

VOCA / DVSS Web-Ex

April 3rd, 2025, 10:00 AM Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Housekeeping

- Please mute and put questions/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/>.
- There are interpreters on the line.

FFY25 VOCA IFB Updates – Jeriane

- Stakeholder group sent recommendations to DSS on March 7, 2025.
- We do not have answers for you right now, hopefully will in a few weeks. It is with our Legal Team to determine what we are going to do with the Proposed amounts.

VOCA FY24 3rd 3-month Extension

- Procurement released a 3rd 3-month extension on March 26th (Apr 1 – Jun 30).
- Extension Process:
 - Sign and send signature page back to DSS procurement.
 - Procurement will send finalized contract.
 - VOCA staff will then send the budget and budget narrative form to complete with a deadline.
 - Note: Until this process is complete, DSS cannot pay any invoices.

February Billing

- March billing (invoices, expenditures, and data reports) is due April 15, 2025.

Training Approval Requests

- You can now send any training request approvals up until June 30.

MOVERS – Vendor Status

- Reminder – you MUST be in Spend Authorized status to receive a Contract for the FFY25 VOCA Grant.
- There are 5 agencies left to get to spend authorized, emails were sent.

Quarterly Reports (2nd Quarter)

- Q2 Reports (Jan 1 – March 31, 2025) are due on April 30, 2025.

April Awareness:

- April is Child Abuse Awareness Month & Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- April has Crime Victims’ Rights Week April 6th to the 12th.
- DPS hosts MVSA – Missouri Victim Services Academy which is April 7 and 8th.
- Crime Victims’ Rights Ceremony is at Noon on April 8th.
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Available VOCA Trainings

- Jessica Seitz, Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA)
 - April 28, 2025 – Standing with Children Luncheon – Jefferson City
 - May 21, 2025 – Care Process Model Training – Virtual
 - **The Care Process Model for Pediatric Traumatic Stress (CPM-PTS)** is a brief screening and response protocol guiding the identification of and response to traumatic stress in children seen in healthcare and other pediatric settings, such as primary care clinics and Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs). The CPM-PTS includes screening for trauma exposure, suicidality and self-harm, and symptoms of traumatic stress. The CPM-PTS guides clinicians and non-clinicians to:
 - Address any serious or mandated safety concerns,
 - Respond to any risk for suicide, and
 - Connect children with traumatic stress to providers who can deliver evidence-based trauma assessment and treatment.
 - The CPM-PTS also guides the use of psychoeducation and/or easy-to-teach approaches that target the most disruptive symptoms of traumatic stress.

- Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MO-NACA) is partnering with The PIPS Team & NCA to host a virtual training to implement CPM-PTS. This free training will support Missouri CACs in understanding and using the Care Process Model. Additional consultation will be available to participants who successfully complete this 4-hour training.
- Community FORECAST Training Simulation
 - May 2, 2025, from 9am-4pm
 - Children’s Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis

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FVPSA Contract Updates

- Anticipate knowing the award amount in August 2025.
- **This year is another renewal period, then we will begin working on a new Contract for next year.**

DVSS Trainings

- Zak Wilson, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)
 - **Case Managers Roundtable**
 - **April 15, 2025**
 - **10: 30 AM - 12: 00 PM**
 - The Case Managers Roundtable brings together advocates throughout Missouri to discuss what case management services look like in their area. This meeting will provide participants with opportunities to discuss best practices, share community resources, and problem-solve with other case managers. This group is not just for those with the title of case manager but is open to anyone who is providing residential and/or non-residential services in some capacity.
 - **Keys to Safety: Housing Rights, Accessibility and Legal Protections for Survivors**
 - **May 7 - 8, 2025**
 - **10: 00 AM - 04: 30 PM**
 - 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 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.
- **Court Advocate Roundtable**
 - **May 20, 2025**
 - **01: 00 PM - 03: 00 PM**
 - 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.