**VOCA MONTHLY MEETING**

**May 1, 2025, 10:00 AM Meeting Minutes**

***Welcome***

***Housekeeping***

* Please mute and put questions/comments in the chat – Questions will be answered.
* The meeting will be recorded and placed on our website along with meeting minutes <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>.
* ASL Interpreters are available in a virtual window.

***VOCA/DVSS New Staff***

* Shevannese Smith – Welcome New Program Specialist.
* Agencies will receive email of who their assigned specialist will be on Monday 5th.

***VOCA FY24 Third 3-month Extension***

* Procurement released a 3rd - 3-month extension April 1st to June 30th.
* All have been submitted and approved.
* New forms for the Fund Balance dollars (Invoice + Expenditure forms) will be sent out to everyone today. The Fund Balance is treated the same way as General Revenue (GR) Funds, there are no match requirements.

***Training Approval Requests***

* You can now send any training approvals for April to June.

***MOVERS – Vendor Status***

* Reminder – you MUST be in Spend Authorized status to receive a Contract for the FFY25 VOCA Grant.
* There are 4 agencies left to get to spend authorized, reminder emails were sent.

***Quarterly Reports (2nd Quarter)***

* Q2 Reports (Jan 1 – March 31, 2025) was due on April 30, 2025.
* VOCA staff will enter PMT system by May 15, 2025.
* Reminder – please enter all zeroes on the report, as no FFY funds were used. Include the # of victims served in the comment box at the bottom of the report. Ensure it is signed and dated before submitting to the VOCA Unit.

***Available VOCA Trainings***

* Jessica Seitz, Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA)
	+ May 13-15, 2025 – [MOPS Family and Sexual Violence Conference](https://www.prosecutors.mo.gov/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=5/13/2025&eventid=173) – Springfield, MO.
	+ May 21, 2025 – [Care Process Model for Pediatric Stress (CPM-PTS) Training](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/mo-naca.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/1647__;!!EErPFA7f--AJOw!E6yIu7cWgQLy_k1Txve7xyY9VefVh7PVNXCj6Nmq8jkOyLp7hk0oe2AtLxR1-Myli1m2hiG6b6Qm3Nh_bTkzdf2EyCIeWSw$) – Virtual.
	+ June 26, 2025 – [Statewide Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Training](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/mo-naca.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/1638__;!!EErPFA7f--AJOw!E6yIu7cWgQLy_k1Txve7xyY9VefVh7PVNXCj6Nmq8jkOyLp7hk0oe2AtLxR1-Myli1m2hiG6b6Qm3Nh_bTkzdf2Ejr5pGmg$) – Jefferson City, MO.

**DVSS MONTHLY MEETING**

**Immediately Following the VOCA Monthly Meeting**

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***FVPSA Contract Updates***

* Anticipate knowing the award amount in August 2025.

***DVSS Trainings***

* Zak Wilson, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)
* Register at <https://www.mocadsv.org/training-opportunities/>.

***Keys to Safety: Housing Rights, Accessibility and Legal Protections for Survivors***

* **May 7 - 8, 2025**
* **10: 00 AM - 04: 30 PM**
* **MOCADSV Training Center, Jefferson City**

MOCADSV's 2025 Housing Summit, “Keys to Safety,” is a collaborative summit bringing together attorneys and advocates from multiple organizations across Missouri to unlock a comprehensive understanding of housing laws affecting survivors. Participants at all levels of experience are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to network and to ask housing related questions.

Day 1: Conducted in partnership with Mid-Missouri Legal Services and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, this day focuses on introducing participants to some of the most common legal concerns that effect survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Key topics covered include VAWA transfers and appeals, tenant’s rights, lease terminations, lease bifurcations, evictions, fair housing, and preparing for housing court. Through panel discussion with practicing attorneys, participants will gain insight about navigating various housing laws and legal processes, especially concerning domestic and sexual violence situations.

Day 2: Take a deeper dive into the intersection of Fair Housing, discrimination, accessibility, and safety planning. Additionally, participants will learn about the current status of the Fair Housing Act and avenues for survivors facing housing discrimination to access services. The day will conclude with an examination of housing safety concerns for survivors of stalking and environmental design safety planning.

***IRSR (Immigrant and Refugee Services Roundtable) - "Ask the Experts" with NIWAP***

* **May 09, 2025**
* **10: 30 AM - 12: 00 PM**
* **Zoom webinar**

Staying up-to-date can be a challenge as policies that impact immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence change quickly. Attorneys from The National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP), a national advocacy organization focused on supporting immigrant victims of crime, will attend this IRSR Meeting to provide expert insight on recent legal developments, share resources, and respond to questions related to providing advocacy services.

***Court Advocate Roundtable***

* **May 20, 2025**
* **01: 00 PM - 03: 00 PM**
* **Zoom Webinar**

This roundtable is a space for court advocates to get together and talk about the work they do in Missouri to help survivors navigate the court system. This relationship-building meeting connects advocates, giving them a space to report on issues they are experiencing in their court systems, to brainstorm ideas to improve their services, and to share resources with one another.

***Assessment to Action: Effective Evaluation & Communication for Mid-level Management***

* **May 22, 2025**
* **09: 30 AM - 04: 00 PM**
* **MOCADSV Training Center, Jefferson City**

Join mid-level managers from across Missouri to gain the skills and tools needed to evaluate your agency's programs, assess staff performance, and effectively communicate findings to senior management and staff. Whether you're in charge of managing projects, leading teams, or evaluating organizational programs, this training will enhance your ability to make data-driven decisions and foster continuous improvement.

***Framing the Message: Communicating for Impact in Prevention Work***

* **June 04, 2025**
* **10: 00 AM - 11: 30 AM**
* **Zoom Webinar**

Effective prevention starts with effective communication. This 1.5-hour training explores how domestic and sexual violence prevention professionals can frame their messages to shift public understanding, build broader support, and advance community-level change. Participants will learn key messaging strategies, practice message development using plain language and shared values, and explore how to move conversations beyond individual behaviors to structural solutions.

**MOCADSV 2025 SV Count Tutorial**

May 29

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Zoom webinar

If you would like to learn more about the 2025 Sexual Violence Count, join Member Services Director Heidi Coleman for this one hour deep dive into the process.

**MSR & Outcomes**

June 24, 2025

01: 00 PM - 03: 00 PM

Zoom webinar

Join MOCADSV Chief Member Services Officer Laura Zahnd and Member Services Director Heidi Coleman as they answer your questions and ask advocates from around the state to share their MSR and Outcome experiences.

During this call, we will discuss Success Stories and the importance of Outcomes. We will discuss what a Success Story is and why they are important to the MSR.

Another major part of the MSR are the Outcomes and they tend to be forgotten. We will talk about where Outcomes come from, how to collect them and how to use them beyond reporting them monthly or quarterly.

Don’t forget that MOCADSV offers the online training, "Everything You Wanted to Know About MSRs and Outcomes, but Were Afraid to Ask." You don’t have to complete the online training to attend the discussion, but you might find it helpful. This virtual call is VOCA and DVSS/SVSS approved.