

Continuing education for licensed professionals

Q: Do MCADSV 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 MCADSV training relates to their current practice and licensure requirements. If the person who is licensed determines that the material is appropriate, MCADSV trainings can count for continuing education credits or hours. Courses do not need to be approved prior to a licensee taking a seminar or workshop.



► For Licensed Social Workers, every 60 minutes of an MCADSV training equals one (1) contact hour.

- A course should be “a formal curriculum of learning which contributes directly to the advancement, extension and enhancement of professional skills and scientific knowledge of a licensed individual” 20 CSR 2263-2.082 (4).

► For Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), every 50 minutes of training equals one (1) contact hour.

- Topic must be “relevant to the practice of professional counseling” 20 CSR 2095-1.064 (1).

For some trainings, MCADSV obtains advance approval for continuing education credit for social workers. According to the Code of State Regulations, providers of continuing education programs approved by social worker associations are acceptable for professional counselors (20 CSR 2095-1.064 (8)).

Training attendees requiring additional documentation may contact Emily Hayes, Education Coordinator, at emilyh@mocadsv.org or 888-666-1911, ext. 106. Contact your licensing board for additional information pertaining to continuing education requirements.

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MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
CENTRAL	June 9	Tracie Lawson
Boonville	11:30 A.M.	(573) 875-1369
KANSAS CITY	July 17	Beth Savitzky
Rose Brooks	12:30 P.M.	(816) 561-0550
NORTHEAST	July 16	Donna Rodenbaugh
Hannibal	10:30 A.M.	(573) 642-1418
NORTHWEST	June 17	Debbie Wallace
St. Joseph	Noon	(660) 886-9880
ST. LOUIS	June 9	Melissa Dann
Safe Connections	9:00 A.M.	(314) 533-1313
SOUTHEAST	June 4	Brenda Smelser
Cape Girardeau	11:30 A.M.	(636) 931-2700 ext. 196
SOUTHWEST	June 5	Larry Copelin
Springfield	11:00 A.M.	(417) 869-8332

UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS

Date/Time/Location	Information
COERCIVE CONTROL	
June 23	MCADSV
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(888) 666-1911
Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	
CHILD CUSTODY & ADVOCACY RESPONSE	
June 11	MCADSV
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	(888) 666-1911
Chamber of Commerce, Community Room, Poplar Bluff	



REGISTER ONLINE

Registration for all MCADSV trainings is online only. Visit www.mocadsv.org and click on “member login” 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

Jane Aiken featured as keynote for 2009 Annual Conference *In Focus*

In the movement to end violence against women, advocates face a daunting array of barriers to achieving justice, social change and equality for individuals and for our communities. These challenges can make it difficult to stay motivated—to remain *in focus*—when our daily efforts lead us to see even more of the world to influence, to reform, to mobilize. The 2009 MCADSV Annual Conference offers advocates a time to concentrate our focus—as those who are fulfilled through service to others—on maintaining our empathy and awareness of survivors’ needs and to support the very best approaches in our mission of peace and liberty.

Jane Aiken, one of the founding leaders of the Missouri Battered Women’s Clemency Coalition, will be the featured keynote speaker for the conference. Aiken, a former Washington University William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law who directed the university’s Civil Justice Clinic, is now a professor at Georgetown University School of Law. In 2007, Aiken successfully argued a case before the Supreme Court of Missouri that led to the freedom of two women granted clemency who were denied release by the Missouri Parole Board. Professor Aiken was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Tribhuvan Law Campus in Kathmandu, Nepal during the Fall of 2001 and continues her work there, particularly in the area of women’s rights. She is currently the co-chair of the American Bar Association’s Women’s Subcommittee on Criminal Justice.

Aiken’s impressive career has focused on issues of abuse of power and has included work as wide-ranging as domestic violence against women and children, clemency and parole, police brutality, municipal violations involving resisting arrest, and habeas and Section 1983 complex litigation.

Aiken’s research and writing include many articles about character evidence and domestic violence. Her latest article concerns the ways in which the law abandons and blames victims of domestic violence.



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New resources available for use from MCADSV Lending Library

MCADSV has recently acquired many new materials for its Resource Lending Library which are available to its members. 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. For a complete list of resources or to request materials, contact Marie Montano, Program Development Specialist, at marie@mocadsv.org or (888) 666-1911, ext. 108.

New titles include:

- Yes Means Yes: Visions of Female Sexual Power and A World Without Rape by Jaclyn Friedman and Jessica Valenti. This book takes a groundbreaking new look at rape. The way culture views rape is finally dismantled and replaced with a genuine understanding and respect for female sexual pleasure. It brings to the table a variety of perspectives and experiences focused on the theory that educating all people to value female sexuality leads to viewing women differently and ending rape.
Moving Beyond Founder's Syndrome to Nonprofit Success by Thomas A. McLaughlin and Addie Nelson Backlund. This book offers advice on how an organization can successfully develop an effective board and staff while leveraging the founder's strengths and accomplishments and showing respect to the vision of the organization. It features useful examples, practical case studies, and action-tips for founders, board members, and staff.
Iron Jawed Angels, DVD. A fresh and contemporary look at a pivotal event in American history, telling the true story of how activists took the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote. This video emphasizes the historical context of the status of women, women's rights, and empowerment, and allows for audiences to review an activist, social change, grassroots movement.
My Girlfriend Did It, DVD. This documentary explores the dynamics of violence in lesbian relationships and examines the impact of oppression when addressing this abuse. Women who have experienced battering by their partners share their stories through testimonials and reenactments. They describe the unique challenges they faced—their fear of "coming out," their difficulty in finding help and resources, and the reactions of family and friends.

MCADSV offers Child Custody and Advocacy Response regional trainings

Starting in June, MCADSV will be offering a free, three-hour, interactive training focusing on child custody issues and the best ways to advocate for victims of abuse in child custody disputes. There are five training times scheduled in June, July and August, each led by the Coalition's Legal Advocacy Specialist, Kelly Martinez, JD.

Advocates will learn about the practical application of child custody laws in domestic violence cases, how to assist survivors when interacting with attorneys, judges and guardians ad litem, and how to navigate through the judicial process.

The dates and locations for the child custody trainings are:
June 11, Poplar Bluff;
July 8, Springfield;
July 21, St. Joseph; and
August 4, Jefferson City.

All locations will have a training session from 9 a.m. to noon, with the Jefferson City location having a second session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information concerning this or any other MCADSV training, please contact Emily Hayes, Education Coordinator, at emilyh@mocadsv.org or (888) 666-1911, ext. 106.

National study reveals the important role of shelter

Released in February, Meeting Survivors' Needs: A Multi-State Study of Domestic Violence Shelter Experiences provides important insights into the role that shelters play in survivors' efforts to escape domestic violence. The groundbreaking study was conducted by Eleanor Lyon, Shannon Lane and Anne Menard for the National Institute of Justice.

Meeting Survivors' Needs assesses survivors' experience in domestic violence shelters, documenting and describing the value of these services and providing suggestions for improvement. Results capture the voices and experiences of more than 3,400 shelter residents in 215 programs in eight states. The study used the Documenting Our Work survey forms and outcomes piloted and now required for state-funded Missouri programs.

Although the full report is lengthy, the findings are validating and thought-provoking. The findings include, but are not limited to:

- Survivors' experiences before entering shelter;
Problems survivors experienced while in shelter;
Respect and support shown to survivors by staff;
Overall help survivors received;
Male respondents; and
The relationship between shelter size and shelter experiences.

The study confirms that shelter is a necessary service for those victimized by domestic violence. Advocates met most of the needs identified by residents and most residents reported being treated with respect and supported by shelter staff.

Implications of the study include "expanding diversity of shelter staff, expanding conflict resolution training for staff (and perhaps offering it for residents), reconsideration of time limits and eligibility requirements for shelters that have them, and further research on the full array of services (including non-residential services) provided by domestic violence programs."

The study's implications also reinforce The Missouri Model—MCADSV's Shelter Rules and Language Access intensive technical assistance projects—as timely and necessary endeavors. These projects are creating model policies and procedures, offer program and staff mentorship, and address the gaps in service delivery identified from the study.

To learn more about the study, and to obtain the full report, go to the VAWnet Web site at http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1756.

MCADSV welcomes new legal intern: Vinnie Iuppa

Vincenzo "Vinnie" Iuppa, Legal Intern, is a third year law student at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. Vinnie is also working towards his M.A. in philosophy. Throughout his education, Vinnie has demonstrated a commitment to service-oriented activities and women's rights. While studying philosophy at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, Vinnie worked at the Kansas City Women's Center where he assisted in executing programs such as Take Back the Night and Rape Awareness Week. He was co-founder and President of Feminists United, a student group designed to create visibility of feminist ideals through outreach and activism. Vinnie was also a peer educator and a trainer for SafeSpace.

