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MINNESOTA ALLIANCE ON CRIME



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From MAC's Executive Director

Dear MAC Members and Allies,

In recent days, we have seen horrific acts of violence, rooted in hatred, occur in communities across our country. Innocent lives were violently taken, leaving family, friends, and communities devastated. The depth of the fear, anger, and sorrow is impossible to capture with words. While we may feel helpless at times, please know that we are not. We can use our individual and collective voices and also our right to vote as opportunities to be a part of creating a society where acts of hateful violence are a rare exception and not the norm.

MAC continues to oppose the use of all forms of violence, and affirms the basic human right of every person to live without fear or the threat of violence. We are grateful for and support our member organizations and allies who are dedicated to ensuring safety and accountability within the communities they serve, and we will continue to work together toward the goal of eradicating the existing conditions that promote violence and exploitation in all its forms.

Now more than ever, it is essential that MAC staff, our Board of Directors, and our members stay grounded in our core values, a few of which are highlighted below:

- The Minnesota Alliance on Crime opposes the use of all forms of violence and affirms the basic human right of every person to live without fear or the threat of violence throughout the course of one's life.
- We stand in solidarity with efforts around the world to end all forms of discrimination, exploitation, and violence.
- We recognize that forms of oppression based on race, gender, class, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, religion, and sexual orientation create a climate of supremacy and ownership that facilitates the use of ongoing violence.
- We believe in the strength of diversity, embrace the differences among ourselves and within our communities, and promote the development of leadership in all communities.
- We undertake prevention efforts to confront and change cultural norms and practices that facilitate violence.
- We promote and encourage the leadership of victim/survivors in guiding our advocacy, policy, and training efforts.
- We affirm the power of collective and collaborative efforts to advocate with social systems and institutions in order to end violence.

In the wake of these tragedies, we must come together and join our voices to drown out the messages of hate and create a vision of hope.

In Peace,

Bobbi

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Help the Helpers by Giving to MAC

Each year, generous supporters like you celebrate Give to the Max Day by making your online donation to MAC on GiveMN.org. Please join us on **Thursday, November 15, 2018** for Give to the Max Day and help MAC continue to *help the helpers* (like you!) to connect systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime.

Your tax-deductible gift will mean so much as we help the helpers:

- **\$25** will provide five new crime victim advocates attending MAC's Fundamentals in Victim Services Training with electronic resources on working with victims.
- **\$50** will allow MAC to send out its e-newsletter to more than 600 professionals in the crime victim service field for one month.
- **\$75** will provide mileage reimbursement so that an advocate from rural Minnesota can attend a training sponsored by MAC on the effect of trauma on victims.
- **\$100** will assist MAC in providing a one-hour educational webinar for 100 members and allies on helping families of homicide victims.
- **\$250** will help one staff member to travel to Greater Minnesota for a regional networking meeting with members on victims' rights.
- **\$500** will assist two advocates from Greater Minnesota with mileage, lodging, and meal costs to attend MAC's Capacity Building Training.

The MAC Board of Directors and staff will be matching donations up to **\$1,000**. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 this year and **YOU** can help us reach it!

You can give to MAC **before** November 15th and it will count towards our Give to the Max total!

[Click Here to Help MAC on Give to the Max Day](#)

HOLIDAYS

MAC's office will be closed on November 12 for **Veterans Day** and November 22 & 23 for the **Thanksgiving** holiday.



Minnesota Office of Justice Programs: Reparations Board Vacancies

The Crime Victims Reparations Board is seeking applications for member positions that are expiring in January. These are unpaid, volunteer positions. The time commitment for the Board is one meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in downtown St. Paul, plus two hours of preparation/reading time each month. After November 2, interested persons should [click here](#) and type in Crime Victims Reparations Board.

University of Minnesota UROC & Minnesota Department of Health: Statewide Prevention Roundtables on Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence, and Sex Trafficking

The University of Minnesota's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center and the Minnesota Department of Health's Sexual Violence Prevention program are sponsoring a series of community roundtables across Minnesota on the intersections of sexual violence, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. These roundtables are intended for service providers and systems professionals who work in the areas of sexual and domestic violence, sexual exploitation and trafficking, public health, or other intersecting fields. The first event will take place on November 26 in Morris. Participants will learn about the latest research findings and engage in critical conversations on how to apply the findings to community contexts for collaboration and prevention. [Learn more and RSVP for upcoming roundtables.](#)

National Crime Victim Law Institute: New Post-Conviction Resources in Victim Law Library

NCVLI has added three new post-conviction victims' rights resources to their [Victim Law Library](#). The newest publications are: [Considerations When Advising Victims about Methods for Exercising their Right to Be Heard at Sentencing](#), [Survey of Select Federal and State Laws Governing Victim Impact Statements and a Victim's Right to be Heard Post-Conviction Regarding the Imposition and Completion of Sentence](#), and [Survey of Select State and Federal Laws Providing for the Return of Victims' Property](#).

Pew Charitable Trusts: Probation and Parole Systems Marked by High Stakes,

Missed Opportunities

Nationwide, 4.5 million people are on probation or parole. The growth and size of the supervised population has undermined the ability of local and state community corrections agencies to carry out their basic responsibilities to provide the best public safety return on investment as well as a measure of accountability. The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Laura and John Arnold Foundation analyzed the leading research and identified the most pressing problems and some promising solutions. The available data leave many questions unanswered, but this review reveals key insights and challenges many assumptions about supervision. [Read more.](#)

International Association of Chiefs of Police: Law Enforcement's Role in Victim Compensation

Law enforcement officers, often the first and possibly the only professionals to speak to victims following a crime, are a vital component in providing justice, information, and services to crime victims. IACP has created resources which include training videos for first responders, investigators, and executive leadership; companion guides to accompany each video and guide discussions; tip cards for law enforcement; and more. [Click here.](#)

National Network to End Domestic Violence: Legal Systems Toolkit - Understanding & Investigating Technology Misuse

The new [Legal Systems Toolkit](#) from the National Network to End Domestic Violence Safety Net Project helps legal system stakeholders: law enforcement, attorneys, court personnel, community corrections, and others, identify what technology is relevant to a case and how to use technology evidence to hold offenders accountable. Technology evidence may strengthen cases by providing tangible proof. It may also help in negotiating pleas or settlements, obtaining confessions or guilty verdicts, or relieve some of the pressure on victims to testify against their perpetrator.

Office on Violence Against Women: FAQ on Tribal Consultation by States for STOP Violence Against Women

This FAQ is intended to assist states in their effort to meaningfully consult with tribes, as outlined in the STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program Implementation Planning under 34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(2) (F). The OVW Tribal Affairs Division is working with the OVW STOP Grant Program to bring together our tribal and state coalitions as part of the process to collaborate and assist with strengthening and making improvements to achieve the goal of meaningful consultation in this regard. [Click here to download.](#)



For Prosecutors and Victim/Witness Advocates: The Importance of Tracking Citations When the Endangerment Box is Checked

A priority initiative of the Minnesota Alliance on Crime is strengthening rights for victims. When the “endangerment box” is not checked by law enforcement in applicable vehicular offenses, victims are not afforded the rights they deserve.

The [Statewide Payables List](#) identifies those vehicular offenses for which an individual can choose to pay the listed fine rather than make a court appearance and contest the citation. Since 2013, the list of payables includes careless driving citations. The endangerment box on the citation must be checked if the violation was committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to engager or was likely to endanger any person or property. All careless driving citations are payables unless the Endangerment Box on the citation is checked. The citation will not be submitted to the Court if it is a payable. If the issuing law enforcement officer checks the endangerment box on the citation, the “payable” or petty misdemeanor is enhanced to a misdemeanor, and the offender must appear in court.

Prosecutors should discuss with local law enforcement agencies the situations that they believe constitute endangerment for both crash and non-crash situations. Prosecutors should have a process in place that flags those citations where the endangerment box has been checked and a victim identified. Prosecutors may need to consult with their court administrator to ensure that the court is informing the prosecutor of these cases.

Given the speed at which these types of cases can be resolved, it is important to establish procedures to bring the victim into the prosecution process. For example, prosecutors who do not learn of a victim until the first hearing should request a continuance to ensure that the victim can be

notified of the prosecution and be provided notice of their rights. Resolving cases at that first appearance means the victim loses all rights, including the right to notice of the criminal case, the right to request restitution, and the right to give a victim impact statement.

It is especially important for prosecutors' offices to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies on how crash cases involving death will be dealt with to ensure that the deceased's family members are provided timely, respectful notice of the prosecution. In such cases where a payable citation will be issued or no charges will be filed, there should be an agreement about who will communicate this to the deceased's family members. In those cases, where a misdemeanor citation is issued, the law enforcement agency should alert the prosecutor to ensure that notice is given to the deceased's family of the prosecution.

For technical assistance on this topic, please contact Bobbi Holtberg, executive director, at 612-940-8090, extension 101, or bobbi@mnallianceoncrime.org.

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[Click here for a special version of this article for law enforcement.](#)



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Office of Justice Programs

Minnesota Office of Justice Programs: Court Data Reference Guide for Victim Advocates Now Available

Many are confused about what victim data held by the courts is confidential and what is accessible to the public. To help victim service professionals wade through this complicated topic and to dispel common misconceptions, the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs, with significant assistance from the state victim coalitions, Standpoint, and Safe at Home program staff, created the [Overview of Minnesota Court Data: A Reference Guide for Victim Advocates](#). This guide outlines the basic scheme for court data, outlines the court rules related to court records and victims, clarifies the terminology used related to court records, and addresses frequently asked questions.

In September 2018, MAC hosted a webinar on this topic presented by Suzanne Elwell of OJP: *But Isn't That Confidential? A Conversation About Court Data Related to Crime Victims*. MAC members may access the archived version of this webinar by clicking [here](#).



FREE Investigating Identity Theft Training for Law Enforcement

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Two Sessions: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm or 1:30 to 5:00 pm
Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Ave. North, St. Paul, MN

Trainer: Sean McCleskey, Center for Identity, University of Texas

POST credits have been applied for.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance on Crime,
the Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs,
the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association,
and the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association

Please distribute to your local law enforcement!

In this FREE presentation, Sean McCleskey will train patrol officers in identity theft response, including practical methods for identifying and investigating this pervasive crime. Calling on years of personal investigative experience and institutional knowledge, McCleskey will give concrete examples and help patrol officers to learn what to look for and how to use it to support a case against perpetrators of identity theft.



- MAC has applied for POST credits.
- MAC will reimburse mileage and one night's lodging at the [Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge](#) (at the rate of \$129 per night) for attendees traveling 100 miles or further to attend. Reservations must be made by Monday, November 5, 2018.
- Law enforcement has preference for registration, but community partners may be added to a waiting list if they would like to attend the training. To be added to the waiting list, please email [Julia Tindell](#).

About Sean McCleskey, Director of Organizational Education and Measurement, Center for Identity
R. Sean McCleskey is the director of Organizational Education and Measurement at the Center for Identity, University of Texas. He is also a faculty member in the Master of Science, Identity Management and Security Program. Prior to this position, Sean served as a special agent with the United States Secret Service, San Antonio Field Office, from 1998 until his retirement in 2015. During his tenure, he conducted a variety of investigations including counterfeit currency, bank fraud, identity theft, credit card abuse, child pornography, narcotics trafficking, domestic terrorism, and threats to protectees of the United States Secret Service. Sean holds two Bachelor of Science Degrees in political science and criminal justice from Texas Christian University and his Juris Doctor from St. Mary's University School of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1998.

[Click here to register for the AM \(8:30 am to Noon\) session.](#)

[Click here to register for the PM \(1:30 to 5:00 pm\) session.](#)

Other Trainings and Webinars

Advocacy Skills for Addressing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Sponsored by Standpoint

Webinar | November 8, 2018 | 2:00 to 3:30 pm

This webinar will engage participants around how to provide advocacy services to victims experiencing sexual harassment in the workplace. The objectives for this webinar include identifying the pervasiveness and types of harassment, understanding victims' rights and legal options, and responding to it. [Learn more.](#)

Mass Shootings: Pathways to Prevention

Sponsored by Hamline University

In Person | November 9, 2018 | 4:30 to 6:30 pm | Hamline University, St. Paul

Suggested donation: \$20

Join us as we talk about the Mass Shooter Database Project, which has garnered international media attention, and the findings that have come from the project. Results from the project provide answers to questions about mass shootings and mental illness, gun access, social media, and warning signs. You'll also hear about one result that shows mass shootings may be a form of suicide turned outward, leading to new, evidence-based prevention strategies. 2.0 hours of CLE and CEU credits are available. [Learn more.](#)

Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Summit

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice

In Person | November 14-15, 2018 | Des Moines, Iowa

The Summit will bring together a diverse group of experts and elder justice professionals to: (1) identify the challenges rural and tribal communities face in responding to elder abuse; (2) identify promising practices, resources, and tools available to rural and tribal communities; and (3) explore what more can be done to break down silos and foster greater collaboration at the tribal, local, state, and federal levels. [Learn more.](#)

Trauma, Resettlement and Education Conference

Sponsored by WISE, African Immigrants Community Services, Asian Women United, and MCBW

**In Person | November 16, 2018 | 9:00 am to 4:30 pm | Arlington Hills Community Center, St. Paul
Training Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)**

An all-day conference focusing on trauma, education, and resettlement issues. We will cover topics of immigrant and refugee journeys, trauma-informed services, humanitarian aid, youth and women services, prostitution and human trafficking, strategies for healthy families, and crisis intervention methods. [Learn more.](#)

Better together: An Introduction to Multidisciplinary Team Development

Sponsored by the Minnesota Children's Alliance

In-Person: November 30 in Rochester, November 27 in Mahanomen, December 6 in Grand Marais

The Minnesota Children's Alliance and First Witness Child Advocacy Center will work with participants to explore the benefits of working a multidisciplinary model for children and families including building skills in identifying roles and responsibilities of team members; examining how team roles change as the MDT evolves; gaining insight into team protocol development; and problem solving common barriers to using MDT. [Learn more.](#)

Advanced Trauma-Informed Interviewing Training for Law Enforcement

Sponsored by the Sexual Violence Justice Institute and the Office of Justice Programs

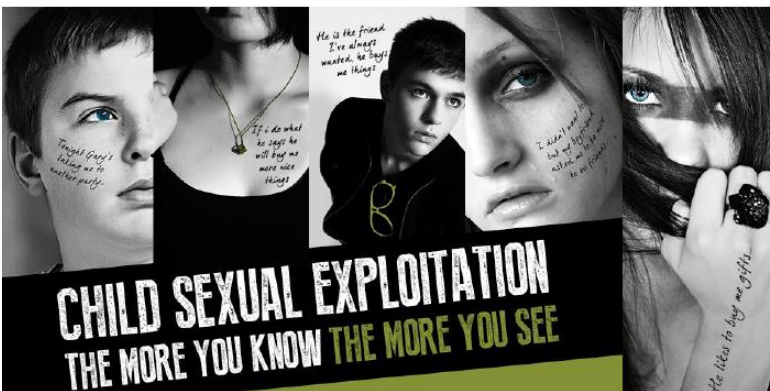
In Person | November 27, 2018 | 8:00 am to 4:00 pm | St. Paul, MN

Based in the science of the neurobiology of trauma, this presentation focuses on how trauma affects memory and behavior, especially for victims of sexual violence. When responding to sexual assault, trauma often presents in a way that is counter-intuitive to how most law enforcement have been trained to conduct their job. This presentation helps law enforcement understand scientific concepts concerning the neurobiology of trauma so that victims of sexual violence will be understood and not judged prematurely. POST credits are available. [Learn more.](#)



SEX TRAFFICKING: NOT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD... OR IS IT?

Sex trafficking isn't something we think of as being a major problem in America, but the truth is that both youth and adults are being exploited and trafficked in our own backyards. Sex trafficking knows no zip code and doesn't only exist in big cities, like Las Vegas, New York or Minneapolis/St. Paul. THIS PROBLEM EVEN EXISTS IN RURAL AREAS LIKE OUR OWN LYON COUNTY.



IT'S A SAFE PLACE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND GET CONNECTED TO LOCAL RESOURCES!

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 2018 @ 6:30pm

WHERE: Marshall Middle School Theater, Marshall, MN

Co-hosted by SMOC Family Planning, New Horizons Crisis Center (NHCC),
WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP),
and the Southwest Crisis Center (SWCC)



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 28th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

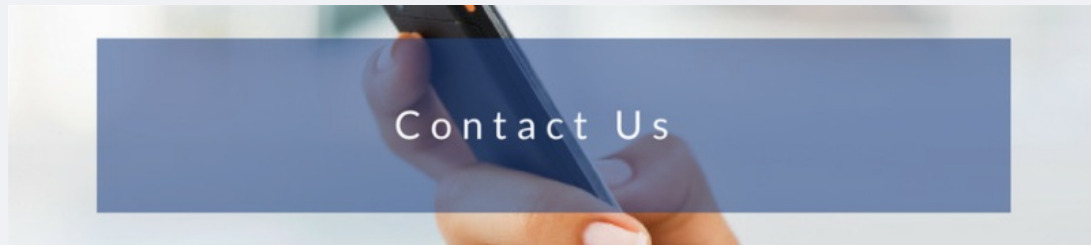


[Click for the latest victim service employment opportunities in Minnesota.](#)

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 28th of

each month. **If you have posted the position to the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits' website, you do not need to email the posting to us.**

- 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 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 crime victim service programs, [click here](#).