

## DVSS Monthly Meeting Agenda

February 1, 2024

11:00 AM

- Welcome- housekeeping, recorded, Interpreters
- FVSPA grant has been released  
We are writing the grant now and is due by March 30, 2024
- FY 2025 Contract-  
Will be a renewal of the current contract  
1 more year of the ARPA funds they have to be expended by June 30. 2025
- Special Events or Fundraisers: Let us know  
If you have any special, events please let us know.

*Janelle/ Laura– MOCADSV-*

### **Introduction to Grant Writing Skills**

**Part 1 - February 06, 2024 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Part 2 - February 20, 2024 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

"Introduction to Grant Writing Essentials" is a foundational course designed to demystify the world of grant writing for beginners. MOCADSV's Grants Management Specialist, Janelle Williams, will provide a solid introduction to key concepts, techniques, and best practices that form the bedrock of successful grant proposals and empower you to secure the funding needed to turn your vision into impactful change."

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### **Court Advocate Roundtable**

**February 21, 2024 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 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. At each meeting, MOCADSV's Legal Director, Kelly Martinez and MOCADSV's Legal Resource Specialist, Samantha Ghormley Hill will provide updates on new laws, court rules, and facilitate conversations with the group.

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### **Prevention Advocacy Training Series - Defining the Problem: Identifying the Root Causes of Gender-Based Violence.**

**February 26, 2024 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Each part of the series will cover a section of the public health approach. We hope to provide preventionists with an opportunity to go deeper into prevention strategies, and the tools available to assist in the development and implementation of those strategies in their communities. Online and in-person opportunities will be available as we try to accommodate different learning styles and opportunities to collaborate in multiple ways.

Please join us for part one of our training series: Defining the Problem: Identifying the Root Causes of Gender-Based Violence. Here we will learn how to identify the root causes of gender-based violence and explore the public health approach and the role of prevention in social change.

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Event information and registration can be found at <https://www.mocadsv.org/training-opportunities/>

- Agency Spotlights:
  - Lydia's House: Karen Kirk, STL City and STL County. They have updated their mission statement after 28 years. They desire to meet the gap in services for domestic violence victims between the shelter stay and finding financial stability. They have served half a million safe nights. Cost free housing for survivors and their families. They provide comprehensive and community services to immigrants. They take care of their housing costs for two years. They are a pet friendly site. They offer many support services. They have a children's program and an in house medical center which is 24 hours. They have their largest gala coming up soon. Their building that had fire damage about a year ago is almost ready to reopen. One of their other buildings had a water main break in the front of it.
    - Martha asks if they accept referrals from other areas or if it's only STL. They do accept referrals from other cities/counties.
  - Legal Service of Eastern MO: Laura Halfmann- Morris. Their main office is in STL. They provide free legal services. Their family law program is their largest program where they provide free services for DV Victims and SA Victims. They also have social workers on staff for those who need assistance while going through the court process. Last year they had over 4,500 calls for services. They closed over 1,000 case in 2023 for about 750 survivors. Every county in Missouri have a Legal Aid program which offers services for survivors of DV. They have a holistic staff to be able to provide all the services or referrals necessary for survivors. They are available for presentations on the basics of family law for agencies.
- Website with DVSS materials: <https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/domestic-violence-shelters~services.htm>

Angela with RACS- Asks what happens when the ARPA money is gone for DVSS? Patti shares that those at the Federal level are working to try to get increases in FVSPA money. There isn't currently a solid plan, but they are working toward one.

**Attendees:**

Linda Mattson - North Star Advocacy Center  
Ann Gosnell, House of Hope, Inc.  
Tim Meeker - Hope House  
Angela Hirsch - RACS  
Wende Ochoa-Turning Point Advocacy Services  
Wendy Logan - DeafLEAD

Zoila Rendon-Ochoa, AWARE Program of Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
Kelsey Conner - The Victim Center  
Eulonda Nevels, YWCA Metro St. Louis  
Anne Crites, The Victim Center  
Laura Zahnd, MOCADSV  
Meghan Miller, Crime Victim Center  
Michael Turner- KVC MO  
Laura Halfmann-Morris, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri  
Brandi Bair - Hope House  
Eric Keith, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri  
Karen Kirk, Lydia's House  
Suzanne Wilber - Genesis  
Betsy Barnes, Mid-Missouri Legal Services  
Lisa Smallwood - Amethyst Place  
Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis  
Jill Wondel, House of Refuge  
Marsha Keene, Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.  
Rod Sansom - KVC