

**In Most Adult Sexual Criminal Offense Cases, Medical Personnel Are Not Mandated Reporters**

By MCADSV Staff

**Q: Are medical personnel mandated to report adult sexual criminal offenses to law enforcement?**

A: No, medical personnel, including doctors, nurses and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), are not required to report adult sexual criminal offenses to law enforcement. In general, the only time that a physician, nurse or licensed medical worker must report a crime against an adult to law enforcement officials is

when they have treated a person for a wound inflicted by gunshot (Section 578.350, RSMo.). Just

as reporting domestic violence and witnessing domestic violence do not fall under Missouri's mandated reporting statute regarding children and are not crimes subject to mandatory reporting laws when adults are victims of domestic violence, adult sexual criminal offenses are not subject to any mandatory reporting rules in Missouri. However, if a child is victimized by a sexual criminal offense, this is considered child abuse and would fall under the mandated reporter statute of Section 210.115, RSMo. When working with an individual who is 16 or 17 years old, the person may be considered emancipated if, for example, the individual is self-supporting and, therefore, such a person might be treated as an adult. Also, if a physician, nurse or other health care practitioner has reasonable cause to believe sexual abuse of a person over the age of 60 or an in-home services client has occurred, the medical personnel must report the incident to the Department of Health and Senior Services (Sections 565.188 and 660.300, RSMo.). Missouri's laws pertaining to sexual criminal offenses are detailed and complex. Chapter 566 of the Missouri Revised Statutes sets forth the "sexual offense" crimes. More detailed information on Missouri sexual violence laws will be forthcoming as MCADSV progresses into dual coalition work. Those with questions can contact the Coalition at (888) 666-1911.



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**MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
<b>CENTRAL</b> Jefferson City	August 1 11:30 A.M.	Rita Westermann (417) 533-5201
<b>KANSAS CITY</b> Rose Brooks	July 27 10:30 A.M.	Beth Savitzky (816) 561-0550
<b>NORTHEAST</b> Mexico	July 13 10:30 A.M.	Donna Rodenbaugh (573) 642-1418
<b>NORTHWEST</b> St. Joseph	June 21 Noon	Debbie Wallace (660) 886-9880
<b>ST. LOUIS</b> St. Louis	July 11 Aug. 8 9:00 A.M.	Rita Zagarri (314) 622-4373
<b>SOUTHEAST</b> Cape Girardeau	August 3 11:30 A.M.	Brenda Smelser (636) 931-2700 ext. 196
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Springfield	August 18 11:00 A.M.	Kathy Barron (417) 256-3408

**UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS**

Location/Date/Time	Information
<b>ADVOCATES AS EXPERTS</b>	
Columbia / June 28-29 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>MAKING SAFETY AND SUPPORT ACCESSIBLE: FEATURING IowaCASA</b>	
Columbia / July 18 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>WORKING WITH THE MEDIA: FEATURING THE RHODE ISLAND COALITION</b>	
Columbia / August 9 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>FOUNDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY</b>	
Columbia / August 24-25 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>MCADSV LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE</b>	
Lake Ozark / Sept. 14-15 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>TRAIN THE TRAINERS: ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE</b>	
Columbia / Sept. 26-27 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.	MCADSV (888) 666-1911

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

**Sue Else Hired as President of NNEDV**

Sue Else, former President of Hope House in Independence and Lee's Summit, has been hired as the President of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in Washington, DC, the national organization representing state domestic violence coalitions and credited with groundbreaking work in the areas of domestic violence advocacy, policy development, education and outreach. Sue has been a vital part of the domestic violence movement in Missouri for 18 years, providing leadership at the local, regional and statewide level and helping MCADSV develop during that time through her ongoing service on the Coalition's Board of Directors. She began her new position in May 2006.

It is clear that NNEDV's national work of advocacy and education to end domestic violence will be furthered through Sue's leadership, skills and dedication. Although advocates in Missouri will miss her presence, allies and advocated nationwide will benefit as she assumes this important national leadership position within the domestic violence movement.

NNEDV was established in 1995, after state coalitions successfully had worked together to draft and gain passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. MCADSV was one of the founding state coalition members. Since that time, NNEDV has continued to provide the key national public policy advocacy voice of the domestic violence movement and recently played a pivotal role in gaining passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005.

Sue will concurrently serve as the President of NNEDV's sister organization, the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund, which provides public education, training and technical assistance to maintain and develop the professional expertise of advocates working to end domestic violence and provides service and support for victims of violence.



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advocacy**RLAD Connects  
Advocates with  
Legislators**

During April, MCADSV hosted three Regional Legislative Advocacy Days (RLAD). The events afforded participants the opportunity to meet and speak with their Representatives and Senators about specific issues affecting their programs and communities as well as to familiarize themselves with legislative advocacy. Attendee response to RLAD was overwhelmingly positive. One participant called the experience "Powerful. The Representatives and Senators were very approachable and seemed genuinely concerned about our issues," while another wrote, "Informative and eye opening. Excellent opportunity to meet and inform our legislators."

Janet Amitin, MCADSV Intern, was instrumental in planning and executing RLAD. Janet served as the Coalition's intern from January to May 2006 as a part of her coursework in the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Social Work's clinical program. She concurrently worked at The Shelter in Columbia, Missouri, as a residential advocate. Janet received her MSW in May 2006.

**MCADSV Welcomes Four New Staff**

Since late March, MCADSV has been fortunate to add four new members to its growing staff.

**Emily Hayes** assumed the duties of Education Coordinator on March 27. Reared in northern Indiana, Emily is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. She has worked as an educator and advocate in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. She has responded to both domestic and sexual violence crisis calls and has provided personal, medical and legal advocacy to survivors. Emily has trained and advised sexual violence prevention student groups and developed and presented curricula to young adults, youth and community organizations.

**Lisa Weingarth**, Communications Coordinator, also joined the staff on March 27. Lisa comes to MCADSV from the State Historical Society of Missouri where she edited, designed and wrote portions of the Society's publications. She has also volunteered as a hospital advocate at The Shelter in Columbia. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Lisa has a background in magazine editing. As a journalist, Lisa has focused on social justice issues, particularly those involving women and empowering young girls. Lisa is a Missouri native, born and raised in St. Louis.

**Debbie Stelter**, MCADSV's new Administrative Assistant, started on May 10. She comes to the Coalition with more than nine years of experience as an office manager and 12 previous years of work in administrative assistance. Debbie has strong communication, organization and multi-tasking skills that have already made her an asset to the Coalition's growing staff. She lives in Jefferson City and is originally from Kansas.

**Emily van Schenkhof**, Policy Specialist, will begin on June 19. A native Missourian with a background in journalism and political science, Emily returned to mid-Missouri after completing her masters in Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. There she worked in violence prevention with a national initiative of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That experience, plus her community education and organizing efforts, has prepared her to augment Coalition staff efforts to enhance the policy, services and governmental responses in Missouri to sexual and domestic violence.

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board**Registration for Statewide Trainings  
Available Online for Members**

MCADSV is pleased to offer online registration for statewide trainings. Online registration will allow members to instantaneously reserve seats and will provide immediate confirmation.

**To register online, follow these steps:**

- ▶ Go to [www.mocadv.org/membership](http://www.mocadv.org/membership).
- ▶ Enter your user name and password. The user name and password are case sensitive. (If you have not received or have forgotten your user name and password contact Debbie Stelter at (888) 666-1911.)
- ▶ If entered correctly, the screen will state "Login Successful." Click on "Training Events" in the navigation bar above the login message.
- ▶ You will see "Upcoming Events" on the screen. Locate the event for which you wish to register. Click on that event's "Registration" button.
- ▶ Individual members: Under the "Enrollment" heading, you will see all of your registrations. If you would like to register, select the "Register Now" button. Member programs: If you would like to register an individual for that training, select the "Add Attendee" button.
- ▶ Fill out the entire enrollment form. Select the "Submit" button. If any blanks were not filled out correctly, the form will prompt you to make corrections. Once complete, click "Submit."
- ▶ You will then see the event screen with confirmation of enrollment. Print this screen for your records.
- ▶ If you need to change registration information, follow the same steps as above and click "Update" at the bottom of the screen.
- ▶ If you need to cancel the registration, follow the same steps as above and click "Remove" at the bottom of the screen.

Once you have registered online and received your confirmation, there is no need to fax or mail a registration form.

**MCADSV Seeks Workshops for 2006 Annual Conference**

The Coalition invites members and interested individuals to submit workshop proposals for its annual conference, which will be held November 8-10 in Columbia.

This year's theme is *Continuity in Change*. MCADSV is seeking original presentations that address domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence or stalking. Workshops may also cover topics such as employee and volunteer management, cultural competency, reaching underserved populations and forming community partnerships.

Those interested can find the proposal form online at [www.mocadv.org](http://www.mocadv.org) by clicking on "Resources," then "News & Events," or can request a copy by calling the Coalition at (888) 666-1911. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2006.

MCADSV welcomes seven new members to its Board.

**Erin Ercoline**, ALIVE, St. Louis

**Karen Gudic**, Bridgeway's AVA Program, St. Louis

**Sharon Meusch**, Russell House, Rolla

**Susan Miller**, Rose Brooks Center, Kansas City

**Donna Rodenbaugh**, CARDV, Fulton

**Beth Savitzky**, Kansas City Anti-Violence Project

**Barb Tenholder**, Comtrea—A Safe Place, Eureka

**Statewide Training  
Cancellation Policy**

If you have registered for a statewide training and find that you are unable to attend, please call the MCADSV office at (888) 666-1911 to cancel your reservation. Cancellations are accepted until noon the day prior to the training. Failure to cancel by that time will result in a \$25.00 fee.

MCADSV will invoice members for any failure to cancel fees. If a member organization or an individual member owes any failure to cancel fees, people from that organization or that individual member will not be allowed to register for trainings until the fees have been paid.