Dear MAC Members and Allies:

Spring is finally here! Weather is something we Minnesotans know you can never count on, so we learn to really appreciate the things and people we can count on. For me, it’s my incredibly talented and committed colleagues, Danielle Kluz and Julia Tindell.
Month after month you read my messages about all the incredible things happening at MAC and you need to understand that without Danielle and Julia, none of this great work would be possible. I feel blessed, energized, and privileged to work alongside these two brilliant women each day.

Speaking of Danielle and Julia, they will both be attending the 2018 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization on May 22-24, 2018. If you’re attending the conference, take a minute to stop by the MAC resource table to say hello and browse the beautifully handcrafted pottery created by MAC board member, Diana Homa. Diane is an incredibly talented artist and generously donates the proceeds from her sales at the OJP Conference to MAC. Also, we will be hosting a reception with the other victim service coalitions on the night of Wednesday, May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the Cragun’s Pool Deck. Please join us!

I am excited to announce that MAC now has 89 incredible member programs. MAC’s strength lies in the collective power and work of our members. In FY18 we created opportunities for members to connect with MAC staff and each other and I’m proud to say we have planned for even more opportunities in FY19. MAC member programs provide some level of service in 82 MN counties. We hope to expand our reach to all Minnesota counties in FY19 and to provide training and technical assistance that grows the capacity of all member programs to provide critical support and services to victims of crime. If you would like more information on joining MAC as a member, go to our website. If you have questions, please contact Danielle at danielle@mnallianceoncrime.org.

In an effort to recognize the incredible work of our member programs, this summer we will be launching an initiative called “Spotlight on Service.” We will be asking you to let us know about MAC member programs and/or individuals that are going above and beyond to provide innovative and best practice services to victims of crime. We want to reach out to them and tell their stories in our monthly newsletter. We are also planning to launch the inaugural Spotlight Award that will be presented at lunch during MAC’s Annual Meeting and Capacity Building Training on September 6-7, 2018. Watch for more information regarding the nomination process.

Again, thank you for all you do every day to elevate the voices and experiences of crime victims throughout Minnesota!

In Peace,

Bobbi Holtberg

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**JOINT COALITION RECEPTION AT THE OJP CONFERENCE**

*Sponsored by MN Alliance on Crime, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault, MN Coalition for Battered Women, MN Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition & Sacred Hoop Coalition*

**Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

**Cragun’s Poolside/Deck Area**

**Cash Bar**
Save the Date

Expand the Circle: Annual Meeting & Capacity Building Training
September 6-7, 2019
Dakota Lodge, West St. Paul, MN

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime

National Latin@ Network: Facilitating Language Access - Working With Interpreters
An informative blog post on effectively working with victims/survivors and interpreters to provide access to all victims. Click here.

WATCH: Addressing the Demand Side of Sex Trafficking Report
WATCH launched its Sex Trafficking Initiative in January 2014. This report focuses specifically on buyers of sex in Hennepin and Ramsey County. The key findings in this report are derived from information collected from 136 cases involving Minnesota Statute 609.324. These 136 cases involve both underage and adult victims of sex trafficking. In this report the key findings and recommendations apply to cases of purchasing sex with underage girls. Click here.

National Crime Victim Law Institute: Post-Conviction Services Survey
Securing victims’ rights post-conviction requires a comprehensive, victim-inclusive approach. This is true because despite victims’ significant rights and interests post-conviction, victims continue to have a range of unmet needs. NCVLI is working to help fill this gap through its work with its Post-Conviction Victims’ Rights Knowledge, Access and Enforcement Project. Please complete this short questionnaire to let them know what resource-topics would most enhance your work with victims.

Upcoming Trainings & Webinars
About This Webinar:
When many of us are asked to provide training or a presentation for our coworkers and colleagues, we often aren’t sure how to create a PowerPoint presentation that is useful for both the trainer AND the audience. This webinar will discuss how to create a user- and audience-friendly presentation and tips and tricks to create the best PowerPoint possible. The webinar is free for all.

Who Should Attend the Webinar:
Anyone interested in improving their presentations for trainings. It is best suited for those who already have basic familiarity with PowerPoint.

About Danielle Kluz:
Danielle has worked in the anti-violence field since 2001, strengthening local and statewide organizations in Minnesota through communications, public awareness, media advocacy, event planning, fundraising, policy development, training and technical assistance, program management, and primary prevention. She has created more PowerPoint presentations than she cares to remember.

MAC has applied for 1.0 standard CLE credit for this webinar.

Register Now!

2018 OJP Annual Conference on Crime and Victimization
May 22-24, 2018

Register now to attend the OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, to be held May 22-24, 2018 at Cragun’s Resort on Gull Lake in Brainerd, MN.

See a draft agenda here and make plans to attend the annual event where professionals come together to learn, challenge their thinking, and connect with colleagues!

Conference registration is $150. Lodging and meal packages are purchased separately through Cragun’s.
About This Event:
We are excited for you to join us for the July meeting of the Minnesota Identity Theft & Cybercrime Information & Resource Network (MITCIRN). The first half of the day will consist of a network meeting to discuss network business as well as opportunities for connecting with other participants, as well as time for committees to meet to discuss committee goals and work in person.

In the afternoon, there will be advanced training. The advanced training is still in the process of being confirmed. Currently we are anticipating:

- Jen Fox, Director of Consumer Outreach and Community Relations, Department of Commerce, who will speak about the work happening at the Department of Commerce, including investigations that happen within the department, and will share resources.
- Pauline Sager (Investigative Aide, Eden Prairie Police Department) and Susan Krum (Senior Assistant County Attorney, Hennepin County), who will discuss how they created the Hennepin County Identity Theft Resource Guide for victims, and will provide insights as to how other counties can do similar work to reduce the work victims have to do when reporting to law enforcement about identity theft.
- Cybercrime Panel, featuring Christophe Veltsos, CISSP, CISA, CIPP, Professor at Mankato State University

MAC will apply for CLE and POST credits once the agenda is confirmed.

Who Should Attend:
Professionals who work with victims of identity theft or on identity theft issues, including victim advocates, civil attorneys, law enforcement, prosecutors, government staff, and staff of consumer protection agencies.

Cost:
FREE.
Other Trainings and Webinars

Caught and Rescued: Case Study Identifying, Investigating, and Prosecuting Human Traffickers
National White Collar Crime Center
Webinar | May 2, 2018 | 12:00–1:30 pm
This webinar is intended for law enforcement and is $49 per person.
Human trafficking is a multimillion dollar industry in the United States and around the globe. It is the second fastest growing crime in the world and is happening in large cities and rural towns, mostly going unnoticed by the public. In this session you will go through a case study of a victim and trafficker. You will learn actions to take once a victim has been identified, ways to partner with the victim and witnesses, important investigation tools, and tips to work hand in hand with the prosecuting attorney to win your case. Learn more.

Should She Stay or Should She Go: Helping Domestic Violence Survivors with Interstate Cases
Sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project
Webinar | May 3, 2018 | 2:00-3:30 pm
This webinar on basic interstate custody issues will provide participants with an overview of the various federal and state laws that govern interstate custody cases. It is designed for attorneys, victim advocates, and other community partners who wish to understand the basic framework of how these laws fit together. Case scenarios will be used to demonstrate how practitioners can help survivors address the economic, safety, and legal issues involved when they cross state or tribal lines to flee abuse. Learn more.

Assessing Risk and Lethality for Parents and Children in Domestic Violence Cases
Sponsored by the National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit
Webinar | May 9, 2018 | 12:00-1:30 pm
Please join us for a webinar highlighting ways in which courts and judges can better understand and respond to domestic violence risk factors in civil cases. The webinar will focus on new tools for courts, attorneys, and self-represented litigants to incorporate into their civil protective order hearings. The webinar will provide an overview of risk factors, strategies, challenges, and lessons learned in enhancing the court’s response to domestic violence risk assessment. Learn more.

Intro to Cell Phone Info for Investigation
National White Collar Crime Center
Webinar | May 9, 2018 | 12:00–1:30 pm
This webinar is intended for law enforcement and is $49 per person.
This presentation will be an overview of the various bits of information available to investigators from cell
phones. The presentation will cover information available from physical cell phones such as digital data extractions, the cell phone providers such as phone call/communication detail records (CDRS, location data such as historic cell site/sector data, and, Internet cloud-based sources such as smartphone apps, websites, etc. The overview will also briefly introduce the major forms of cell phone surveillances possible by law enforcement. Learn more.

“You Can’t Believe a Word She Says!”: Credibility Issues for Survivors of Violence with Mental Health and Substance Abuse Histories
Sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project
Webinar | May 10, 2018 | 2:00-3:30 pm
Survivors who experience mental health or substance use conditions may not be believed when they seek help. These survivors may be experiencing the mental health effects of trauma and/or using substances to cope. In addition, individuals who have a preexisting condition are at a higher risk for violence and may even be targeted for abuse precisely because they are less likely to be believed. Abusers may also intentionally exacerbate a preexisting condition or coerce or force their partners into using alcohol or drugs. But many survivors with these experiences are discredited when they access our systems. This webinar will explore these dynamics and consider how we can reframe the way that we think about survivors’ credibility. Learn more.

Cultural Responsiveness and the Courts
Sponsored by the National Latin@ Network
Webinar | May 14, 2018 | 12:00–1:30pm
For a justice system to be truly just, it must be accessible to all individuals. However, survivor litigants may face challenges when courts are not responsive to their cultural identity. For survivors of gender based violence, these challenges present additional barriers towards accessing justice and obtaining fair outcomes. Recognizing and respecting individual cultural differences are important to sensitive and effective work with survivors. In addition, differences in concepts of suffering and healing can influence how individuals may experience the effects of gender based victimization and interaction with courts. Learn more.

Intel Collection Part 2: Tips, Tricks and Techniques for Intel Collection
National White Collar Crime Center
Webinar | May 15, 2018 | 12:00–1:30 pm
This webinar is intended for law enforcement and is $49 per person
With the vast amount of data available and the calls for stopping law enforcement’s access to data, this two-part webinar series will act as a guide through it all. Part two will cover tracking and using international phone numbers, IP addresses, social media tools and techniques, tips for legal process to social media companies, and free law enforcement tools. We will also discuss rules for using social media in investigations. Learn more.

Protection Orders That Matter
Sponsored by the Battered Women’s Justice Project
Webinar | May 16, 2018 | 2:00-3:30 pm
The presenter will discuss practical information for advocates, petitioners’ counsel, and the courts for approaching domestic violence protection orders that will have a positive impact in the lives of domestic violence survivors. Starting with the basic premise that the legal system’s primary focus is protecting the most vulnerable members of our society, this webinar seeks to promote the rule of law by means of the well-crafted protection order. Learn more.

Interjurisdictional Enforcement of Protection Orders
Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime
Webinar | May 23, 2018 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm
The effective enforcement of protection orders across jurisdictional lines is essential to the safety of victims. This session will discuss the legal concept of Full Faith and Credit and what interjurisdictional enforcement may look like for survivors and abusers; and help advocates navigate some of the challenges associated with interjurisdictional enforcement of protection orders under FFC. Learn more.

Bring Her Home: Creating Tribal Responses to Commercial Sexual Exploitation
Sponsored by the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center
Conference | June 12-14, 2018 | Black Bear Casino Resort, Carlton, MN
This two-day summit will be an opportunity for tribal community members, advocates, law enforcement, tribal officials, professionals, artists, experts, survivors, and others to collaborate to build stronger responses to commercial sexual exploitation in our communities. Learn more.

2018 Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference
Sponsored by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center
Conference | June 13, 2018 | 8:30 am to 4:30 pm | Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center
$80 per person
The goal of this conference is to elevate the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation, and provide education on best practices for prevention and response. The conference is directed towards professionals who work with older and vulnerable adults. 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:
- 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 27th of the month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter.

Future Events

Southeast Minnesota Scam Jam
Con-artists don’t care how hard you worked. They steal billions from Americans like you each year. Learn how to protect yourself and loved ones from fraud, identity theft, cybercrime, and more.

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Click for the latest published decisions from the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Click for the latest victim service employment opportunities in 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 27th 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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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 89 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).