

Your program's mission in serving homeless women

Q: How does serving homeless women meet the mission of our organization? We are a domestic and/or sexual violence primary purpose organization, not a homeless service provider.

A: It is important for advocates to understand how homelessness and domestic and sexual violence intersect. Often, traditional homeless service providers do not receive specialized training on domestic and sexual violence and do not address trauma and safety concerns with women. Additionally, advocates do not always receive information about homelessness and how it is a part of ending violence against women.

FAQs
frequently asked questions

Domestic violence is a leading cause for women (and women with children) to become homeless. If a woman is homeless and not in immediate danger from an intimate partner, it is likely that domestic violence or violence in the home caused the original homelessness. Run-away teens cite domestic and family violence as the number one cause for leaving home. Programs that serve victims of domestic and sexual violence do so regardless of when the violence occurred in their lives. Anyone who has experienced the effects of domestic and sexual violence can benefit from a support group, counseling, case management and shelter. A person might not be in immediate danger of a known perpetrator of domestic or sexual violence, but if she is homeless she is in danger of further victimization. Being homeless increases the likelihood that a woman will repeatedly experience multiple forms of sexual violence. Domestic and sexual violence programs' resources can prevent further victimization, which is likely once a woman is homeless.

MCADSV Training Center

Trainings are now being held in the newly opened MCADSV Training Center. This is located in the same building as the MCADSV office, with the entrance off of Aaron Court.

Pictured right: MCADSV Development Director Zak Wilson trains Coalition members in the new Training Center.

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MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
CENTRAL Columbia	August 3 11:30 A.M.	Tracie Lawson (573) 875-1369
KANSAS CITY Independence	July 23 12:30 P.M.	Beth Savitzky (816) 561-0550
NORTHEAST Mexico	July 8 10:30 A.M.	Judy Edmonson (573) 406-1400
NORTHWEST Marshall	June 16 Noon	Ann Gosnell-Ellison (660) 259-4766
ST. LOUIS Safe Connections	July 13 10:00 A.M.	Meg Schnabel (314) 588-8300
SOUTHEAST Cape Girardeau	August 5 11:30 A.M.	Allison Leonard (573) 335-7745
SOUTHWEST Springfield	July 2 11:00 A.M.	Amy Lane (417) 782-1772

UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS

Date/Time/Location	Information
RACE MATTERS	
June 24 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
MSR TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS	
June 30 or July 30 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. MCADSV Training Center, Jefferson City	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
CREATING EFFECTIVE NEWSLETTERS	
July 20 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. MCADSV Training Center, Jefferson City	MCADSV (888) 666-1911



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

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Coble receives Women's Justice Award for Citizenship

MCADSV CEO Colleen Coble recently received the 2010 Women's Justice Citizenship Award for improving the quality of justice in the community at large. Coble received the award, presented by Missouri Lawyers Media, at a ceremony in St. Louis on April 22.

Coble has spent 27 years seeking justice for women whose voices are often unheard, victims of domestic and



Pictured above: MCADSV CEO Colleen Coble is recognized for improving the quality of justice in the community at large.

sexual violence. Although she is not a lawyer, her knowledge, opinions and accomplishments are respected throughout the Missouri legal community. When attending Missouri Supreme Court hearings, Coble has been introduced to the court, a respect typically paid only to lawyers. Her familiarity with laws pertaining to domestic and sexual violence has come from decades of advocacy, first directly with survivors and then during 22 years as an advocate to change both state and federal

laws to address violence against women.

Coble is known for challenging long-held injustices, such as her legislative advocacy in 1991 to pass the Missouri law making marital rape illegal—and then again seven years later to reinstate that law after it was repealed “by accident.” While focusing her efforts in Missouri, Coble was one of the primary advocates

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State Budget Passed with Full Funding for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Grants

On April 29 the state FY 2011 budget passed with full state funding for domestic violence services, Sexual Assault Evidence Exams, and federal and state grants for sexual violence and domestic violence services. The Missouri General Assembly passed the budget without reducing current levels of Department of Social Services state funding for domestic violence services in House Bill 2011 and with full funding for federal sexual and domestic violence grants and programs in the Department of Public Safety budget in House Bill 2011. A minor reduction in state funding for sexual assault forensic evidence examinations was offset through federal funds.

This victory is a direct result of the determined advocacy and activism of those working in coalition to end violence against women and is a profound public policy achievement. Not only were the funds retained at current levels for domestic violence services, but also they were restored after having been cut by 50 percent in February by a House appropriations committee. Very few programs and services were spared significant funding reductions in the final state budget that contained about \$1 billion in cuts for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The budget bills now proceed to Governor Jay Nixon for his review, possible line-item vetoes, and his signing of the bills to put them into effect as law.


MCADSV welcomes legal and public health interns

Mario Woods has joined MCADSV as an intern while he completes his master's in public health at the University of Missouri. Mario completed his Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner course in March at COVERSA, in Kansas City. Through his work as a travel nurse with U.S. Nursing Corporation, Mario became licensed as a registered nurse in multiple states. Mario is also a member of Men Against Relationship and Sexual Violence. Mario's e-mail address is miphintern@mocadsv.org.


Katie Crank has joined MCADSV as a legal intern. Katie is a student at Washington University School of Law and the Brown School of Social Work. Katie has a bachelor's degree in international studies/human rights from Indiana University and has worked in a variety of advocacy roles in multiple states as well as Ghana, West Africa. She has also worked with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and the Domestic Violence Court of St. Louis County, and is a recent recipient of the Women Lawyers' Association of St. Louis' annual scholarship for law students dedicated to improving the quality of life and stature of women in their society. Katie's e-mail address is legal@mocadsv.org.



Online Trainings coming soon:
MCADSV is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of its online trainings. These trainings might count toward the total required training hours included in MCADSV's *Service Standards and Guidelines*. Be watching for the official launch date.



The July/August issue of *The Latest* will be the first electronic copy and the last paper issue. MCADSV members currently receiving Coalition Listserv messages will continue getting this membership publication. Please contact Laura Paulus with any questions at lpaulus@mocadsv.org or (573) 634-4161.



National study reveals the effectiveness of Orders of Protection

The University of Kentucky released a comprehensive study on Orders of Protection in September 2009. Funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), The Kentucky Civil Protective Order Study: A Rural and Urban Multiple Perspective Study of Protective Order Violation Consequences, Responses, & Costs by TK Logan, Ph.D., Robert Walker, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., William Hoyt, Ph.D., and Teri Faragher, M.S.W. explored three questions.

- 1) *Rural versus urban similarities and differences: Do community contextual factors matter?*
- 2) *Civil protective orders: Justice or just a piece of paper?*
- 3) *Costs of protective orders versus partner violence: Is it really worth it?*

Although the full report is lengthy, the Executive Summary, on pages 1-11, provides basic information about the highlights of this study's findings. To learn more about the study, and to obtain the report, go to National Criminal Justice Reference Center (NCJRC) website at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/228350.pdf>.

Colleen Coble wins Citizenship Award

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who worked to write and gain passage of the far-reaching federal Violence Against Women Act in 1994.

Coble has passionately, patiently and repeatedly explained the nature and dynamics of domestic and sexual violence in the legislature and in court rooms, in church basements and late at night in kitchens of domestic and sexual violence programs. In 2008, she travelled to Slovakia to provide training to domestic violence advocates working in the nations of the European Union. Her honesty, informed by her experience, has a compelling effect. "Colleen truly is an honest broker of information on this issue and, thus, a most effective advocate," wrote Supreme Court Justice Michael Wolff in a letter nominating Coble for the award.

Her efforts unite not only advocates, but also politicians, regardless of party. "I cannot emphasize enough the degree of respect that Colleen has across the political spectrum, from liberal Democrats to conservative Republicans," wrote Attorney General Chris Koster, in a letter nominating Coble for the award. "Few individuals in the state Capitol who carry a social services portfolio, such as Colleen, have been able to achieve such widespread success and respect," Koster wrote.

Coble's direct and ongoing advocacy certainly influences the lives of domestic and sexual violence survivors and their advocates. However, her work extends to the greater community, to the social fabric of society for the same reason.

"Working against violence against women is successful when we see that the violence arises out of all of those other points of oppression, the ways that we demean and diminish each other," Coble said in an interview with Missouri Lawyers Media that was aired at the awards ceremony. "That's what supports the violence, and that's what we have to eradicate to end it."

Coble's words and actions are continually motivated by those whose voices are not otherwise heard. "There's an obligation to represent all of those who don't have the opportunity to participate or tell their stories or to be deemed important, to have their rights recognized—not granted—but recognized," Coble said.