

**Advocates should not take pictures of victims' injuries as part of evidence collection**

**Q** ■ Should advocates take pictures of bruises and injuries for victims as part of evidence collection? This used to be recommended as best practice, but now I'm unsure.

**A** ■ No, advocates should not take pictures of bruises and injuries or proof of property destruction for victims to aid in evidence collection. Although this was recommended in the past as best practice for documentation, this recommendation has changed to help keep the advocate's role clear and separate from law enforcement's responsibility to collect evidence.



While it is common for women to request that advocates help document abuse, it is not an advocate's role to become involved in evidence collection. It is law enforcement's job to collect evidence, interview witnesses and take pictures for potential use in court. Advocates have a clear role in providing services, which is to offer support and safety planning. Part of safety planning may be working with a woman to determine how she can gather potential evidence. If a victim chooses, advocates can help her get in touch with law enforcement so that an officer can take evidentiary photos. If she does not wish to contact law enforcement, advocates can help her obtain a Polaroid camera or a camera that produces a negative so that she can take the photos herself or ask friends or family take pictures. Advocates can also work with a woman to identify safe ways to store pictures or negatives that she may wish to hold on to for future use.

MCADSV staff is available to provide onsite trainings to review best practice guidelines for documentation. Those interested can contact Emily Hayes, Education Coordinator, at (888) 666-1911 or emilyh@mocadsv.org.

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**MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
<b>CENTRAL</b> MCADSV office	Aug. 7 11:30 A.M.	Rita Westermann (417) 533-5201
<b>KANSAS CITY</b> Newhouse	July 19 10:30 A.M.	Beth Savitzky (816) 561-0550
<b>NORTHEAST</b> Union	Sept. 13 10:30 A.M.	Donna Rodenbaugh (660) 886-9880
<b>NORTHWEST</b> St. Joseph	Aug. 8 Noon	Debbie Wallace (660) 886-9880
<b>ST. LOUIS</b> WS&CS	Aug. 14 9:00 A.M.	Melissa Dann (314) 533-1313
<b>SOUTHEAST</b> Cape Girardeau	Aug. 2 11:30 A.M.	Brenda Smelser (636) 931-2700 ext. 196
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Springfield	Aug. 3 11:00 a.m.	Christna Paul (417) 782-1772

**UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS**

Date/Time/Location	Information
<b>ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE</b> July 31-Aug. 1 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>ADVANCED ADVOCACY INSTITUTE</b> Aug. 22-23 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE</b> Sept. 20-21 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Country Club Hotel & Spa, Lake Ozark	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAMS</b> Oct. 10 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911

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

**Blunt signs omnibus sexual and domestic violence victims' rights bill into law**

Missouri women victimized by domestic and sexual violence received increased protections under a bill Gov. Matt Blunt signed July 12. House Bill 583 contains MCADSV's priority legislation for the 2007 session and includes some of the most significant provisions addressing the needs of sexual violence victims passed in more than 20 years.



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In addition to requiring the state to pay for sexual assault forensic evidence exams, the legislation creates confidentiality protections for sexual assault advocates and victims; requires courts to redact and prohibit the disclosure of personally identifying information of domestic violence and sexual assault victims; prohibits polygraph or voice stress testing of sexual assault victims as a condition for proceeding with a criminal investigation; and requires that the Missouri Attorney General and Department of Health and Senior Services standardize the protocols and processes involved in the collection of sexual assault forensic evidence through exams. The bill also contains protections for domestic violence victims, including establishing an Address Confidentiality Program, enhancing penalties for repeat domestic assault offenders and a provision granting parole board reviews to four formerly battered women who were incarcerated for killing their abusive husbands.

Gov. Blunt promoted the bill with ceremonial signings at MCADSV member programs in Columbia, St. Louis, Springfield and Lee's Summit. Key legislators, MCADSV staff and advocates from throughout the state were on hand to celebrate the increased protections.

Like most other Missouri laws, these provisions will go into effect August 28, 2007.



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## NNEDV now accepting applications for the Allstate Education & Job Training Direct Assistance Fund

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is now accepting new applications for the Allstate Foundation's Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund. Applications will be processed within 10 business days of being received.



There have been several changes to the fund application process that are important for anyone interested in submitting applications to review.

- ▶ **Submission guidelines:** The National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund will only accept Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund applications from 501(c3) nonprofit organizations whose core mission is to serve or represent victims of domestic violence.
- ▶ **Application processing:** All submitted applications will be processed within 10 business days. After 10 business days the applicant will receive a phone call from NNEDV Fund detailing the final funding decision.
- ▶ **Application requirement:** All applications must include a summary of the organization's most recent financial audit with every application, no exceptions.
- ▶ **Organization application limitations:** All eligible organizations can submit no more than 15 applications from 15 different domestic violence survivors within one calendar year. Please note that if a program submits more than one application on behalf of the same survivor that it will count against that program's 15 application limitation.

All waiting list applications from September 20, 2006 through November 1, 2006 have been processed by NNEDV. Applicants who submitted applications during this time have received funding decision notifications. Any applicants sent after the Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund waiting list was closed on November 2, 2006 have not been processed or reviewed for funding considerations. NNEDV will contact applicants who submitted applications after the waiting list was closed to discuss submission options.

Questions can be directed to Mary McCullough, Coordinator for the Education and Job Training Direct Assistance Fund, at (202) 543-5566, extension 34, or [economicjustice@nnedv.org](mailto:economicjustice@nnedv.org).



### MCADSV has moved!

Our new address is:

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Fax and phone numbers, as well as Web and e-mail addresses, remain the same:

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## New resources available for use from MCADSV Lending Library

The MCADSV Resource Lending Library has reopened after the Coalition's move. Use of the library is a benefit of MCADSV membership and is a way for members to check out materials from the Coalition's collection of books, videos, manuals and journals. The library contains resources on a wide variety of topics on domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking and dating violence.

MCADSV has also recently acquired additional materials for the Resource Lending Library. New titles include:

▶ ***Crossing the Threshold: Female Officers and Police-Perpetuated Domestic Violence*** by Deborah Wetendorf. This book focuses on police-perpetrated violence against women and examines the situation when both the perpetrator and victim are officers. It looks at domestic violence within "police culture" and examines the institution's response.

▶ ***Domestic Violence in the Margins: Readings on Race, Class, Gender and Culture*** edited by Natalie Sokoloff and Christina Pratt. This anthology examines domestic violence in marginalized communities based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and social class. It explores theoretical issues, research, service provision and activism among Latinas, Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans and lesbians.

▶ ***Finding My Way: A Teen's Guide to Living with a Parent Who Has Experienced Trauma*** by Michelle Sherman and DeAnn Sherman. A resource geared toward teens, this book discusses key issues for teens living with a parent who has experienced trauma. Also a good resource for advocates, it includes information on understanding common responses to trauma, learning coping tools and identifying social support networks.

▶ ***Rape Work: Victims, Gender and Emotions in Organization and Emotional Context*** by Patricia Martin. The author discusses rape work in an organizational context. This book focuses on the many different organizations and individuals that work with sexual assault survivors and how these different organizations can provide more responsive care.

▶ ***Sexual Violence: The Sin Revisited*** by Marie Fortune. This book calls religious leaders' attention to the issue of sexual violence. Using scripture resources, it outlines ways the faith community can address this issue.

To request materials, contact the Coalition office for a Resource Request Form. If you have any questions about the library, please contact Marie Montano, Program Development Specialist, at [marie@mocadsv.org](mailto:marie@mocadsv.org) or (888) 666-1911.

## MO advocates meet with federal legislators at NNEDV's Lobby Days

MCADSV staff and program members discussed funding priorities with federal lawmakers this June during the National Network to End Domestic Violence's Lobby Days in Washington, DC.

Missouri advocates met with Rep. Sam Graves, Rep. Russ Carnahan, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, Rep. Ike Skelton and Sen. Claire McCaskill, and with staff representing Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, Rep. William Lacy Clay, Rep. Kenny Hulshof and Sen. Kit Bond. They discussed four funding priorities: increased funding for FVPSA, STOP grants and Transitional Housing grants as well as first-time funding for a sexual assault services program.

During the month following Lobby Days, initial Appropriations Committee bills in both the U.S. House and Senate increased funding for FVPSA (\$10 million in House, \$2.3 million in Senate), STOP grants (\$27.3 million in House, \$7.8 million in Senate), Transitional Housing grants (\$5.2 million in House, \$2.2 in Senate) and first-time allocations for a Sexual Assault Services Program (\$10 million in both House and Senate).