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MOCADSV unites Missourians with a shared value that rape and abuse must end, and advances this through education, alliance, research and public policy.

MOCADSV empowers people to help prevent and end rape and abuse in Missouri.



# **MOCADSV's Mission**





# **MOCADSV** Regions



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# **MOCADSV's Values**



# Education





## Alliance





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# **Public Policy**





### Research



# Prevention

#### INDIVIDUAL:

Factors in an individual's biological and personal history that increase the possibility of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence.

Example: Attitudes or beliefs that support sexual violence, impulsive and anti-social behaviors, history of abuse or witnessing abuse, alcohol or drug abuse.

#### **RELATIONSHIP:**

Factors within an individual's closest relationships, such as social peers, intimate partners, and family members that increase their risk.

Example: Association with sexually aggressive peers, emotionally unsupportive, physically violent or strongly patriarchal family environment.

#### COMMUNITY:

Factors on the community level such as relationships with schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods that may increase the individual's risk.

Example: General tolerance of sexual assault, lack of support from police or judicial system, poverty, weak community sanctions against perpetrators.

#### SOCIETAL:

Societal or cultural norms that create an environment that accepts or condones violence or inequality.

Example: Inequality due to an individuals gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation, or race. inequality due to economic and social policies.



# **Salus Workplace Solutions**



HB 432, a multi-provision bill primarily ficused on child welfare, finally passed on May 13, 2021. Sections of the bill would provide unpaid leave for a victim of domestic or sexual violence if their imployer has al least 20 employees. The leave could he used to get health care, recover from injury, obtain victim services/counseling/legal services, and to participate in safety planning. The unpaid leave sections also include family or household members of victims as eligible for the unpaid leave

For persons who work for an employer with at least 20 employees, unpaid leave from work is allowed if they are victims of domestic or sexual violence, or if they are a family or household member of a victim, including parents of a child abuse victim. Taking unpaid leave cannot result in the person's loss of employment.

Employees are allowed to take unpaid leave to seek medical attention, recover from injury, obtain victim services, obtain counseling, participate in safety planning, seek legal assistance or participate in legal proceedings.

Unpaid leave is limited to two weeks of leave per year if the employer employs at least 50 employees. The heave is limited to one week per year if the employer employs at least 20 but not more than 49 employees. The employee is required to provide the employer with at least 48 hours' advance notice of their intent to take unpaid leave, unless providing such notice "is not practicable."

Employees also may be required to provide certification to the employer that the leave is necessary. That documentation, in addition to a sworn statement by the employee, can be from an employee of a victim service agency, an attorney, a law enforcement officer, a clergy member or health care provider, or a police or court report. Employers are required to keep the information provided by the employee confidential.

On return from leave, employees are to be restored to the same or equivalent employment position and shall not lose accrued henefits. Employers are required to maintain health coverage for the employee while on leave but the premium may be recovered if the employee does not return.

Employees are allowed to request "reasonable safety accommodations" of their employers. Employers are required to post a notice summarizing the Missouri law providing unpaid leave from work for victims. The notice shall be prepared by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Relevant statutes are Section 285 625 RSMs., Section 285.630 RSMs. Section 285 625 RSMs. Section 285.865 RSMs and Section 295 779 RSMs

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? - Victim of domestic violence Victim of sexual violence Femily at household member of victim of domestic. or sexual violence

#### TYPES OF ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE TO REQUEST UNPAID EMPLOYMENT LEAVE

 Seeking medical attention Services from a victim services organization Participating in safety planning or relocating Civil or criminal legal proceedings

#### EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS

· Employees with fewer than 20 employees: No requirement in statute to provide unpaid leave + Employers with 20 to 49 employees: 1 week of unpaid leave allowed per 12-month period Employers with 50 or more employees: Two weeks of unpaid leave allowed per 12-month period

#### CERTIFICATION FOR UNPAID LEAVE

Certification for unpaid leave, if required by an employer, can require a sworn statement of the employee and one of the following: . An employee or volunteer of a victim services organization, an aborney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or other professional, or . A police or court record, or - Other complorating evidence

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# **Building the Missouri Movement**

#### How To Get Help

MOCADSV serves as a public resource for information on domestic and sexual violence, as well as a link to service providers in the state.

MOCADSV is not a 24-hour service provider and does not provide crisis services. For immediate help in Missouri, see the map below for local service providers or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline <u>1-800-799-7233</u> or the National Sexual Assault Hotline <u>1-800-656-4673</u>. For the Deaf Crisis Line videophone call **321-800-3323** or text Hand to 939683.

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# **MOCADSV** Membership



# **Types of Membership**

### Organizational

Non-profit, non-governmental organizations that have a primary purpose of the provision of direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and/or stalking

### Affiliate

Governmental organizations/public service entities that provide direct services to victims; organizations that seek affiliation and alliance with organizations providing DV/SV services; batterer intervention and sex offender intervention organizations

### **Professional**

> Allied individuals who work with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault



# **MOCADSV Member Benefits**

- No-cost access to MOCADSV statewide and online trainings
- Access to MOCADSV's online knowledge vault of training and educational resources
- Technical assistance (direct problem-solving services about advocacy and administrative issues) provided by MOCADSV staff
- Policy updates on state and federal legislation relating to domestic violence and sexual assault
- Free or reduced pricing on MOCADSV publications and manuals
- Discounts on Conference fees



# **Questions?**

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