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a bulletin for the members of the
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence

MCADV Launches New Website and Listserv E-mail Network for Members

The new MCADV Website was launched on April 30 as a resource for Coalition members, individuals seeking services, community allies and those who want information on how to join the movement in Missouri to end violence against women and their children.

The MCADV Website address is www.mocadv.org. At this stage of the Website's development it contains the content of the most requested Coalition materials: the MCADV publication *The Nature and Dynamics of Domestic Violence*, the MCADV *Directory of Service Providers*, the Coalition's newsletter *The Latest*, and the most recent compilation of statewide domestic violence service statistics, the *MCADV Member*

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Program Services Statistics. Additional content will be added to the site. MCADV members are encouraged to offer their feedback and suggestions for expanding the Website.

The MCADV Website allows battered women and other users to click on an icon of the map of Missouri to locate the domestic violence program nearest them. Warnings are included throughout the site to alert users about the safe use of technology. Program contact information is divided into MCADV's seven service regions, and the map details specific counties.

Another new service for MCADV member programs was added in April with the activation of the Coalition's listserv: coalitionmembers@mocadv.org.

The listserv is an opportunity for staff from member programs to seek and receive technical assistance. It also will allow Coalition staff to alert members to upcoming trainings, funding opportunities, and public policy alerts. Separate listservs have been initiated for each of MCADV's seven regions for communications specific to each regions' programs and members.



State DV Funds Cut by 15%

■ Pending state budget contains cuts to Dept. of Social Services' domestic violence services grants.

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DV in the Military Report Issued

■ Dept. of Defense release report on domestic violence.

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 Federal Legislative
briefing
**Protection Orders
 In Full Force On
 Military Bases**

Orders of Protection issued by "civilian" courts are to be enforced with the same force and effect on military bases as a result of Congressional action that took effect in December.

The Armed Forces Domestic Security Act closed a loophole that previously prohibited enforcement of civilian Orders of Protection on military land. Congressman Robin Hayes of North Carolina sponsored the bill, HR 5590.

The bill provides for "full force and effect" of civilian Orders of Protection and states: "A civilian order of protection shall have the same force and effect on a military installation as such order has within the jurisdiction of the court that issued such order."

The Secretary of Defense is required to create regulations to implement the law. The regulations are to be "designed to further good order and discipline by members of the armed forces and civilians present on military installations."

**Dept. of Defense Report Urges Military
 "Culture Shift" on Domestic Violence**

The Department of Defense must establish a military culture that does not tolerate domestic violence, holds batterers accountable for their actions, and provides victims of abuse with the services they need, according to the recommendations recently released as a final report by the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence.

The February 2003 report identified approximately 200 detailed recommendations for how the Department of Defense can prevent and improve its response to domestic violence. It also contains recommendations to address child abuse and sexual assault within the military. The Task Force was established by Congress in October 1999.

The Task Force recommendations include:

■ **Culture Shift:** A shift in the military culture must be created that does not tolerate domestic violence, holds offenders accountable and punishes criminal behavior.

■ **Victim Advocate Program:** Each Military Service should create a strong Victim Advocate Program, giving victim advocates sufficient support and authority—victim advocates who might include those on contract from civilian domestic violence programs.

■ **Domestic Violence Intervention Process Model:** The Task Force recommends an intervention model with specific protocols for victim advocates, commanding officers, law enforcement personnel and offender intervention.

■ **Assessment and Intervention Team:** These teams should be set up to replace the existing Case Review Committee to provide feedback regarding victim safety—including lethality assessments—and offender intervention to commanding officers within 48 hours of a domestic violence incident.

The report also recommends that each Military Service establish Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews, training and prevention programs, accountability for offenders, evaluation of domestic violence interventions and policies, and provide for greater collaboration between the military and civilian communities.

"If these recommendations are implemented fully and with adequate resources and care, fewer members of military families will experience violence and those who do face abuse will get more help more quickly," said Deborah D. Tucker, Task Force Co-Chair and Executive Director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The Task Force's Final Report is available online at www.dtic.mil/domesticviolence.

Older Battered Women Afforded Greater Confidentiality Protections in Elder Bill

Older battered women will have greater confidentiality rights if an elder abuse bill passed in April by the Missouri General Assembly is signed into law by Governor Holden.

MCADV successfully amended language in the omnibus elder abuse bill, SBs 556 & 311, to clarify existing law that requires mandatory elder abuse hotline reports to the Department of Health and Senior Services. The changes in the bill would require mandatory elder abuse reports when abuse or neglect is disclosed by a person 60 years of age or older only if that person is "unable to protect his or her own interests or adequately perform or obtain services which are necessary to meet his or her essential human needs." This parallels existing law regarding reports of abuse or neglect to disabled persons aged 18 and older.

The bill would protect the confidentiality of older battered women who seek advocacy and services from mandated reporters of elder abuse—who include physicians, nurses, psychologists and social workers.

MCADV Welcomes Two New Staff Members

MCADV members may already have met the Coalition's two new staff members at regional meetings and trainings. Both Jennifer L. Carter and Laura Zahnd joined the staff as Program Development Specialists, Jennifer in February and Laura in March.

● JENNIFER L. CARTER, MSW

Jennifer worked in Texas with victims of domestic violence and their children at a domestic violence shelter and a Legal Aid office. She served as the Volunteer Coordinator and Director of the Women's Resource Center, which she helped establish at the University of Texas-Austin. Jennifer's research studies focused on domestic violence programs' organizational development. She previously worked for Rep. Vicky Riback-Wilson (D-Columbia) and the National Association of Social Workers.

● LAURA ZAHND

Laura has been an advocate for battered women for seven years. Her experience at the YWCA Women's Shelter in St. Joseph included work as a Children's Program Coordinator and as the Director of Victim Services. Laura comes to the Coalition from the Buchanan County Prosecutor's Office where she worked as a victim advocate. She has served on numerous boards of directors for organizations advocating for children, victims of sexual assault and victims of crime.

State Legislative briefing

State DV Funds

Cut by 15 Percent

The Missouri Senate in April cut state domestic violence funding by 15 percent in House Bill 11, the budget for the Department of Social Services. This is a cut of \$645,000—which translates into a loss of more than 9,200 bednights of safe shelter for Missouri battered women and their children. The funding cut leaves a total of \$3.655 million in state domestic violence funding pending in HB 11.

MCADV did get domestic violence funding in the budget "B List." These B List programs would have funds restored if the legislature passes bills to raise more revenue.

The final state budget must be passed by May 9. House and Senate members are continuing their final budget deliberations while reports suggest that Governor Holden will veto the budget bills. The Governor would then call the legislature into special session to begin the budget process anew in May or June.

MCADV Training Valid for Professional Continuing Education Credit and Hours

By MCADV Program Development Specialists

Q Do MCADV trainings count as continuing education for licensed professionals?

A: Yes and no. The answer depends on both the type of training and the specific professional license. However, it is ultimately up to the licensed professional to determine if the material covered in the MCADV training relates to their current practice and licensure requirements. If the professional determines that the material is appropriate, then MCADV trainings can count for continuing

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education credits or hours. For Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), every 60 minutes of a MCADV training equals one (1) contact hour. There are no current specifications or criteria as to what type of training meets LCSW requirements in Missouri.

For licensed Missouri psychologists, every 50 minutes of training equals one (1) continuing education credit. Trainings for licensed psychologists must be clinical in nature to meet licensure requirements.

MCADV provides those who attend its trainings with a certificate of completion. Contact Angela Morris, MCADV Training and Education Coordinator, in advance of a training you plan to attend so your certificate will list the necessary contact hours or continuing education credits for a licensed professional. For more information on licensure and continuing education issues, contact Jennifer L. Carter, MSW, MCADV Program Development Specialist.



GOT A QUESTION?

Call the MCADV member program Technical Assistance Helpline toll-free at (888) 666-1911.

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MCADV REGIONAL MEETINGS

Location	Date/Time	Host/Information
KANSAS CITY Hope House TBA	May 29 10:30 A.M. July 31	Jennifer Salmons (816) 587-4100
SOUTHEAST Poplar Bluff	June 5 11:30 A.M.	Brenda Smelser (636) 931-2700
ST. LOUIS St. Louis	May 13 June 10 July 8 9:00 A.M.	Jeanne Meurer (314) 645-4848
CENTRAL Jefferson City	June 3 11:30 A.M.	Rita Johnson (417) 533-5201
SOUTHWEST Springfield	June 13 11:00 A.M.	Renee White (417) 782-1772
NORTHWEST Belton	June 18 Noon	Debbie Wallace (660) 831-0988
NORTHEAST Hannibal	July 17 10:30 A.M.	Elaine Browning (636) 462-2724

UPCOMING MCADV TRAININGS

Location/Date/Time	Information
ADVOCACY FOR ALL Columbia / May 6-7 8:15 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW Columbia / May 22 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
WOMEN FOCUSED THERAPY: WORKING WITH PTSD AND BORDERLINE PERSONALITIES Columbia / June 12 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
REAP: AN ECONOMIC ADVOCACY APPROACH Columbia / June 26-27 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
TRAININGS THAT ENGAGE: A TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS WORKSHOP Columbia / July 9 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
ADVOCACY FOR ALL Columbia / July 29-30 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911