

MCADV Historical Documents Can Be Used in Training or Community Education

By MCADV Program Development Specialists

Q: How can I talk to the community, new staff, volunteers and board members about the history of the domestic violence movement in Missouri?

A: The staff of MCADV is pleased to announce two new documents created to celebrate and detail the accomplishments of the Coalition and its members during the past 25 years. The documents are:

FAQs
frequently asked questions

► *The First 25 Years of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence.* This seven-page history of

MCADV's work since 1980 provides highlights of the activities and accomplishments of each year.

► *The History of Missouri's Adult Abuse Act and Domestic Violence Legislation.* This document provides a timeline and details on domestic violence legislation passed in Missouri since 1980 through the advocacy leadership of MCADV and its members.

The two documents will be useful in your community education presentation and trainings of new staff members, volunteers and board members to give them a sense of the progress of the domestic violence movement in Missouri.

We have indeed made significant strides in the work to end violence against women. It is important to savor those accomplishments as we continue to work together on all that remains to be achieved to end domestic and sexual violence.

MCADV members have been sent the documents by mail and soon will be sent a PDF file of the documents through the MCADV members' listserv so that members can make additional copies.

If you are not on the members' listserv and wish to receive a copy of the documents or if you have any questions about the materials, don't hesitate to contact MCADV on the toll-free members' helpline: (888) 666-1911 or e-mail mocadv@mocadv.org.

alliance opportunities

MCADV REGIONAL MEETINGS

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
CENTRAL Jefferson City	February 7 11:30 A.M.	Rita Johnson (417) 533-5201
KANSAS CITY Rose Brooks	January 26 10:30 A.M.	Jennifer Salmons (816) 587-4100
NORTHEAST Fulton	January 12 10:30 A.M.	Donna Rodenbaugh (573) 642-1418
NORTHWEST Marshall	February 15 Noon	Debbie Wallace (660) 886-9880
ST. LOUIS St. Louis	January 10 February 14 March 14	Rita Zagarri (314) 622-4373 9:00 A.M.
SOUTHEAST Cape Girardeau	February 2 11:30 A.M.	Brenda Smelser (636) 931-2700 ext 196
SOUTHWEST Springfield	February 17 11:00 A.M.	Kathy Barron (417) 256-3408

UPCOMING MCADV TRAININGS

Location/Date/Time	Information
FOUNDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY Columbia / February 23-24 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
ADVOCATING WITH WOMEN WITH MULTIPLE ISSUES: DV, SA, SUICIDE AND ADDICTION Columbia / March 16-17 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Patti Bland (888) 666-1911
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL Columbia / April 5 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND GRANTS Columbia / May 3-4 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE Columbia / May 23-24 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911
EXPERT WITNESS Columbia / June 22-23 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MCADV (888) 666-1911

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

in this issue

MCADV to Expand Mission and Membership to Address Sexual Violence

The MCADV Board of Directors voted unanimously on December 9 to expand the mission and membership of the Coalition to address sexual violence and domestic violence. This historic expansion of MCADV as a dual issue Coalition is being undertaken to meet the needs of women victimized by domestic and sexual violence in Missouri through a united movement to end violence against women.

Since early this year, MCADV's Board and staff have been discussing the possible expansion to a dual sexual and domestic violence coalition. This resulted from the decision by the Board of the Missouri Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MOCASA) to close its operations, a process that is underway. The MCADV Board and staff have agreed with MOCASA Board members on the need for a continuing statewide advocacy voice to address sexual violence against women in Missouri. Those discussions will continue during this time of transition and start-up planning.

MCADV staff met this fall with five dual issue state coalitions in a two-day technical assistance meeting. They provided information on dual issue coalition work, and how to ensure that the capacity to fully address sexual violence is soundly developed. Also, they affirmed that communication among their members and allies was essential to maintain parity in the work on both sexual and domestic violence. They agreed that their dual-issue focus provided the opportunity to cross-train and assist programs that wished to expand their services to both sexual assault and domestic violence—with the result of increased services available throughout their states.

Currently, 58 percent of MCADV's member programs report that they provide both sexual assault and domestic violence services. The majority of current MCADV Board members represent programs that provide both domestic and sexual violence services. Discussions about expanding as a dual issue coalition were first recorded in the minutes of a 1983 meeting of the MCADV Board of Directors. The time is now for the expansion process to begin.

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Dual issue focus will provide new advocacy opportunities

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Transitional Housing Service Standards and Guidelines Available

The MCADV Board of Directors approved the service standards and guidelines for transitional housing in the fall of 2005.

Updated *Service Standards and Guidelines for Domestic Violence Programs* that include Transitional Housing have been mailed with the 2006 MCADV program membership forms.

New language has been added to many sections of the standards to include the need for programs to incorporate an evaluation process for their provision of services.

The Services and Education Workgroup is charged with developing Standards and Guidelines and is now working on a standard regarding programs and services for children.

If you would like to request the updated *Service Standards and Guidelines* or are interested in participating in the Workgroup to help develop the standard for children's programs and services, contact the MCADV office at (888)-666-1911.

MCADV Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs Completed by Board Committee

The MCADV Board of Directors believed it essential to utilize the expertise of its members and called for the creation of the Batterer Intervention Workgroup in the spring of 2003 to create service standards for batterer intervention programs. The Workgroup included advocates from Missouri batterer intervention programs and advocates who work with battered women and their children throughout Missouri. This Workgroup began bi-monthly meetings on May 30, 2003.

The standards are designed to assist batterer intervention programs that work with men who batter women and reflect MCADV's commitment to end violence against women through direct intervention with perpetrators of violence against women. The standards were approved in July 2005 by the MCADV Board of Directors.

The Workgroup was co-chaired by Susan Miller of Rose Brooks Center, Inc., Kansas City and Martha Sander of Moss House in Nevada. Members of the Workgroup were: Floyd Ferguson, previously of the YWCA of St. Joseph; Regine Anderson, Lafayette House, Joplin; Rita Johnson, COPE, Lebanon; Joan DiPretore, previously of RAVEN, St. Louis; Larry Copelin, H.I.T. No More, Springfield; Alison Brown, Bridgeway's AVA, St. Charles; Barb Hiltz, RAVEN, St. Louis; Lisa Jones, St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Victim Services; Michelle Schiller-Baker, St. Martha's Hall, St. Louis; Mark Robinson, Abuse Prevention Program, St. Louis; Jennifer Salmons, Synergy Services, Inc., Parkville; and Cheryl Robb-Welch, MCADV staff.

The Workgroup continues to meet to create a self-evaluation tool that will compliment the newly created standards. MCADV staff has distributed the *Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs* to members via mail and at regional meetings. If you would like additional copies, please contact the MCADV office at (888) 666-1911 or mocadv@mocadv.org.

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The MCADV membership will be an integral part of the planning for the Coalition's mission expansion through discussions at regional meetings in 2006, through surveys to gain information and needs assessments, and through communication on MCADV listservs. A Sexual Assault Services Workgroup will be appointed by the MCADV Board Chair in 2006 to provide specific expertise and technical assistance for the expansion process. The MCADV staff will be working to identify and obtain funding to build the organization's capacity as a dual issue coalition. National sexual assault organizations and state coalitions have pledged their help through training and technical assistance.

Our goal is to ensure that women in every Missouri community have access to support, services and advocacy to address the violence they have experienced in their lives.



MCADV Begins Shift to On-line Services for Individual and Program Members

In the coming months MCADV members will be able to register on-line for trainings and programs will be able to file their MCADV Monthly Services Reports on-line. MCADV has contracted with a local vendor to create a new database for trainings and to merge its existing data collection systems into one streamlined tool. Members will not need new software; the only requirement is an Internet connection.

The first phase of the development is the Monthly Services Reports section. MCADV continues to advocate for member programs to fully protect the identities of the survivors to whom they provide services. Therefore, member programs will continue to only provide aggregate data to MCADV. Each month program members will log into a members-only section of the MCADV Web site to submit their Services Reports. Before accepting the report the system will check for any mathematical inaccuracies and prompt the user to make required corrections. Members will be able to request reports on their own service statistics, the service statistics for the MCADV regions, and for the entire state.

Both individual and program members will have access to the members-only section of the Web site to register for trainings. The new system will provide information on trainings individual members and individual staff attended; provide member programs with a report of the number and types of trainings their staff and volunteers have received; and advance the work of MCADV through more complete reporting for MCADV's funders.

To insure the security of members, MCADV has contracted with a local vendor to provide server space and security beyond that which MCADV would be able to provide internally.

For those without Internet access, paper versions of the Monthly Services Reports and training brochures will remain available. As each new on-line service becomes available, MCADV staff will provide training and technical assistance by phone and at regional meetings to assist members.

New Networking Opportunities for MCADV Member Attorneys

MCADV is offering a new listserv exclusively for attorneys who are MCADV individual members or attorneys working with a member program. The listserv may be used to pose questions regarding strategy, to seek information regarding the latest in sexual and domestic violence legislation, and to network with peers regarding legal work to assist survivors.

In addition to the listserv, MCADV seeks input in developing a quarterly conference call among attorney members. Specific topics can be discussed to further legal representation, advocacy and networking throughout the state. There are a growing number of programs expanding their scope of work by hiring attorneys on their staff. The listserv and conference calls will create a forum to begin the process of mentoring those who are new to the work.

Please e-mail your interest in being included in the listserv and/or conference calls to Sandy Smith at sandys@mocadv.org.

Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories

The documentary *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories*, features interviews with children and their mothers, detailing the impact of domestic violence on their lives. The film explores how the family court system often fails to protect children and punishes battered women for alleging abuse during divorce and custody proceedings.

In October, PBS was scheduled to air the documentary. Many local PBS stations did broadcast the documentary while others chose not to. Father's rights groups across the country asked PBS stations not to air the broadcast, while the National Network to End Domestic Violence called for its support.

The film, co-produced by Tatge/Lasseur Productions and Connecticut Public Television with support from the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, is not available for purchase at this time. State domestic violence coalitions received a copy. MCADV will add a copy to its Lending Library in 2006. The video is available for viewing at MCADV Regional Meetings. Call MCADV at (888) 666-1911 for more information.