

DVSS Web-Ex
April 11, 2024 11:00 AM Agenda

Welcome – Patti Custer is leading the meeting.

Housekeeping

- Please mute and put questions/comments in the chat
- If we do not get all questions answered in the allotted time, we will schedule additional calls.
- The Web-ex will be recorded and placed on our website along with meeting minutes <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>
- There are Interpreters on the line as well.

Invoices & DATA sheets

- Please make sure you are copying the DVSSInvoices, DSS.FSD.DVSSInvoices@dss.mo.gov on Invoices and expenditure sheets to the invoicing team

The invoicing team either has or will be touching base with your agency to let you know where your funding amounts are at.

In the future, we will be combining DVSS and VOCA Calls

Trainings Updates (Reminder)

- In Person Collaborative Roundtables in 5 locations around the state.
- First one in Jefferson City in May 7th
- The dates and locations will be announced soon.
- Roundtable:
 - Purpose: Bring agencies together to discuss resources, services, working together, long-term planning, and vision.

Zak – MOCADSV

Review training opportunities and register @ <https://www.mocadsv.org/training-opportunities/>

DV 101 – The Basics of Domestic Violence Advocacy

April 17, 2024 (in-person at the Colleen Coble Education Center in Jefferson City)

09: 30 AM - 04: 30 PM

This interactive training for newer advocates provides a philosophical basis for advocacy and the skills you need to provide effective and respectful services. We will examine the nature and dynamics of domestic violence, review the history of social change movements, and examine voluntary services, low barrier rules, and accessibility in domestic violence shelters and services. The training includes the opportunity to think critically through scenarios, practice with role plays and simulations, and learn common sense techniques to determine which advocacy approaches are safe, practical, empowering, and ethical.

Immigrant and Refugee Services Roundtable Meeting

May 03, 2024 (in-person at the Colleen Coble Education Center in Jefferson City)

10: 30 AM - 02: 30 PM

Victim-based forms of immigration relief are available to provide status, work authorization, and a pathway to citizenship for eligible immigrant survivors of violence. Join Amanda Williams, Senior Staff Attorney at the Immigration Law Project at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri for a discussion about these forms of relief and best practices for connecting the survivors you serve with victim-based immigration options. This meeting will bring advocates, attorneys, and immigrant service providers together to connect with one another, share resources, and discuss emerging trends.

Prevention Advocacy Training Series

May 07, 2024 (in-person at the Colleen Coble Education Center in Jefferson City)

10: 00 AM - 02: 00 PM

Please join us for part two of our training series: Developing and Testing Prevention Strategies Based on Identified Risk and Protective Factors. We will learn continue to explore the public health approach and the role of prevention in social change by strategically integrating risk and protective factors in communities with evidence-based prevention models.

Ins and Outs of Orders of Protection: A Clinic for Advocates

May 17, 2024 (in-person at the Colleen Coble Education Center in Jefferson City)

09: 00 AM - 04: 00 PM

In this dynamic training, attendees will learn the legal ins and outs of Orders of Protection and will get hands-on experience filing out Petitions from MOCADSV's attorneys Kelly Martinez and Samantha Ghormley Hill. This training was designed with both new and experienced advocates in mind. Participants will:

- Better understand laws regarding Orders of Protection, including Stalking and Sexual Assault Orders of Protection
- Be prepared to assist survivors in filling out all types of petitions for Orders of Protection
- Learn tips for survivors in the courtroom

- Learn to recognize barriers that impact individuals seeking and enforcing protection orders — and best practices for response
- Tailor advocacy skills to meet the individual needs of each victim and enhance survivor safety while navigating the court system

DVSS Agency Highlights –

- **Whole Health Outreach CASA Guadalupe Family Growth Center and Shelter** – Not Present
- **Genesis** – Not present, but Zak shares that Genesis shelter was hit during the large storm. Their roof was hit to the point of not being able to provide residential services.
- **Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.** - Martha Sander, located in southwest. Serves 5 counties and then 2 counties in KS. They have a 16 bed shelter, shelter services, crisis management, children's services, and transportation program. All staff are safe at home trained. They have a court advocate. They have a support program as well for referral services and nonresidential services. They also have an outreach program for the community. They have a large thrift store providing extra income for the shelter. The organization has been open for 34 years. They have a batters intervention program for the court. They do law enforcement advocacy and hospital advocacy. They are kicking off their big raffle through June, July and August.
- **Family Violence Center, Inc. DBA Harmony House** – Megan Garret, Springfield, Greene county and surrounding areas. Emergency shelter, 168 beds. Supportive services and outreach department. Prevention education, housing programs, and various advocacy programs within law enforcement and the court. Next Tuesday is the biggest fundraiser of the year: Purple Party.
- **Safe Connections** – Morgan Liegh – brand new to safe connections. Crisis line and support services in STL counties. They have their awareness event coming up soon.
- Preferred Family Healthcare – Mary Jones, Bridgeway. Operate two domestic violence shelters. They have a sexual assault program. They have 38 beds between the shelters. 1300 hotline calls in 2023. Legal advocacy, case management, virtual and in person groups, and various other services. They are having their fundraiser coming up May 4th. It's a 5K, May the Fourth be with you – star wars themed.
- YWCA STL Metro – Phyllis, serving STL county for domestic and sexual assault. They provide several different types of therapy. They respond to ERs and to law enforcement

calls. They have a drop in center where no appointment is needed. They have a how to help program where they meet with friends and family members of victims of abuse to help them know how to best support the survivor. They assist with training law enforcement and community members on how to help DV victims. They have several educational and awareness trainings and programs, as well as healthy relationships. They help with career readiness. Upcoming events: Hearing the whispers and roars. April 22nd for survivors to share their stories through spoken word. 120 year anniversary in May. They will have an anniversary celebration on May 2nd. When founded it was focused on providing housing services for women. In June they will have a coordinated community response summit.

Attendees:

Patti Custer, DSS
Ryan Stiffler, DSS
Benjamin Johnson, DSS
Julie Meranda, DSS
Jessica Hill, Safe House of Southeast Missouri
Jill Wondel, House of Refuge
Tim Meeker - Hope House
Betsy Barnes, Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Erica Nanney, CARDV
Rebecca Griffith- Russell House
Wendy Logan, DeafLEAD
Sheree Keely, CADV
Emily Burgess, Weinman Shelter
Zoila Rendon-Ochoa, AWARE at Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Zak Wilson, MOCADSV
Laura Zahnd, MOCADSV
Eric Keith (he/him) - Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Jackee Pemberton Executive Director, Regional Crisis Center in Perryville, MO
DEB COTTEN, ALIVE
Eulonda Nevels, YWCA Metro St. Louis
Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis
Ann Gosnell, House of Hope, Inc.
Phyllis Miller, YWCA Metro St. Louis
Karrie Flowers Safe Connections
Angela Hirsch, RACS
Tony Ketchem, Associate Director CBS, KVC-MO SE
Alisa White, Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc.