Institute September 6-8, 2023 in Boston, MA. Early Bird registration for the 2023 National Training Institute is on sale. Register before May 1st to save \$100! Each year, the National Training Institute highlights innovative work in victim services, justice, and public safety. The 2023 National Training Institute, will include a variety of plenaries, training workshops, and networking opportunities. More information.

### contact us

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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