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Dear MAC Members and Allies:

I just got off the phone with a victim of assault. He had been out with friends celebrating a work promotion when an argument between two other bar patrons broke out. In an attempt to deescalate the situation, he stepped in between the two individuals and was struck in the face, resulting in a broken nose and cheekbone. This well-intentioned individual is now navigating systems with which he never dreamed he would be involved.

As I listened to him, I was struck by his genuine shock that the responses he had received from law enforcement, prosecution, and crime victim reparations were helpful and "filled with genuine care and concern." In fact, the reason he was calling MAC was to ask about how to go publicly thank the individuals who were navigating the systems alongside him. We talked for about twenty minutes about the different things he could do to say thank you, and when I asked him if I could share his story without identifying him, and he said, "Please do that! These people need to know they make a difference!"



So, if any of you are doubting if what you do for victims makes a difference, know that it does. When I asked the caller what, specifically, had been most helpful to him, he said, "They were just plain kind and patient when they talked to me." MAC strives to develop training for all criminal justice professionals and advocates that is rooted in promising practices and is trauma-informed, but at the end of the day, if we all just rooted our work in kindness and genuine concern for victims, we would make an incredible difference and affect lasting change.

It's usually when something goes wrong that we hear about what we should have done differently or better, so I thanked the caller for taking time to let us know we are doing something right. I have a wooden block on my desk that says "Always be a little bit kinder than necessary." I will look at it every time I talk with a victim, especially when they aren't calling to say thank you, and I will believe that kindness can make a difference.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do for victims.

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg



OJP Human Trafficking Report Released:

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) biannual report on human trafficking in Minnesota is now available. This report is legislatively mandated under Minnesota Statutes section 299A.785. Minnesota is dedicated to combating human trafficking. In 2011, Minnesota passed Safe Harbor legislation, which reclassified minors (under the age of 18) as sexually exploited if they were found to have engaged in any form of commercial sexual activity. Full implementation of the law went into effect in 2014.

Due to the methodology of the report, which in part administers a survey gathering information from the previous year (i.e.: for the 2016 survey, information was gathered from 2015), the 2016 Human Trafficking Report is the first in the series to illustrate the impact Safe Harbor has had on victim identification of sex trafficking offenses in Minnesota. The number of victims identified have increased dramatically. It can be inferred that this is in large part due to the trainings and services provided in the state focused on sex trafficking.

Any questions relating to this report can be directed to Zoe Wisnoski, OJP Criminal Justice Analyst at: zoe.wisnoski@state.mn.us. [Download report here](#).

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless: Call for Conference Presenters

The Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless seeks workshop proposals for our 2017 conference titled: "How Far Can We Go?" The conference will be held in Brainerd, MN on September 26 and 27, 2017.

Proposals should meet the professional and personal development needs of a diverse audience, including people new to the work, experienced professionals and people experiencing housing and economic insecurity. We will give special attention to those that seek to answer the central question and theme of this year's conference: "How Far Can We Go?" [Find more info and submit your proposal here](#) by May 12, 2017.

Office on Victims of Crime Vicarious Trauma Toolkit:

[The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit](#) (VTT) has launched, providing first responder and victim service organizations with evidence-informed tools to address the impact of vicarious trauma on their staff and volunteers. Going beyond responding to stress, the VTT helps organizations respond to the challenges of the work by supporting their efforts at becoming vicarious trauma-informed with these tools:

- [Vicarious Trauma Organizational Readiness Guide \(VT-ORG\)](#) is an assessment tool your organization can use that measures five areas of evidence-informed strengths of organizations that are healthy.
- [Compendium of Resources](#) contains nearly 500 tools that organizations can use to become more

informed about vicarious trauma, including policies, research literature, training materials and links to websites, podcasts, and videos.

Star Tribune: Greater Twin Cities United Way Cuts Its Family Violence Program

The Greater Twin Cities United Way plans to partly close a \$6 million fundraising shortfall this year by eliminating Safety from Family Violence, a \$4.5 million domestic violence grant program that had been funded for the next two years.

Stunned managers for 16 local domestic violence programs, many of whom have received United Way dollars for decades, will meet with United Way leaders next week even though they have been told the decision to make the cuts is final. They were notified of the cuts in early April, giving them a short time to plug their own funding gaps.

[Read more.](#)

New LGBTQ Legal Clinic

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00 pm at The Exchange: 3405 Chicago Ave. S, Minneapolis

2nd & 4th Monday of each month from 2:00-4:00pm, and the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11:00-1:00 pm, at Family Tree Clinic: 1619 Dayton Ave. #205, St. Paul

What we can do to help: Attorneys will be available to give information, forms, and advice about identity document corrections, such as name changes and gender marker changes. We can advise about the process in Minnesota and help you figure out how other states work. We can help fill out forms, make phone calls, get information from third parties, and provide written information about your legal issue. Do you have another type of legal issue? We can help with general information about the law and referrals to other free and low cost resources. [Make an appointment here.](#) Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Before you visit us: Gather all documents that are related to your legal question. Bring these with you when you meet with the lawyer. Things to look for: letters from government agencies, court orders, existing identity documents, lease agreements, and court records such as criminal history. Think about what outcome you would like, so the lawyer knows what you are trying to do and what is most important to you to resolve the problem. If you have a friend, advocate, or caseworker who is helping you with your legal issue, consider bringing them with you.

For a complete list of Volunteer Lawyers Network clinics, go to www.vlnmn.org/vln-clinics. You can also contact Courtney Baga with questions: Courtney.Baga@faegrebd.com or 612-766-7819.

Duluth News Tribune: Rally in Canal Park Highlights Exploited Indigenous Women

Although officially a rally on behalf of all missing, murdered, and trafficked indigenous people, a group that gathered in Canal Park on Monday afternoon had one specific woman in mind.

"I'm going to speak about Sheila St. Clair today," organizer Shawn Carr said in advance of a ceremony along the brick walkway outside of the DeWitt-Seitz Marketplace that mixed solemnity with defiance.

It has been more than 20 months since St. Clair, who was 48 and lived in Duluth at the time she went missing, was last seen. She had announced plans to travel to the White Earth Reservation in western Minnesota but never arrived, and family members haven't seen or heard from her since.

Duluth police called St. Clair's disappearance "extremely suspect" and offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for her disappearance. So far, no definite leads have been reported. "It's not for lack of trying by the police department, because I know they put a lot of time and effort into it," Carr said.

[Read more.](#)



fundamentals in victim services training

june 22 & 23, 2017
bloomington, mn

a two-day general crime advocacy training

minnesota alliance on crime



The MAC Fundamentals in Victim Services Training is a two-day general crime advocacy training to develop core advocacy knowledge and skills to provide victim-centered services. This training will cover:

- The role and importance of the advocate (both community-based and system-based);
- Working in collaboration with other criminal justice professionals;
- Ethics in advocacy;
- Crime victims' rights;
- Systems change advocacy;
- Understanding bias, privilege, and oppression;
- Advocate self-care and secondary trauma; and
- MORE!

The training will feature interactive modules to appeal to different styles of learning, with a combination of lecture, small group work, roleplay, and games.

Who Should Attend:

General crime advocates who have been working in the field for one year or less are the primary audience. Advocates with more experience who would like a refresher training to strengthen their understanding of core advocacy may participate, too. Both systems-based and community-based advocates are welcome, as well as law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and other criminal justice system professionals.

Dates and Times:

Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 23, 2017
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location:

Crowne Plaza Bloomington, 5401 Green Valley Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437
[\(952\) 831-8000](tel:9528318000) | www.cpmssp.com

Training Fee:

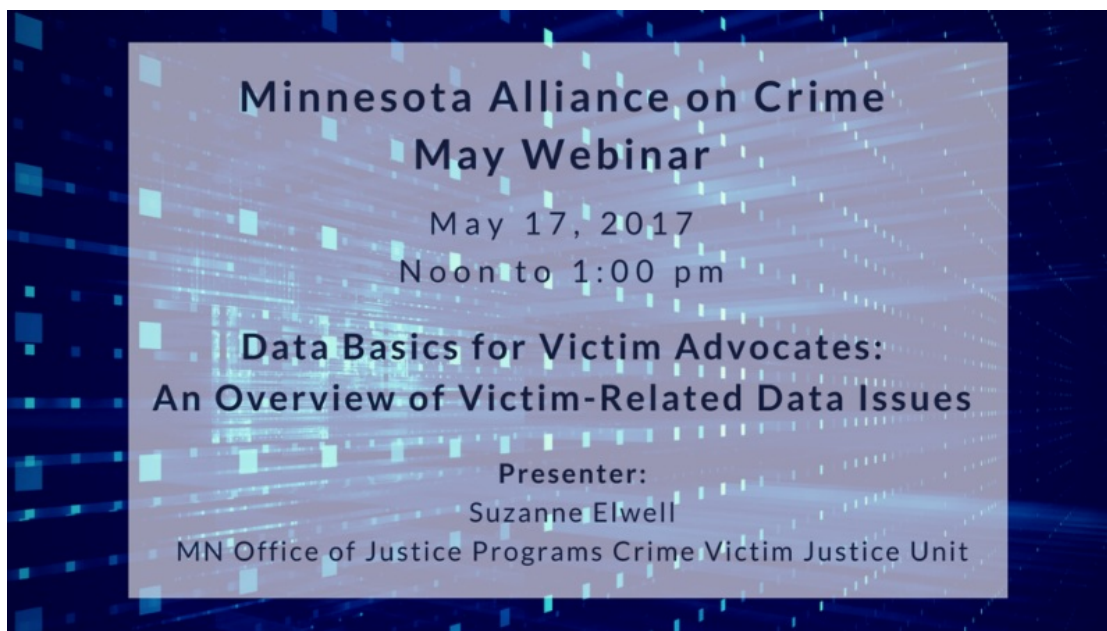
FREE for all participants.

Mileage, Lodging, and Meal Reimbursement:

MAC will reimburse mileage, lodging, and some meals for qualified participants. Please click on the button below for more information about how to apply for reimbursement.

Registration Deadline:

Friday, June 16, 2017 or when space fills. Register early to ensure your place!



Webinar Info & Registration



Office of Justice Programs

A Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety



2017 Conference on Crime and Victimization: May 23-25, 2017

The conference will be held at [Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake in Brainerd, MN](#). Please read the information below for important conference details.

To register for the 2017 OJP Annual Conference on Crime and Victimization, click here: [Conference Registration](#).

The conference offers over 40 multi-disciplinary sessions and evening entertainment options. There will be many new sessions for you to choose from this year!

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23. Workshops begin at 2:00 pm with our first keynote speaker, John Clune, at 3:30 pm. Wednesday morning will begin with the opening ceremony and award presentation at 8:00 am with Department of Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman.

Reservations can be made directly with Craguns Resort and Hotel by clicking [here](#) to receive the discounted

What Advocates Need to Know About Law Enforcement's Role (Part 1: CCR Problem-Solving Series: The Role of Law Enforcement)

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | May 4, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 pm

Law enforcement plays a critical role in the current legal system response to domestic violence. As first responders to calls of domestic violence, much of the system's ability to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable relies upon the initial response and investigations done by law enforcement officers. Advocates with detailed knowledge of the daily work of police officers can provide valuable information to victims of crime. Join BWJP for a discussion with experienced advocate and executive director, Mary Ingham (Mason City, IA), and Chief Deputy David Hepperly from the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office (Iowa), on the role of law enforcement in the response to intimate partner violence crimes. [Learn more.](#)

Centering Racial Equity

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

In-Person | May 4-5, 2017 | St. Cloud Police Department, 101 11th Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303

\$55 per person

In order to achieve maximum effectiveness working with Native children and children of color, the rejection of policies and practices of institutional racism must be an organizational priority. Actively centering racial equity is critical to the work of any and every multidisciplinary team. This interactive workshop will: explore racial oppression, identify how it impacts services and advocacy, and explore policies and practices that can support racial equity. Presenters are Nicole Matthews of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and Ed Heisler of Men as Peacemakers. [Learn more.](#)

Where Do We Go From Here? Unfinished Business

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | May 9, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 pm

Andrew and Jessica Klein's book, *Abetting Batterers: What Police, Prosecutors, and Courts Aren't Doing to Protect America's Women*, reveals a pattern of incompetence and inattention in how the criminal justice system responds to domestic violence. Their first webinar discussed the evolution of system responses leading to criminalizing domestic violence, encouraging arrests, and prosecuting and sentencing abusers. The author's research points to a problem in commitment rather than the ability to do the job. In this second part, the Kleins focus more on the future, suggesting strategies to ensure that good practices and policies are replicated throughout the country. [Learn more.](#)

Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility: Lessons Learned From States That Have Undertaken Policy Shifts

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Webinar | May 10, 2017 | 1:00 -2:00 pm

This webinar will discuss the experiences of seven states that have successfully raised the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years of age. Participants will learn the strategies that states have used to contain costs and enhance public safety while absorbing youth who are 16 and 17 years of age into their juvenile justice systems. This is the second webinar in the Raise the Age Training and Technical Assistance Center Webinar Series. [Learn more.](#)

Using the National Crime Information Center to Spread the Word About Protection Orders

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Center

Webinar | May 17, 2017 | 1:00-2:30 pm

The NCIC Protection Order File (POF) contains information on court orders that are issued to prevent acts of domestic violence against a person or to prevent a person from stalking, intimidating, or harassing another person. This presentation will thoroughly examine this NCIC file and how it can be used effectively by criminal justice agencies all across the United States and its territories. Presenter: Harry E. Carlile Jr., Training Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation. [Learn more.](#)

The Batterer as Parent

Sponsored by Pearl Crisis Center

In-Person | May 18, 2017 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | Northern Lights Ballroom, Milaca, MN

Free for members of the Mille Lacs County Family Violence Coordinating Council | \$20 non-members

Lundy Bancroft has over twenty-five years of experience specializing in interventions for abusive men and

their families. He has authored five books in the field, including the U.S.'s best-selling book on domestic violence, *Why Does He Do That?*, and the national prizewinner *The Batterer as Parent*. Lundy is a former co-director of Emerge, the nation's first counseling program for men who batter, and was involved in over 2000 cases as counselor and clinical supervisor. He has also served extensively as a custody evaluator, child abuse investigator, and expert witness. Lundy appears across the continent as a presenter for court personnel, child protective workers, mental health providers, law enforcement officials, and other audiences. [Learn more.](#)

Advocate Lessons: How Law Enforcement Responds to and Investigates Domestic Violence Cases (Part 2: CCR Problem-Solving Series: The Role of Law Enforcement)

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Center

Webinar | May 18, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 pm

This second webinar in BWJP's CCR Problem-Solving Series builds upon the initial discussion of law enforcement response and specifically explores the role and responsibilities of law enforcement in their initial response to domestic violence cases. Learn how officers understand, consider, and implement legal concepts such as mandatory/preferred arrest, predominant aggressor, and self-defense. We will discuss how dual arrest might occur and how it poses difficulties for practitioners and serious challenges for victims.

Presenters: Mary Ingham, Crisis Intervention Service, Mason City, IA and Chief Deputy David Hepperly, Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office, IA. [Learn more.](#)

Advocate Lessons: How Law Enforcement Responds to and Investigates Sexual Assault Cases (Part 3: CCR Problem-Solving Series: The Role of Law Enforcement)

Sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project

Webinar | June 1, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 pm

In this webinar, our presenters will discuss how police officers respond to sexual assault cases initially and through the investigation and how advocates who understand these law enforcement responsibilities and requirements can better support victims of sexual assault through a legal process that may compound the initial impact of the crime itself. Presenters: Mary Ingham, Crisis Intervention Service, Mason City, IA and Dave Markel, Owner/Director, Markel Consulting, LLC. [Learn more.](#)

Save the Date: Great Lakes Native American Conference

In-Person | August 9-11, 2017 | Mystic Lake Casino Hotel

More details soon!



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:

- 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)



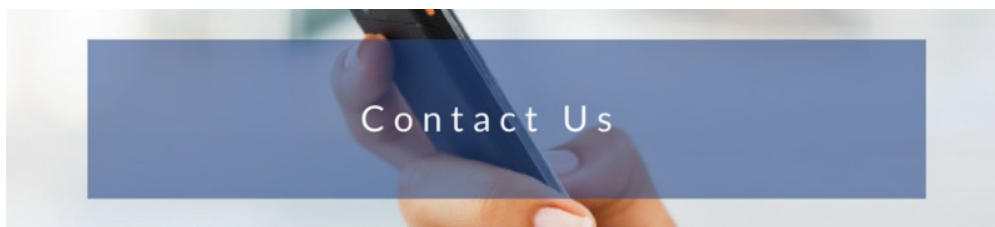
[Click for updates from the Appellate Court.](#)



[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 by the 28th of each month.

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



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

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