



# MARCH 2022 NEWS

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME

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## from mac's executive director



Greetings!

The meteorological start of spring is only three weeks away! The days will get longer, the sun will shine warmer, and tulips and other spring flowers will start to push through the cold hard ground. That illustration applies to what is beginning to happen at MAC as well.

The past few months have felt cold and long, warmed only by the support of all of you and following the steady improvements of our dear friend, Danielle. Just like MAC, Danielle is also moving into a new season of her recovery. She continues to draw strength and encouragement from all of you. Please continue to follow her progress and leave notes of encouragement for on her CaringBridge site: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/daniellekluz>

MAC has been blessed to work with Kim Mongoven as a contractor for the past couple of months. She rescued Ameer and I from having to try to learn how to make things look "pretty" and she has breathed life into our social media accounts. I am feeling even more blessed to announce that Kim has accepted the position of Director of Communications and Development at MAC. To say I feel like MAC found the proverbial needle in the haystack, when we were introduced to Kim, (thank you Dr. Ganz), is an understatement. Her experience, skillset, and energy has added light and warmth to our work, and helped us to begin to realize the next season for MAC.

You can get to know Kim better by reading about her below. I invite you to fill Kim's inbox with greetings of welcome and introduction. You can reach her at: [kim@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:kim@mnallianceoncrime.org).

I hope to connect with you all, virtually, during many incredible trainings MAC is hosting in March. The countdown to spring is on and I wish you light and warmth.

*In Peace,*

## mac staff news



### **Kim Mongoven joins the Minnesota Alliance on Crime as the Program Director: Communications and Development.**

Kim has been working with MAC as the interim communications person since January and has now joined the team long-term. Kim worked in nonprofit fundraising and communications for over 20 years, working with international, national, and local organizations (including coalition work in Minnesota). She has her Master's of Science from DePaul University in nonprofit management and administration, her Bachelor's in English and history from St. Norbert College, and she has a life-long commitment to social justice both in a professional and volunteer capacity.

Despite being a little introverted Kim would welcome any thoughts you have as members and supporters of MAC! She is always looking to promote members upcoming trainings, events, and other opportunities on social media, on our website, as well as in this newsletter--so please share your opportunities with us so we can support you better in your work!

Kim lives in South Minneapolis with her cats, dogs, and chickens in a home that is slowly turning into an urban farm. Overjoyed that it is \*almost\* spring--which means planting season--but not just for the myriad of vegetables in her garden. Kim is extremely excited to work with Bobbi and Ameer (and all of you) on moving MAC into the next season of growth as well. Feel free to say hi, ask questions, or suggest items for the next newsletter/social media post! [kim@mnallianceoncrime.org](mailto:kim@mnallianceoncrime.org).

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### **Careers at the Minnesota Alliance Against Crime:**

- **Program Director: Training**
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## news from the field

**The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs announced a new Victim Service Portal.** The Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Program announced a new feature, the Victim Service Portal, which allows victims to apply for reparations online and directly upload documents into the reparations claims management system. The Victim Services Portal (VSP) can be accessed using any equipment that has Internet capabilities. Once in the VSP, users create a profile, directly input information to apply for reparations, and upload documents to support their application. Once a profile has been created, the applicant can check on the status of their claim through the VSP. If an application is made through the VSP, documents related to the claim can only be submitted through the VSP. [Access the portal.](#)

**End Abuse for People with Disabilities** in honor of **Black History Month** sent out an email with resources to support **Black Survivors with Disabilities and Black Deaf Survivors** full of links to organizations working on these issues. They also have a toolkit online some of you may be interested in **Just Ask: A Toolkit to Help Advocates, Attorneys, and Law Enforcement Meet the Needs of Crime Victims with Disabilities.**

**The Minnesota Elder Justice Center created a new video library** on their website of webinars. They will continue to build this library. [Access the library.](#)

The **Improving Community Preparedness to Assist Victims of Mass Violence and Domestic Terrorism: Training and Technical Assistance** (ICP TTA) program, in cooperation with four national partners and a cadre of subject matter experts, provides free training and technical assistance to communities looking to incorporate victim care into emergency planning. Using **16 Best Practices in Planning** to close the gap between emergency management and victim services operations, ICP TTA helps communities improve their response to mass violence or domestic terrorism incidents.

**Youth Technology Study from Cornell** Cornell is recruiting Clinicians, Advocates, Educators, Parents, and Caregivers who are concerned about youth technology and safety. Adolescents are prolific users of technology and social media, but sometimes encounter online risks such as harassment, cyberbullying, and exposure to explicit content. Participate in a 60 minute interview on Zoom with one of our researchers. We can give you more details about the study and answer any questions you have. We will send you a \$25 eGift Card as a thank you. Please email us at [techsafety@cornell.edu](mailto:techsafety@cornell.edu) or use this link [Sign-up to participate in the Youth Tech Safety Study](#).

**The Promoting Employment Opportunities for Survivors of Trafficking (PEOST) Training and Technical Assistance Project, in cooperation with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)**, aims to increase access to quality educational and employment opportunities for survivors of human trafficking. [More information here.](#)

**Restorative Justice: A Best Practice Guide for Prosecutors in Smaller Jurisdictions** is foundational for rural, remote and Tribal communities that sponsor restorative justice programs and practices.

**International Association of Chiefs of Police and National Network to end Domestic Violence**, a new publication is available to help law enforcement-based victim service providers assess their readiness to use virtual communication technologies. [Establishing or Enhancing Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services – Using Technology to Communicate with Victims](#) offers step-by-step guidance focusing on identifying policies and practices, making key decisions and adapting policies, and training personnel.

**Gifford's Courage to Fight Gun Violence** released [From Healing to Action: A Toolkit for Gun Violence Survivors and Allies](#). This two-part toolkit aims to give you some of what we wish we'd had the day our lives changed forever, and what we've learned since. Part One is devoted to the emotional needs survivors face. Part Two is about the various ways survivors can advocate for change.

**Registration opens in early March for the May 3 – 4, 2022 Safe Harbor Conference.** They are hosting a [Healing from Human Trafficking Art Gallery Video project](#) that is part of the conference! During the 2022 Conference, the planning committee will honor survivor resilience and strength through art! Examples might include a poem, book cover, painting, drawing, jewelry, pottery, etc., that expresses survivor hope and what they are grateful for that contributes to their healing process. Once we have **received all of the submissions by March 17th**, if you are a survivor of human trafficking and wish to submit your art, or for more information about this project, please go to the survey found [here](#).

Save the Date! **NCVLI's Crime Victim Law Conference will be held virtually June 16-18.** The Conference is the only national conference focused on Victim Law, with an emphasis on victims' rights enforcement in criminal cases. We are accepting submissions through this [Session Proposal Form](#) for the 2022 Crime Victim Law Conference. Share your expertise! Please click [this link](#) for information and to submit the Session Proposal Form. **The submission deadline is March 15, 2022.** Questions about the Conference or the submission process should be directed to [ncvliconference@lclark.edu](mailto:ncvliconference@lclark.edu).

**Women's Advocates** is excited to offer their second [Online Survivor Support Group](#). This group may be for you if you have experienced sexual and/or domestic violence and if you are looking for a collective, welcoming space to connect with yourself and with others as you continue on your healing journey. This is not a therapy group, it is a peer support group where the facilitators will bring various topics (boundaries, healthy communication, trust, safety) to the group and create a space for all group members to learn from each other. [For more information.](#)

upcoming MAC trainings and webinars

## POST-CONVICTION ADVOCACY AT MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

March 1 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Presented by:

Sarah King: Restorative Justice Coordinator

Brittany Anderson: Victim Services Coordinator

Liz Richards: Director of the Victim Services & Restorative Justice unit

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# Cultivating Culture Change

Upcoming Webinars and Workshops

*\*Open to all individuals working in Crime Victim Services*

## **KNOW YOUR FEELINGS TO KNOW YOUR BOUNDARIES: EMOTIONAL LITERACY AND MISSION-DRIVEN WORK**

**Thursday, March 3**

**12:00 - 1:30 pm**

## **CONSTRUCTING THE FOUNDATIONS OF OI: EMOTIONAL LITERACY AND ESTABLISHING SUSTAINABLE BOUNDARIES & HABITS AT WORK**

**Thursday, March 17**

**12:00 - 1:30 pm**



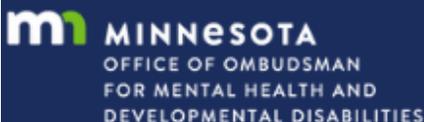
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## **Forensic Commitments Overview**

**March 30, 12:00 PM -1:30 PM CST**

While working in crime victims' services, it is critical that professionals know many aspects of the criminal justice response which includes the process of forensic commitments.

Presented by Michael Woods, Minnesota Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities



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**Pathways Counseling Center is now offering training and consultation on sleep disturbances!**To this end, Pathways Counseling Center, Inc. is *now offering* remote-based training and consultation services to organizations and individual professionals interested in developing an increased awareness and understanding of the role and impact sleep disturbances have on clients diagnosed with various mental health, neurodevelopmental, neurocognitive, and chemical health disorders. If interested in training or consultation on the role and impact sleep disturbances may have on your clients, [contact Jerrod Brown, Ph.D.](#)

**Introduction to Restorative Justice for Community Healing and Transformation 2-hour online Training from the Minnesota Peacebuilding Institute.** Ruptured relationships create psychological trauma, conflict, and violence. Restorative Justice allows for truth-telling and repairing harm for healed, just, equitable relationships setting the stage for the possibility of reconciliation. Healed, just relationships

are violence prevention. [March 3, 2022 11 am- 1 pm CST to register.](#)

**Wednesday March 9th. NEW FREE WEBINAR: Canva for Nonprofits: An overview of the free plan (Canva Pro) for Nonprofits.** Canva is on a mission to empower the whole world to design. With its free Canva for Nonprofits program, registered nonprofits, social impact organizations and health organizations can apply for a free Canva Pro plan and unlock a whole suite of premium design features. With Canva Pro for Nonprofits, you can build your brand, create campaigns and marketing materials, and design the change you want to see in the world. Check the eligibility guidelines for your country and apply for your free Canva Pro account at [here](#).

**The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center Helping Victims of Mass Violence and Terrorism: Planning, Response, Recovery, and Resources Toolkit web training series** continues with an in-depth look at establishing a Hospitality Center. A Hospitality Center, also known as a safe haven, provides a secure environment where victims and survivors can find supportive services during the trial following a mass violence incident. The two webinars are available [Tuesday, March 8, 2022](#) and [Thursday, March 10, 2022](#).

**World Without Exploitation** is proud to present **When family is a force for harm: Ending interfamilial human trafficking on March 10th at 12pm ET.** During the webinar we will explore the root causes and consequences of interfamilial human trafficking, while thinking in new ways about how to address it. [More information and registration.](#)

Join **The Minnesota Women's Indian Resource Center** for a discussion about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic in anticipation of the broadcast of **BRING HER HOME**. The United States is facing a human rights crisis known as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic. Out of the 5,712 Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women counted in 2016, only 116 were logged in a Department of Justice database. **Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM CDT.** [Register here.](#)

**Zero Abuse project is hosting Adverse Childhood Experiences & Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care (ACE-TIC).** Who should be interested: This training is for anyone who works with children and adults. The impact of childhood trauma has the potential to last a lifetime. This training will help you identify stressors, provide strategies to intervene, and tools to interrupt trauma. [March 22-23, 2022 | 8:30AM-12:30PM CST to register.](#)

**How does white supremacy show up in and affect your work?** While powerfully entrenched in so many areas of society, white supremacy is not inevitable. In both our personal and professional lives, there is much we can (and must) do to dismantle it through our individual and collective efforts towards social justice. During **Collective Healing: Breaking the Cycle of White Supremacy**, we will explore how affects our daily work, as well as collectively look at how to break the cycle of white supremacy and take practical action towards equity. Virtual Series Details: **April 29, May 6, & May 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.** \$115 for MCN members / \$165 for nonmembers. [Register here.](#)

**On March 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET, the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)** will present an online Expert Q&A discussion with Pamela Champlain and Janet Fine on **"Establishing Victim Services Vicarious Trauma Response Collaboratives."** [For more information and registration.](#)

## 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](http://www.mnallianceoncrime.org).**

**To join our coalition of Minnesota crime victim service programs, [click here](#).**

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