



LIVING YOUR LEGACY

The Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV) will come together **November 4-6** for its 2026 Biennial Conference: **Living Your Legacy**.

Legacy isn't just looking backwards to our history; It's the work done every day by advocates and allies in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence. Each day, through every interaction, and every thing you do in your agency, you are living your own, your agency's, and this movement's legacy. That work is laying the foundations for tomorrow's history — for the movement to end rape and abuse, and each advocate's individual legacy as a part of this collective work. We invite you to join us this fall to honor the legacy of Missouri advocates and changemakers and to inspire the trailblazers of the future.

This event will feature workshop presentations from staff, Coalition members, and community partners, in addition to networking and team bonding opportunities, gift basket drawings, and a keynote speech by Fran Danis.



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CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

RESERVING ROOMS



The 2026 MOCADSV Statewide Conference will be held at the Wyndham Executive Center, formerly known as the Holiday Inn Executive Center, at 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO. Hotel rooms are available at the 2026 conference rate of \$117 plus tax per room. To reserve your room, call the hotel directly or [click here](#) to book online.

REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION

Registration is required to attend the 2026 statewide conference. The deadline to reserve your hotel room at the conference rate of \$117 plus tax per room (both single king and double queen) is Monday, October 5. Call Wyndham Executive Center for reservations at 573.445.8531 or [click here](#) to make hotel reservations online. If you have questions or require an alternative means of registration, contact MOCADSV at 888.666.1911.

Meals and snacks are limited to registered attendees unless arrangements and payments are made in advance. To inquire about guest meal pricing and menus, please contact the Coalition at training@mocadsv.org.

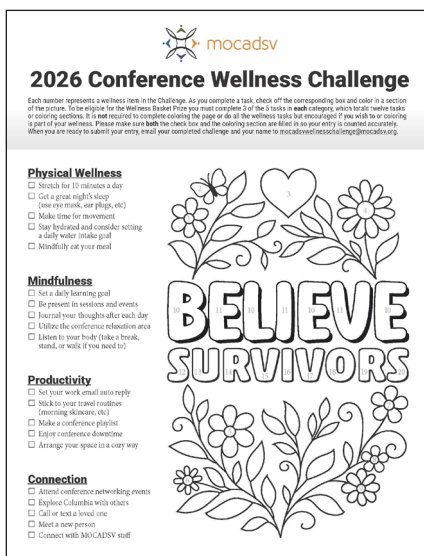
Registration before or on October 5 is available at discounted prices: \$450 members; \$600 non-members; \$250 students with a verifiable ID; and \$250 per day for any single day attendee. Registration rates will rise by \$30 after October 5, 2026. Registration costs after October 5 are: \$480 members; \$630 non-members; \$280 students with a verifiable ID; and \$280 per day for any single day attendee. [Click here](#) to register for Conference!

Cancellations must be made by October 26, 2026. If cancellation is not made, there is a \$25 per day failure to cancel fee.

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

Throughout 2026, MOCADSV will release seasonal wellness challenge coloring pages that include a task list and corresponding color-by-number. Each number on the coloring page coordinates with a task on the challenge list. These challenges include activities that encourage physical wellness, mindfulness, connection, and productivity in your professional and personal lives. [Click here](#) to view and download the wellness challenges.

Participants who submit one or more wellness challenges will receive one entry for each coloring page completed for the chance to win a wellness-themed basket at MOCADSV's 2026 conference in November. Please submit all completed Wellness Challenges to MOCADSVWellnessChallenge@MOCADSV.org.



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF
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MOCADSV thanks the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for sponsoring this event! For sponsorship opportunities, contact MOCADSV COO Zak Wilson at ZWilson@mocadsv.org.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER FRAN S. DANIS

Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Fran S. Danis' high school years in the late 1960s were highlighted by issues of civil rights and anti-war activism. As a first-generation undergraduate student at Stony Brook University (1970–1974), she embraced the second wave of the feminist movement. With other activists, she organized women's weekends, consciousness-raising groups, and rape-awareness programs. When it came time to choose her career, the person-in-environment focus of social work with an emphasis on social justice was the best match, and she pursued a master's degree (1974–1976).



Upon graduation, Fran moved to Texas and mused about becoming a "pioneer." In 1980, she became the founding executive director of Denton County Friends of the Family, Texas, providing services to sexual assault and domestic violence survivors and their children. After nearly five years of addressing hostilities from local elected conservative officials but also receiving meaningful community support, the agency grew from a staff of one (Fran) to 11 employees and an annual budget of \$23,000 to \$171,000.

This growth can partially be traced to the lobbying success of the state coalition, the Texas Council on Family Violence, passing legislation to establish state funding. Fran served 6 years on its board, including 5 years as Chair (1982–1987). All were new shelter directors, sitting on the living room floor, learning from each other, sharing what was working, and identifying what needed to be done next. Danis moved to Austin, Texas in late 1984 and worked for 3 years at the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). In 1990, she became an administrator for the Center for Social Work Research at the University of Texas at Austin. Her participation in several evaluations, including the first six months of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and Expect Respect a 5th grade curriculum on violence prevention funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), encouraged her to pursue a doctorate, which she earned at Case Western Reserve University in 2000.

From 1998–2015, Fran introduced and/or taught domestic violence courses in four schools of social work. To facilitate opportunities for researchers to share their work, she co-founded (with Lettie Lockhart) the Violence Against Women and Their Children track of the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Conference. With Lockhart, she also co-edited *Domestic Violence: Intersectionality and Culturally Competent Practice* (2010) and *Breaking the Silence in Social Work Education: Domestic Violence Modules for Foundation Courses* (2004).

Still trying to completely retire, Fran is an associate professor emerita from the University of Texas at Arlington and recognized by the National Association of Social Workers as a Social Work Pioneer®.



GIFT BASKETS

Drawings for gift baskets at MOCADSV's conference are one of our most beloved traditions. At each conference, attendees contribute themed gift baskets for daily drawings. Attendees receive one ticket to enter into a drawing of their choice. They may also purchase additional tickets for additional entries.

Attendees are encouraged to contribute to the fun by donating a themed gift basket. Previous year themes have included community-specific themes like Kansas City BBQ or general themes like items for the perfect night in. MOCADSV annually donates a basket filled with staff's favorite things. The Coalition asks that if you decide to participate by donating a gift basket, donations be culturally/religiously inclusive.

Prizes are awarded throughout the conference to those present during the drawing. Participation in the basket donation is completely voluntary. There is no need to notify MOCADSV ahead of time if you plan to participate. Gift baskets can be brought to the registration table when you arrive at the conference.