

## Eligible cash/volunteer match for DPS grants

**Q** I am confused about what constitutes an eligible cash and/or volunteer match for VOCA and STOP grants. Can you give me some specific examples?



**A** The activities listed below are examples of what constitutes an eligible cash and/or volunteer match for VOCA and STOP grants. The source of the cash match is only one part of the eligibility requirement. In addition, the cash match must be spent on activities directly related to the VOCA and/or STOP funded project. If there is any doubt as to the eligibility of match activities, check with the Department of Public Safety or MCADSV before allocating matching funds.

### Cash-Eligible

- ▶ Local government (county/municipal fees)
- ▶ Individual donations (individuals, businesses)
- ▶ Foundations and corporations (Mary Kay, etc.)
- ▶ Ministerial alliances and individual churches
- ▶ Civic organizations (Rotary, Lions, etc.)
- ▶ Other non-profits (United Way)

### Cash-Ineligible

- ▶ SSVF or other DPS grants
- ▶ DSS state/fed. fee-for-service contract funds
- ▶ Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA)

### Volunteer Hours-Eligible

- ▶ Any direct service for a DV and/or SV survivor
- ▶ Court advocacy
- ▶ Support group
- ▶ Shelter coverage
- ▶ Hotline
- ▶ Programs/childcare for survivors' children
- ▶ Time spent training volunteers

### Volunteer Hours-Ineligible

- ▶ Any and all fundraising activities
- ▶ Picking up/sorting donations
- ▶ Shelter maintenance (yard work, cleaning)
- ▶ Board of Directors' hours spent directing the business of the organization
- ▶ Time spent being trained as a volunteer
- ▶ Errands for shelter not related to direct service
- ▶ Employee time "off the clock"

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## MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
<b>CENTRAL</b> Jefferson City	April 3 1:30 P.M.	Rita Westermann (417) 533-5201
<b>KANSAS CITY</b> Rose Brooks	March 29 10:30 A.M.	Beth Savitzky (816) 561-0550
<b>NORTHEAST</b> Fulton	May 3 10:30 A.M.	Donna Rodenbaugh (660) 886-9880
<b>NORTHWEST</b> Warrensburg	April 18 Noon	Debbie Wallace (660) 886-9880
<b>ST. LOUIS</b> St. Louis	April 10 9:00 A.M.	Melissa Dann (314) 533-1313
<b>SOUTHEAST</b> Cape Girardeau	April 5 11:30 A.M.	Brenda Smelser (636) 931-2700 ext. 196
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Springfield	April 6 11:00 a.m.	Christna Paul (417) 782-1772

## UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS

Date/Time/Location	Information
<b>DOMESTIC &amp; SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION</b>	
April 4 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>BATTERERS, MOTHERS &amp; CHILD CUSTODY LUNDY BANCROFT, TRAINER</b>	
April 26 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE</b>	
May 9-10 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>EMERGING ISSUES</b>	
May 30 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911



## REGISTER ONLINE

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## National census reveals shortage of services for Missouri victims

In a single day, more than 1,992 adults and children in Missouri received services from domestic violence agencies. In the same day, more than 204 requests for services were unmet due to a lack of resources. This startling data comes from the release of *Domestic Violence Counts: the National Census of Domestic Violence Services* (NCDVS). Conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence and Harvard University researchers, the NCDVS is the most recent data documenting the number of victims seeking help.

"Every day, every hour, women and children in Missouri depend upon domestic violence programs for safety when they are in danger," said Colleen Coble, MCADSV Chief Executive Officer. "Programs throughout our state provide life-saving refuge and help, but the NCDVS confirms—in stark numbers from just one day—that more resources for local services are critically needed."

The NCDVS collected a national, unduplicated count of adults and children who received life-saving services from domestic violence programs on November 2, 2006. Eighty-four percent of Missouri's primary-purpose, domestic violence programs participated in the national census, which they also helped to pilot in May.

During the 24-hour survey period, more than 721 Missourians found refuge in emergency shelters, 175 lived in transitional housing facilities, and 1,096 received non-residential services such as counseling, legal advocacy and children's support groups. In addition, 350 hotline calls were answered by Missouri domestic violence advocates—an average of more than 15 calls per hour.

However, the survey found there is still a significant need for services. More than 204 Missourians who requested services were referred elsewhere because programs did not have the resources to aid them.

More than 1,200 domestic violence programs from across the country (62 percent) participated in the survey. Detailed data can be found online at [www.nnedv.org/census](http://www.nnedv.org/census).

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### Online Information Center available to FVPSA pilot project participants

FVPSA Outcomes Pilot Project administrators have created an online Information Center for project materials. It includes key documents and tools to support pilot participants. As more resources are developed, including translated versions of the Documenting Our Work tools and a compilation of Frequently Asked Questions, they will also be posted.

To access the Information Center, participants can:

1. Go to [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org) and click on the purple star under the "Featured Information" box on the right hand side of the homepage; or
2. Go directly to [http://pubs.pcadv.net/FVPSA\\_Outcome/](http://pubs.pcadv.net/FVPSA_Outcome/).

Either site will pull up a login screen. To login, enter username "outcomes" and password "pilot."

The Information Center also has a "contact us" feature, which allows participants to forward questions or materials they might want posted.

Contact Casey Keene at [ck@pcadv.org](mailto:ck@pcadv.org) or (800) 537-2238 ext. 136 with questions about accessing the Information Center.

### Shelter Rules Project aims to reduce power and control in victims' lives

The advocate community understands the role of power and control in domestic violence. Advocates have heard the stories of women who have been battered, raped, and emotionally and verbally abused; who have had no control of their finances; who have been locked out of—or sometimes locked in—their own homes; and who have had their parenting undermined and their children used against them. And, yet, sometimes program rules, guidelines, policies and procedures can unintentionally create another layer of power and control over a woman seeking help. Many advocates recognize the dilemmas of maintaining the least-chaotic atmosphere for a program without being an extension of the abuser or other systems a victim must work within.

Following a call from the national level for a closer examination of shelter rules, MCADSV initiated the Shelter Rules Project. One program from each of the seven regions volunteered to participate—Russell House in Rolla, Rose Brooks Center, Inc. in Kansas City, ACCIS, Inc. in Mexico, YWCA in St. Joseph, St. Martha's Hall in St. Louis, Regional Family Crisis Center in Perryville and Women's Crisis Center of Taney County, Inc. in Branson. For the next year, these programs will examine their current rules and the philosophy behind them. They will also deliberate whether a shelter could function with no rules, or at least very few, and whether that would change the way advocacy work is done.

The first Shelter Rules Project meeting was held on January 24, 2007. Participants discussed their programs' rules, why they were in place and that it is sometimes easier to rely on a rule than to have a conversation with a resident regarding a problem. After much thought, each participant came up with a plan to take back to her respective program. Two programs decided to try no written rules, four decided to start reducing the number of written rules, and one decided to not have written rules for residents but, instead, better policies and procedures for staff to follow when working with a survivor. Participants plan to meet again in April.

For more about shelter rules, visit the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Web site at [www.wscadv.org](http://www.wscadv.org). For more information about the MCADSV Shelter Rules Project contact Laura Zahnd or Jennifer Carter, Program Development Specialists, or Cheryl Robb-Welch, Chief Operating Officer.




### Advocates affect public policy during RLAD in February

More than 40 MCADSV members participated in the second annual Regional Legislative Advocacy Days (RLAD) in February. After a brief training, members met with legislators and discussed the need for additional funding for domestic and sexual violence services and other proposed legislation. The local perspective provided by member programs is a key component of MCADSV's strategy to affect public policy. Legislators are more likely to support increased funding and policy changes when they hear stories and voices from their home district. Most MCADSV members were welcomed warmly by legislators and enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of the political process. MCADSV will host Regional Legislative Advocacy Days again next year, but member programs are encouraged to visit legislators throughout this session. If programs or individuals need assistance in preparing for a visit, please contact Emily van Schenkhof, Policy Specialist.

### MCADSV experiences increased interest in statewide trainings for 2007

This year, MCADSV has experienced an overwhelming interest in its statewide trainings. Many have exceeded capacity. MCADSV strongly encourages members to register for statewide trainings online at [www.mocadsv.org](http://www.mocadsv.org). Those wishing to register will need their username and password to access the members' only portion of the Web site. Online registration allows members to instantaneously reserve their seat and provides immediate confirmation. Registrations that are faxed or received in the mail may be entered up to one business day after they are received.

#### MCADSV's wait-list procedure

Once the maximum number of registrants has signed up for a training, the database will not allow additional registrants. Those interested in that training may fax a registration form to MCADSV. If an interested party is added to a wait-list instead of registered for a training, s/he will be notified with a phone call. If space becomes available, s/he will again receive notification by phone. MCADSV asks that those interested still fill out the registration form in case space becomes available and also so that the Coalition can keep the level of interest in mind when planning future trainings. MCADSV will continue to notify wait-listed individuals of openings up to three days prior to the training. The day before training, wait-listed individuals still interested in attending are encouraged to notify MCADSV to see if there are any openings.

If an individual registered for a training is unable to attend, s/he is encouraged to let MCADSV know so someone else may take the spot. Emily Hayes, Education Coordinator, is available to answer questions about MCADSV trainings.

### Missouri Clemency Coalition update

On March 8, the Missouri Supreme Court heard the parole pleas of Shirley Lute and Lynda Branch. Both women, imprisoned for killing their husbands after enduring years of abuse, received commutations of their life sentences—from life without parole to life with parole—from Gov. Bob Holden two years ago. They had both expected to be out of prison within weeks but ran into complications with the parole board. Members of the Missouri Clemency Coalition, which include lawyers and advocates from Missouri's four law schools, as well as MCADSV, have been working to help find justice for these women for more than 10 years.

A decision in the case should be forthcoming in the next few weeks or months.