

VOCA Web-Ex
August 1st, 2024 10:00 AM Agenda

Welcome – Patti Custer is leading the meeting.

Housekeeping

- Please mute and put questions/comments in the chat
- If we do not get all questions answered in the allotted time, we will schedule additional calls
- The Web-Ex 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 as well.

Quarterly Reports (3rd Quarter)

- Due July 31st (yesterday) – if you have not yet submitted the Q3 report, please do so ASAP. We will reach out if we need corrections to the submitted reports.
- Send the Q3 reports to FSD.VOCAUNIT@dss.mo.gov.
- Guidance – If you used GR or ARPA funds *only*, report all zeros and explain the amount and funding source in the Additional Comment Section, including the number of victims served; If you only used FY funds, input the numbers in each section; If you used part GR/ARPA and part FY funds, report the FY numbers in each section and comment the other funding, amount, and number of victims served in the Additional Comment Section.

VOCA Grant Update

- We will be doing a 3-month extension to the VOCA Contracts
- With the 3-month extension, the regions will remain. When the new contracts are released, the regions will dissolve and will no longer be utilized.
 - This means you will not need to invoice by region
- Contracts starting October 1 – December 31, 2024 for the extension

Invoices & DATA sheets

- Please make sure you are copying the FSD.VOCAUNIT@dss.mo.gov email on invoices and expenditure sheets that are sent to the invoicing team
- *System is now open*

Trainings Updates

- The first round of the in-person Collaborative Roundtables have been complete, we are hoping to host a couple more in the Northern part of the State
 - Purpose: Bring agencies together to discuss resources, services, working together, long-term planning, and vision.

Jessica Seitz, Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MONACA)

- *Child Sexual Abuse Training School* coming up in September. This is a partnership offering of MO-NACA and the Prosecutors, several CAC leaders are on faculty: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/spj6vwe/lp/eafb5934-bd6f-4ec9-9065-300170facfd9>. This link includes registration and a link to the agenda.
- *Mental Health Consultation Groups* are open and held monthly including one on August 20th:
<https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/seriesdetails/1032>
- *The Medical-Forensic Evaluation of Children: An Intro to the SAFE-CARE Network*
 - Understanding what the SAFE-CARE Network is, the SAFE-CARE referral process, discuss what occurs in a medical-forensics evaluation, and discuss clinical tips on child sexual and physical abuse
- *Development and Common Behavioral Issues, Birth to Age 5*
 - Understanding developmental milestones and their importance, identifying milestones, applying milestones to example cases, discussing common behavioral/parental challenges, and recognizing child maltreatment
- *Development and Common Behavioral Issues, Adolescents*
 - Understanding relationships and developmental stages, determine common behavioral/parental challenges, identify discipline approaches, discuss psycho-social behaviors and perceptions
- *Victim Services Presentations* provided by Missouri Department of Public Safety – Office for Victims of Crime | Available through December 2024
 - <https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/onlinetraining/details/1420>
 - <https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/onlinetraining/details/1419>
 - <https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/onlinetraining/details/1418>

Zak Wilson, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)

- *Immigrant and Refugee Services Relationship-Building Meeting*

- August 16, 2024
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

- MOCADSV will host an Immigrant and Refugee Services Relationship-Building Meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 16, 2024, via Zoom. Join the meeting at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5734697817> or use meeting ID 573 469 7817.
- This relationship-building meeting will bring advocates, attorneys, and immigrant service providers together to connect with one another, share resources, and discuss emerging trends. Topics of conversation include immigration, public policy, language access, or other issues related to providing services to immigrant and refugee survivors of violence. There will not be a formal training component to this meeting, rather an opportunity to build relationships, discuss trends, and share program updates with other service providers from across Missouri.

- *MSR & Outcomes*
 - September 11, 2024
 - 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM

 - Join MOCADSV Member Services Director Heidi Coleman, and MOCADSV Member Services Specialist Tim Stillings, as they answer your questions and ask advocates from around the state to share their MSR and Outcome experiences. 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. Registration for the webinar can be found at <https://www.mocadsv.org/training-opportunities/>.

VOCA Agency Highlights –

The Victim Center, Inc.

- Ann Crites
- Located in Springfield, MO
- Couple positions at Harmony House
- Victim advocates, therapists, etc.
- 2023 – served 3,000 individuals
- Serve all 4 VOCA categories
- Services include
- 24 hour crisis line

- Individual victim advocacy
- Mental health counseling
- Serve 500 individuals a year with this service
- Psychoeducational classes
- Support groups
- Been around since 1976
- Victims are served free of charge and free of documentation (self-attestation)
- All services have no time limit – can receive any at any given time
- Fundraisers coming up soon
- Volunteer training

Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence

- Ginger Eaves
- Child advocacy center and a rape crisis center serving 8 counties in SE MO
- Provide forensic interviews, medical exams, trauma counseling, advocacy, education, prevention, etc.
- Community classes
- Been around since 1997
- 11-member BOD
- Upcoming event in New Madrid to help raise awareness

CASA of Southwest MO

- Laura Farmer
- Office located in Springfield
- Served roughly 2500 children in 2023
- Past year opened the CASA Clubhouse
 - Activity center designed to fill the gaps between children in the foster-care system
 - Way to serve more children while trying to build funding and recruit more volunteers to serve more children
 - Welcoming environment for children where they can become acquainted
 - Case worker uses offices to help find placements for children (trauma-informed)
 - Host supervised family visits
 - Life skills classes for teens in foster care
 - Kids closet where they can find comfort and hygiene items
 - CASA volunteers and kids can hangout and participate in the classes
 - Hosting in partnership with Juvenile Office, team court hearings take place where judge sits at conference table with teens and other parties to help start conversations and enhance the services that are provided to them
- 35th year serving community with volunteer program
- Served 2000+ children with the CASA Clubhouse
- Reach out if you would like more information about the clubhouse

Crime Victim Advocacy Center

- Megan Miller

- Located in STL
- Est. 1972 and serve 7 counties
- VOCA funds about 40% of overhead costs
- Legal assistance, counseling (adult and youth), Court Ordered Protection System Program, DV intervention program, family crime, etc.
- Will serve anyone who has been a victim in MO
- Public awareness and community engagement (supportvictims.org)
- Catalog located on website
- Upcoming event in October – on website

Safe House for Women

- Jessica Hill
- DV agency in Cape Girardeau, MO
- Est. 1991
- Secure shelter site with 32 beds and an outreach office with a thrift store
- Built larger shelter in 2019 serve 200+ individuals a year there
- Serve all genders
- MOCADSV conference presentation on DV services
- Counseling, case management, court advocacy, financial literacy, housing, etc.
- Partnership with local law enforcement, currently 2 classes running
- Youth violence prevention program sponsored by United Way
- Serve about 400 clients a year
- Food pantry and hygiene closet
- 2 upcoming events, annual luncheon on Aug 28th and fashion show fundraiser in Oct

SEMO Family Violence

- Stephanie Bennett
- Located in Bonne Terre
- Est. in 1994
- Court advocacy, case management, SA advocate, therapy, etc.
- 3 prisons and 5 hospitals in the area, advocates work with those facilities
- Outreach program continues to grow – community offers supportive services
 - Clothes, food, education, etc.
- Sell 100 raffle tickets for \$100, winner gets \$5,000 and agency gets \$5,000
 - No struggle getting rid of tickets, live drawing on FB and local radio station
- SEMO Family Violence Counsel websites will provide information on upcoming events/needs/successes
- 2 trivia nights a year, successful fundraiser
- Local churches will do little drives and donate to local agencies for victims
- Partnered with local banks for Purple Pledge (way to collect funds from individuals who can't attend fundraisers or events but are still wanting to sign-up to donate to the agency – auto-transfer of funds from individual to agency)

DVSS Web-Ex
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Contracts

- Started July 1st, 2024
- Ann Perkins with Procurement sent out the FY25 DVSS Contract Renewal Amendments to the DVSS providers last week on July 23rd and 24th.
- The signed contract for the FY25 DVSS Contracts need to be submitted to us by **August 9th, 2024** to the DSS.FSD.DVSSInvoices@dss.mo.gov inbox.
- Staff will approve, then Procurement will send out the finalized Contract
- You cannot invoice for July until the Contract has been approved and finalized

Patti and Taylor will be attending the Joint VOCA Training Conference next week – we will still be responding to calls and emails as quickly as possible just so everyone is aware

Patti

- Misunderstandings about visits
- When we come, it's just to visit and meet face to face
- If you do need TTA, we are always happy to come provide some training
- There is no hidden agenda, we are not there to take away your funding or close you down (we do not have that power as the program staff)
- Wanting to eliminate any confusion on why we are visiting since there have been some concerns

Patti – sent out DVSS OMB guidance and information on the allowable/unallowable costs with DVSS