

## **VOCA Monthly Agenda**

### **February 5th, 2026 - 10:00 am**

#### ***Welcome***

#### ***Housekeeping***

- Please mute and put questions and comments in the chat.
- The meeting will be recorded and placed on our website along with meeting minutes <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>.
- American Sign Language interpreters are available in the virtual window.

#### ***Quarterly Reports***

- Q1 Reports (Oct 1 – Dec 31)- reminder we need those by the end of the week.
- Everyone is NEW starting October 1- December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### ***VOCA Site Visits***

- We will get out in Spring to begin site visits to see agencies we did not see last year.

#### ***VOCA-Paid Trainings***

- As a reminder, all trainings that are being paid for with VOCA Funds need to be pre-approved by the VOCA Unit.
- We can currently approve trainings through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### ***Monitoring***

- Dione Pashia -no updates

#### ***Invoicing***

- Cari Driscoll -no updates
- Please copy the VOCA Unit at [fsd.vocunit@dss.mo.gov](mailto:fsd.vocunit@dss.mo.gov) on all invoice emails sent to Invoicing and send all three documents (invoice, expenditure report, and data report).

#### ***VOCA 101 – Patti***

- March 2026 – VOCA 101 Trainings to take place in a city near you. Please email the VOCA inbox with any suggestions on training for the VOCA 101 in person. We will be going over SARS, quarterly reports, invoicing, etc.

- This month we will be conducting a Webex on the new forms to be filled out for the new contract that will start Apr 1, 2026.

### **Available VOCA Trainings**

- John Melzer, Department of Social Services.
  - The VOCA training page in the training portal has been finalized
  - Trainings note approximate time it takes to complete
  - The Training Team will continue to update as needed
- Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA).

#### **March 9, 2026 – Mandated Reporter Train-the-Trainer – Jefferson City, MO**

**Train-the-Trainer Description:** An in-person training covering all aspects of being a Missouri Mandated Reporter, including statutory requirements and best practices for making a report. After completing this facilitator training, participants will have the resources, materials, and knowledge necessary to educate mandated reporters and community members in their region.

Register: <https://mo-naca.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/1766>

#### **March 2-6, 2026 – ChildFirst® Missouri Spring Course - Kansas City, MO (Apply here)**

**ChildFirst® Missouri Description:** Missouri Network Against Child Abuse is the certified course provider in Missouri for ChildFirst®. The ChildFirst® Forensic Interviewing course is designed for investigative teams of law enforcement officers, social workers, prosecutors, and forensic interviewers. Students receive training on the ChildFirst® Forensic Interview Protocol, child development, memory and suggestibility, testifying in court, legal issues and preparing children for court. While the ChildFirst® Forensic Interviewing course is intended for those professionals who will be conducting forensic interviews of children, completing the ChildFirst® Forensic Interviewing course, alone, does not qualify an attendee to begin conducting forensic interviews.

**COURSE INFORMATION:** The ChildFirst® Missouri course provides essential information for all members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). An MDT may include a combination of the following: law enforcement, Children’s Division investigators, prosecutors, CAC staff, medical providers, and juvenile court professionals. This training is the national ChildFirst® Forensic Interviewing curriculum developed by the Zero Abuse Project and includes the ChildFirst® Forensic Interviewing protocol.

This course is an interactive, intensive training that combines lecture with hands on experience. From the pre-course materials on linguistics, child development, memory, suggestibility and

other pertinent topics, to required-reading in the form of homework each day, students are expected to study a significant amount of literature relating to child sexual abuse.

All participants in the *ChildFirst*® Forensic Interviewing training are required to complete a practice interview with an actor playing the role of a child that is critiqued by an expert forensic interviewer. Participants are also required to take a pre-test and successfully pass a post-test to receive credit for the course. Participants who do not successfully complete the practice interview and achieve a passing score on the test will NOT receive a certificate of completion.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** All trainers for the course are certified to teach the course by the Zero Abuse Project. POST credit is offered to law enforcement personnel. CLE credit is available for attorneys. CD 231 and 1 hour of CD 231 Medical-Forensic training credit is offered to Children's Division employees who attend and complete the course.

- Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV).
  - Immigrant and Refugee Services Relationship Building Meeting, February 20, 10:30-11:30 A.M.
  - Save the Date for 2026 MOCADSV Statewide Conference being held November 4-6 in Columbia. Registration will open June 1, 2026.

**DVSS Monthly Agenda**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
***Immediately Following the VOCA Monthly Meeting***

***DVSS Invoicing***

- Make sure you copy the DVSS Unit on your Invoice email – [DSS.FSD.DVSSInvoices@dss.mo.gov](mailto:DSS.FSD.DVSSInvoices@dss.mo.gov).

The FVPSA application for states to apply is being re-written; not posted yet.

***DVSS Trainings***

- Zak Wilson – MOCADSV
  - February 24<sup>th</sup> Cour Advocacy Roundtable 1:00-3:00 PM
  - Reminder of the Executive Directors' Academy which is now for any DVSS provider of 15 years or less. The full calendar is on the MOCADSV website.