

Notifying DOR about changes

Q: Do I need to notify the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) about changes to the organization's board members?

A: Yes. Form DOR-126 must be filled out each and every time your Board elects a new officer.



Information reported to the DOR includes his or her full name, physical address, birth date and social security number.

The DOR Customer Service Division needs to be informed about several types of changes to the organization. These include changes in name, address, officers on your Board of Directors, the corporation's exemption registration records, sales/use tax or employer withholding. There is a \$10 fee each time you file a change.

You can get form DOR-126 online by going to: <http://dor.mo.gov/tax/business/register/forms/126f.pdf>. You can complete the form online, print and mail it to Taxation Bureau, P.O. Box 3300, Jefferson City, MO 65105-3300, or fax it to 573-522-1722.

Ongoing advocacy with women who remain incarcerated

During the 2007 legislative session of the Missouri General Assembly, MCADSV was able to gain passage of a new law that directs the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole to hold probation hearings for incarcerated individuals who were convicted, as first offenders, of crimes committed against persons who abused them and who were not allowed to provide evidence of abuse against them during their trials. These "217 Petitions"—the new law was included in Missouri statutes as 217.692 RSMo.—were submitted in November 2007 to the parole board. Notice was provided in April 2008 that the Board intends to hold hearings for Ruby Jamerson, Carleen Borden, Vicky Williams and Lana Anderson. MCADSV is awaiting further information on these hearings. Shelley Hendrickson, the remaining woman from the clemency project, was not eligible for an early probation hearing under the provisions of 217.692 RSMo. She awaits her probation hearing this fall.

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MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
CENTRAL	August 5	Tracie Lawson
Boonville	11:30 A.M.	(573) 875-1369
KANSAS CITY	July 25	Beth Savitzky
Independence	12:30 P.M.	(816) 561-0550
NORTHEAST	July 17/Sept 11	Donna Rodenbaugh
Mexico/Kirksville	10:30 A.M.	(660) 642-1418
NORTHWEST	August 20	Debbie Wallace
Trenton	Noon	(660) 886-9880
ST. LOUIS	August 12	Melissa Dann
Safe Connections	9:00 A.M.	(314) 533-1313
SOUTHEAST	August 7	Brenda Smelser
Cape Girardeau	11:30 A.M.	(636) 931-2700 ext. 196

SOUTHWEST	August 1	Deana Mueller
Springfield	11:00 a.m.	(417) 298-3439

UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS

Date/Time/Location	Information
PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY: OPENING DOORS TO SURVIVORS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	
July 29	MCADSV
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(888) 666-1911
Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	
ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE	
August 26-27	MCADSV
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., day 1	(888) 666-1911
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., day 2	
Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	

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Registration for all MCADSV trainings is online only. Visit www.mocadsv.org and click on "membership" to register.

Need your username and password? Click on "Forgot Password" and enter your e-mail address.

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

Transition grants provided to women freed through clemency project

Through a donation to MCADSV, five formerly incarcerated women were each provided with \$1,000 to use for their transition needs after they were released from prison. All of the recipients were in the original group of 11 formerly battered women for whom clemency was sought through the Missouri Battered Women's Clemency Coalition, of which MCADSV is a founding member. Upon their release, MCADSV will provide transition funds to the women who remain incarcerated.

Your gift arrived on my 6-month anniversary of being released from prison. Each and every day of life is sacred to me and I thank God for the freedom I experience. Life is so wonderful and I treasure each moment and each experience.

The Women's Initiative for Health and Safety, a giving circle of women from St. Louis, provided MCADSV with a \$10,000 donation to be used specifically to assist with the post-incarceration transition needs of those who have been aided through the clemency project. There are no restrictions on how the money can be used by each woman.

The majority of the women represented through the clemency project, all of whom were victims of domestic violence, were not allowed to introduce evidence of the violence against them by their abusers in their trials and were convicted of capital crimes committed against their abusers. Several were convicted on conspiracy charges for murders committed by others.

MCADSV recently contacted the women who have been released from incarceration and/or were granted executive clemency and released. They were notified that they would receive a \$1,000 check from MCADSV through the Women's Initiative donation.



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Clemency project, continued

“Your gift arrived on my six-month anniversary of being released from prison. Each and every day of life is sacred to me and I thank God for the freedom I experience,” said one recipient. “Life is so wonderful and I treasure each moment and each experience,” she said.

Of the original 11 women in the clemency project, those who have been released are Shirley Lute, Lynda Branch, Mary DeMaria, Donna Williams and Vanessa Smith. With the death of Esther Skaggs after her release, a transition grant was provided to Betty Coleman, who had submitted a separate clemency request prior to the establishment of the Clemency Coalition.

Five women remain incarcerated—Vicky Williams and Lana Anderson are in the Chillicothe prison, while Ruby Jamerson, Carleen Borden and Shelley Hendrickson are in the Vandalia prison

The transition funds have provided affirming gifts of financial support for the women who have, for decades, endured hardships few can imagine. Several women said they would use their awards to assist with the cost of college. “I would like to work with abused and battered women and be a voice for them,” said another recipient. “I would like to be a voice that speaks loud and clear because the abuse must stop,” she said.

Work continues through the Clemency Coalition to gain the release of the women who remain incarcerated. The women are represented by Missouri law school professors and their clinic students. (See “Ongoing advocacy with women who remain incarcerated,” on page 4.)

MCADSV welcomes new staff

Paula Richard, of Stafford, joins the staff of MCADSV on July 14, 2008 as the Fiscal Coordinator.

Paula received both her undergraduate and her Masters of Accountancy degrees at Truman University. She is a Certified Public Accountant and has been conducting audits on not-for-profits for about nine years. She served as an intern for the Missouri State Auditor’s Office in Jefferson City and in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs while living in Kirksville. She was employed as a staff accountant for a firm in St. Louis and most recently with the firm Huckstep & Associates in Springfield.

Paula’s e-mail address is prichard@mocadsv.org.

Jenny Dills, MPH Intern, is a Masters of Public Health student at University of Missouri-Columbia (MU). Jenny has done undergraduate work in English and Women’s & Gender Studies. She is Programming Coordinator at the MU Women’s Center and was previously their Programming and Events Specialist. While at MU, Jenny held an Editorial internship at The Missouri Review and was President of the Women’s and Gender Studies Graduate Organization. She assisted the MU Rape Education office in developing a sexual assault education and intervention program to use with perpetrators on campus.

Angela Fischer, Communications Intern, is a junior at MU. She is pursuing dual degrees in Journalism and Graphic Design, with a minor in Business. She has volunteered with the Chicago Abused Women’s Coalition, the Missouri and Illinois Special Olympics and Relay for Life. She has assisted with a campus-wide public relations campaign for Darfur awareness. During her studies she has developed an interest in anti-oppression work and the treatment of women by society.



New MCADSV Language Access Project prepares to launch

MCADSV will soon launch its Language Access Project (LAP), a pilot project to assist a small group of volunteer member programs on enhancing their programs’ accessibility and services to immigrant and refugee survivors of intimate and sexual violence. The LAP will be working through the Coalition’s Immigrant and Refugee Services Workgroup, which was established by the MCADSV Board of Directors in 2007.

Participating programs, all of which volunteered in response to MCADSV’s recent invitation to members, will focus on developing or strengthening their language access plans, identifying community resources and assessing the work currently done within their programs and communities to assist immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The project is modeled on MCADSV’s ongoing Shelter Rules Project, which allows participating programs to work in a supportive environment with other programs, each of which tailors topic-specific program development to the needs of their own organizations and communities.

Members of the Immigrant and Refugee Services Workgroup—many of whom have years of experience in developing language access plans and outreach services within their communities—will work with Coalition staff and LAP participants to share resources, identify strategies to reduce barriers to services and support the work within each program engaged in the pilot project.

The project will begin with all participants attending the MCADSV statewide training on July 29, *Opening Doors to Survivors with Limited English Proficiency*.

For more information on the pilot project, contact MCADSV Program Development Specialists Marie Montano at mariem@mocadsv.org or Angela Lucero at angela@mocadsv.org.

Policy Advisor from Office on Violence Against Women meets with Coalition staff and member programs

Coalition staff in July hosted and met with Jan Langbein, Senior Policy Advisor to the Director of the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) in the U.S. Department of Justice, during her recent trip to Missouri. Ms. Langbein also toured MCADSV-member programs in mid-Missouri.

In her position—which she accepted in April while on sabbatical from directing a domestic violence shelter and transitional housing program in Dallas, Texas—Ms. Langbein guides and evaluates OVW grant programs and related operations through the federal office that allocates the majority of federal funds dedicated to addressing violence against women. She works closely with OVW Director Cindy Dyer to implement the programs of the federal Violence Against Women Act.

Impressed by a rousing speech given by Langbein at a meeting of state coalitions in June, MCADSV Policy Specialist Emily van Schenkhof invited her to meet with the Coalition staff and visit some Missouri programs. “Jan’s visit gave MCADSV an opportunity to share the needs and situations of Missouri programs with someone who is in a position to incorporate those needs into the national agenda to end violence against women,” said van Schenkhof.

Langbein toured domestic and sexual violence programs in Jefferson City, Columbia and Fulton.