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Happy May!

I would like to say a few words about empowerment. I often hear advocates and programs articulate how their work empowers crime victims they work with. I understand the intent of what they are saying, but I challenge them to really think about the words they are using to describe their work.

Advocacy is embracing all aspects of a crime victim's/client's/program participant's/individual who has been impacted by trauma's life, and seeks to aid them in attaining power on decisions and actions in their own lives. These continued actions will support the individual along the path to self-empowerment.

When we say "we empower", it conveys the belief that we (advocates) have power over the life of the individual we are working alongside, and that, we have to empower them, because they can't empower themselves. I don't have the power to empower anyone. What I do have is information, resources, and access that can aid another person to empower themselves to take any number of actions. I can also pick and choose what information and access I provide to individuals and can hinder another person's journey to self-empowerment. That is why we talk about implicit

bias as much as we do.

Maybe this springtime analogy will be helpful. I don't have the power to make my spring perennial flowers bloom. But, I can clear the winter rubble that lies on top of them, fertilize them, water them if needed, and aid them in drawing on their innate power to bloom. Ultimately, there is something that only they possess and can empower within themselves, that results in bright and beautiful flowers.

Language matters. The words we choose to use to describe our work needs to clearly convey our intent and leave no ambiguity. Advocates walk alongside individuals who have been impacted by trauma and believe those individuals have the power to heal and restore themselves. Advocates have the awesome opportunity to aid and support them in THEIR journey!

As always, thank you for all you do, every day, with and for individuals impacted by crime in Minnesota!

In Peace!

Bobbi

CVS funding request

Crime Victim Services Funding Request

Minnesota's six crime victim service coalitions are continuing our request for an increase in base funding for crime victim services. These badly needed funds allow crime victims to access the services and support they need to care for themselves and their children. Crime victim services have not received an increase in base level state funding in over 8 years. Contact your representatives today!



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THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE



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After meeting with our relative coalitions, we made the decision to revise our \$25 million-dollar annual increase to base level CVS funding to \$10 million-dollars. Attached is the joint letter that we submitted to Chair Moller. Our primary

goal is ensure any increase in grant dollars for crime victim services go directly to the crime victim service fund and not into a pot that is a new funding stream and that is open to many organizations that do not provide direct services.

Chair Moller has indicated that she will continue to work with the six coalitions, even throughout the conference committee process. ***You may have seen that the Senate public safety omnibus bill includes a \$5 million-dollar increase in CVS funding. We are hopeful that as the House and Senate meet in conference committee, an increase to base-level CVS funding will be included on the final budget bill, as well as, the \$11 million-dollar annual and ongoing increase to the CVS fund to fill the gap of decreasing federal VOCA funds.***

I encourage you to contact Chair Moller and thank her for her continued commitment to crime victims and the programs that provide support and services to them.

Again, thank you for your support for HF 1437 and we will continue to send updates as conversations and negotiations move forward.

[Coalitions' REVISED Letter of Support](#)

[Click here to see coalitions' original talking points](#)



MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

Save the Date: Regional Meetings

Central Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 20th
9 am to 11 am

Northern Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 13th
1 pm to 3 pm

Southern Regional Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th
1 pm to 3 pm

Metro Regional Meeting

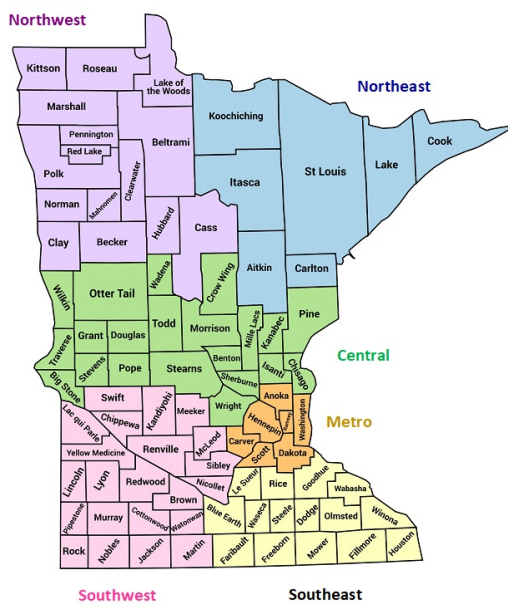
Tuesday, June 27th
9 am to 11 am

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!***



Save the Date

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

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!



mnallianceoncrime.org/30th-Anniversary

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-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!**

news from the field

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center needs your help! MIWRC is currently seeking \$30 million in cash bonds from the State of Minnesota to support the development of The Urban Indigenous Legacy Initiative. We need your voice and support now more than ever! In order to get this funding secured, legislators need to hear from their community - they need to know that people want and need

UILI. [More information.](#)

Watch: Black Women's Criminalization, Incarceration, & Resistance:

Historians' Work Toward Black Women's Liberation. National Black Women's Justice Institute hosted a conversation in April. Drs. T. Dionne Bailey, LaShawn D. Harris, Cheryl D. Hicks, and Talitha LeFlouria—to discuss how their scholarship and that of others focused on the criminalization of Black women is essential for present-day ongoing work toward Black women's liberation. [Watch the conversation now!](#)

NCVLI created a free online resource hub for attorneys representing crime victims.

Resources include interactive content and handouts teaching the foundations of victim representation, basics of litigation, and unique special considerations when the right to privacy is at stake. [More information.](#)

Zero Abuse Project's SurvivorSpace is now LIVE! This new website for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse allows users to learn from survivors, understand more about civil legislation, connect with others, and explore self-care tools. Built by survivors, for survivors, SurvivorSpace offers a variety of multimedia content that engages and inspires. [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. [More information.](#)

Based on requests from the field, prosecutors' offices and associations are experiencing the effects of overwhelming caseloads, particularly around difficult child abuse and sexual assault cases. [OVC TTAC has many resources available to help address vicarious trauma. More information.](#)

According to the **Crime Against Persons with Disabilities 2009-2019 Statistical Tables**, people with disabilities may be more than twice as likely to be victims of violent crime. Unfortunately, too many service providers report not seeing many victims with disabilities, possibly due to underreporting. **OVC TTAC has resources available to address this gap, to help providers reach all victims, and to offer victims appropriate and comprehensive services.** [More information.](#)

Funding Opportunities:

FY 2023 BJA Visiting Fellows Program solicitation. Presenters will discuss the purpose and goals of this funding opportunity, review its eligibility requirements, and address frequently asked questions. With this solicitation, BJA seeks to invest in current and future leaders in the criminal justice field to advance priority national policy issues and offer cross-developmental opportunities for Department of Justice staff and criminal justice practitioners and researchers. **Monday, May 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m. ET.** [More information.](#)

FY 2023 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI). Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in coordination with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), seeks applications for funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs. Awards made under this solicitation may be managed by BJA, OJJDP, or

OVC, depending on the nature of the funded project. **Grants.gov Deadline: May 18, 2023. JustGrants Deadline: May 25, 2023. [More information.](#)**

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. 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.](#)

upcoming MAC trainings and webinars

Advocating in Rural Minnesota: A Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Susie Hanson
Victim Service Coordinator
Stevens County Attorney's Office

Kim Anderson-Moen
Crime Victim Advocate
Someplace Safe

Vicki Walechka
Victim/Witness Coordinator
Le Sueur County Victim/Witness Program

Teresa Lhotka
Executive Director
Missing Children Minnesota



Thursday, May 4th at 11am-1pm

**Virtual and free for
all to attend!**

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime hosts Susie Hanson from Stevens County Attorney's Office, Kim Anderson-Moen from Someplace Safe, Vicki Walechka from Le Sueur County Victim/Witness Program, and Teresa Lhotka from Missing Children Minnesota to discuss providing advocacy in less populated areas of Minnesota.

Possible topics include, but not limited to:

- Accessing housing, mental health resources, and other social services
- Working with a small law enforcement agency
- Being the only advocate in the county
- Maintaining confidentiality and navigating relationships when everyone knows everyone
- Advocate safety in rural Minnesota
- Advocacy with indigenous communities

Register today and submit your questions to the panel!

REGISTER TODAY

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



**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!

About Fundamentals in Victim Services:

The June 2023 Fundamentals in Victim Services Training is an in-person 2.5 day training for victim advocates to develop core knowledge and skills to provide victim-centered services. By the end of this training, advocates will be able to:

- Understand the role of ongoing and historical trauma in victimization and develop skills for providing trauma-responsive advocacy to all victims of crime.
- Expand their understanding of vicarious trauma and strategies to build resilience for a sustainable career in victim services.
- Understand and examine their own Occupational Identity (OI) and identify strategies for cultivating healthy boundaries; and
- Describe key victims' rights and know how to find more information to ensure that criminal legal systems professionals are meeting statutory obligations regarding crime victims;
- Recognize and interrogate the roles of bias, privilege, and oppression in victimization and advocacy;
- Identify and honor the unique and complementary roles of community-based and systems-based advocates;

Furthermore, training participants will have opportunities to connect with one another and with experienced professionals with a range of knowledge and skills.

Agenda:

Tuesday, June 6th: 9am-4:30pm

Wednesday, June 7th: 9am-4:30pm

Thursday, June 8th: 9am-12:30pm

Detailed agenda will be posted in May 2023.

Fundamentals in Victim Services will feature interactive modules to appeal to different styles of learning, with a combination of lecture, small group work, and opportunities for individual reflection. The number of attendees will be limited to 25 to maximize the quality of interaction.

MAC will award a certificate of completion to attendees who complete all sessions. Participants are expected to complete all sessions live. If you cannot attend a live session, you must email us at training@mnallianceoncrime.org in advance to request an excused absence. Sessions may not be recorded.

We will apply for Continuing Legal Education (for attorneys) and Peace Officers Standings and Training (for law enforcement) credits by request. If you would like CLE or POST credits, please indicate this on your registration, or contact us at training@mnallianceoncrime.org by **May 19, 2023**.

Registration is free for MAC Member programs and \$50 for non-members. Not sure your program is a member? Check here: <https://www.mnallianceoncrime.org/our-member-programs/>

MAC will be celebrating it's 30th anniversary in 2023 with a special \$30 rate for new member programs! Join MAC before May 31st, 2023 and get membership through June 30th, 2023 for just \$30. [Click here](#) to join today!

Cancellation Policy: If you have registered and can no longer attend, please notify MAC as soon as you know that. Any cancellations received more than 72 hours prior to the start of the training will receive a full refund. Cancellations within 72 hours of the start will not receive a refund.

Registration will close Tuesday, May 30th, 2023 at 5 pm CT

[Register here!](#)

upcoming other trainings and webinars

Other Trainings and Events:

The MN Office of Justice Programs is the state administering agency for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, a federal source of criminal justice funding. Our agency is in the process of updating our five-year state strategy which will guide spending under this grant program. To aid in developing the state strategy, we are requesting input from criminal justice professionals and other interested parties across the state. The survey takes less than five minutes and the answers provided are confidential and anonymous. The survey will be available until **May 1, 2023**. [More information.](#)

Talking Circle: **Supporting Families of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Eastern Time.** From the National Center for Victims of Crime. [More information.](#)

ADEPT forensic interview protocols are the only disability specialized forensic interview protocols that were created for, by and with disabled forensic interviewers and our community. This cultural piece is often lacking in work surrounding crime victims with disabilities, which results in the inability to provide holistic care to the survivor. It's also uncommon for one organization to serve victims of all types of violent crime and neglect and people with all types of disabilities, as the AACs do. **Sign up on Zoom. This free webinar will be 90 minutes, including 30 minutes of Q&A.** [Register here.](#)

NATIONAL MMIWP AWARENESS DAY event in Bemidji, MN to honor & remember our relatives on **May 5th from 11am-3pm**. The event will start with a 5k walk/run and end with a program at Paul and Babe. They are calling singers & dancers, wear

red flowers and and bring signs! [More information.](#)

Save the date for Women's Advocates' 1st Annual Break the Cycle event on Saturday, May 6th! Save the date to join for a ride along Big Rivers Regional Trail and a community festival with food and fun-filled family activities with community partners! [Learn more!](#)

Freedom Dreaming: Envisioning Healing Communities for Survivors with Disabilities and Deaf Survivors. May 9, 2 - 3:30 pm ET May webinar, Tarana Burke – the founder of the #MeToo movement – and Najma Johnson – the co-founder of Together All in Solidarity – will engage in an intimate conversation about their respective experiences working in the anti-violence movement and how we can apply the practice of Freedom Dreaming to building a more inclusive and accessible movement. [More information.](#)

Collective Healing: Breaking the Cycle of White Supremacy, MCN will explore how it affects our daily work, as well as collectively look at how to break the cycle of white supremacy and take practical action towards equity. **May 10, 2023 in St Paul.** [More information.](#)

NCVC Presents: Countdown to Boston officially kicks off at 2 p.m. EST Wednesday, May 17, with "Making Victims' Rights a Reality: A National Perspective on Emerging Victims' Rights Issues." [More information.](#)

Men As Peacemakers is hosting a two-day Summit called "Coming Home to Ourselves: Healing for a Thriving and Connected Future! **May 25-26 in Duluth, MN.** [More information.](#)

On **May 31 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 Y. Joon Choi on "Clergy Response to Domestic Violence Survivors: How To Engage and Train Faith Leaders." [More information.](#)

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! [More information and registration here.](#)

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 7th.** [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.](#)

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.](#)**

[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 and registration.](#)**

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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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