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New IRS rules and 990 reporting requirements

**Q:** How will the new Internal Revenue Service's rules on governance affect my organization's 990 reporting requirements?

**A:** It depends. The Internal Revenue Service believes that a well-governed non-profit is more likely to obey the tax laws, safeguard charitable assets and serve charitable interests than one with poor or lax governance. The new governance rules spell out what the IRS considers to be best practice policies and procedures with regard to the governing of an organization by its Board of Directors. The new 990 form contains a system of reporting that provides the IRS a snapshot of an organization's governing policies and procedures

The new 990 reporting requirements include specific information about: an organization's mission; documents and bylaws; governing body; executive compensation; potential conflicts of interest; investments; fundraising practices; document retention and destruction; ethics and whistle-blowing policies; financial statements; and methods for maintaining accountability and transparency.

To understand and prepare for how the new rules and 990 reporting affect your specific organization, access the IRS Web site [www.stayexempt.org](http://www.stayexempt.org). MCADSV also posted a summation of the new governance rules on the MCADSV Listserv earlier this month. To receive a copy of that document, contact the MCADSV office at (888) 666-1911.



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Registration for all MCADSV trainings is online only. Visit [www.mocadsv.org](http://www.mocadsv.org) and click on "membership" to register.

Need your username and password? Click on "Forgot Password" and enter your e-mail address.

**MCADSV REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Location	Date/Time	Regional Rep.
<b>CENTRAL</b> Camdenton	April 1 11:30 A.M.	Tracie Lawson (573) 875-1369
<b>KANSAS CITY</b> Parkville	March 28 12:30 P.M.	Beth Savitzky (816) 561-0550
<b>NORTHEAST</b> Troy	May 15 10:30 A.M.	Donna Rodenbaugh (660) 642-1418
<b>NORTHWEST</b> Warrensburg	April 16 Noon	Debbie Wallace (660) 886-9880
<b>ST. LOUIS</b> Safe Connections	April 8 May 13 9:00 A.M.	Melissa Dann (314) 533-1313
<b>SOUTHEAST</b> Cape Girardeau	April 3 11:30 A.M.	Brenda Smelser (636) 931-2700 ext. 196
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Joplin	April 4 11:00 a.m.	Deana Mueller (417) 298-3439

**UPCOMING MCADSV TRAININGS**

Date/Time/Location	Information
<b>PARTNERING WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS</b>	
April 7 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>INTIMATE PARTNER SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b>	
May 6 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911
<b>ENHANCING YOUR COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	
May 21 May 22 June 10 June 11 June 17	St. Louis Cape Girardeau Columbia Kansas City Springfield
Register for <i>Enhancing Your Coordinated Community Response to DV</i> at: <a href="http://www.regonline.com/domesticviolenceworkshop">www.regonline.com/domesticviolenceworkshop</a>	
<b>FOUNDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY</b>	
June 25-26 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, Columbia	MCADSV (888) 666-1911

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a bulletin for the members of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Census reveals lack of resources hurts Missouri domestic violence victims**

In a single day, 2,116 adults and children received services from Missouri domestic violence programs. In that same day, 375 requests for help were unmet because programs do not have the funding and staff to meet the demand. This data comes from the release of the National Network to End Domestic Violence's second National Census of Domestic Violence Services, which collected a national, unduplicated count of adults and children who received help from domestic violence programs on September 25, 2007.

During the 24-hour survey period, 1,119 adults and children found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by Missouri domestic violence programs and 997 victims received non-residential services, such as counseling, legal advocacy and children's support groups. In addition, 552 calls were answered by Missouri crisis hotlines, amounting to more than 23 calls an hour. All of these services were provided despite the fact that 78 percent of Missouri domestic violence programs are operating with fewer than 20 paid staff.

With recent cuts to critical federal programs funded by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), domestic violence advocates worry about their ability to respond to requests for help. The federal budget for fiscal year 2008 includes a \$35 million cut from the VOCA fund, a key funding source for domestic violence service providers.

"Domestic violence programs are already struggling to meet the needs of the women and children in their communities," said Colleen Coble, Chief Executive Officer of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. "When programs don't have adequate funding to operate, victims may be left with no choice but to remain in an unsafe situation."

Missouri advocates are turning to their state legislators to help ensure domestic violence victims have access to life-saving



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**MCADSV welcomes two new staff**

**Angela Lucero**, formerly Morris, has rejoined the MCADSV staff as a Program Development Specialist. Angela worked for the Family Violence Center in Springfield before she first joined the staff at MCADSV as a Program Development Specialist. She also served as MCADSV's Training and Education Coordinator before she left the Coalition to work as the Director of Refugee and Immigrant Services for the Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City. Since her work at the Diocese, she has also been employed by the Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services.

**Kelly H. Martinez**, Attorney at Law, is MCADSV's new Legal Advocacy Specialist. Kelly received her law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She practiced law with Legal Aid of Western Missouri, where she represented survivors in obtaining protection orders, divorces, and in paternity cases. Kelly also acted as defense counsel in criminal cases, and provided education and training to judges and victim advocates. Kelly's most recent position was as an Administrative Hearing Officer with the Department of Social Services where she conducted child support hearings.

**Sample 40-hour training outline available**

In 2007, the MCADSV Board of Directors approved the 40-hour training requirement for advocates and volunteers in the *MCADSV Service Standards and Guidelines for Domestic Violence Programs*. (The prior standard was 20 hours of training, half of the hours recognized nationally as a standard for best practices.) The newly developed *MCADSV Service Standards and Guidelines of Sexual Violence Programs* also include a 40-hour training requirement. To aid programs in expanding their current training curriculum, MCADSV staff has created a sample 40-hour training outline to serve as a reference for programs. The outline includes a list of topics to be considered as training content and can be tailored to meet program needs. The order of topics is to be determined by individual programs and should reflect the services it provides and the needs of the communities served. The sample 40-hour training outline is available from MCADSV by request.

MCADSV staff members are available to assist programs in developing a training plan, to offer training materials and curriculum suggestions, and to supplement parts of the training requirement with statewide, regional or on-site training. For more information on curriculum or training opportunities, please contact Emily Hayes, MCADSV Education Coordinator, at emilyh@mcadsv.org or (888) 666-1911.

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services. The Missouri General Assembly is being asked to increase state appropriations for domestic violence services by \$2 million to help pay for the rising costs of providing services to women and children in need of help.

"The more resources available to women and children, the better chance they have to escape the violence," Coble said. "We hope this data, and the stories behind the numbers, inspire our state's lawmakers to increase funding for domestic violence services."

The National Census of Domestic Violence Services is the most recent data documenting the number of individuals served by domestic violence programs. More than 1,300 domestic violence programs from throughout the country participated in the census, giving advocates and researchers a glimpse into the number of individuals seeking services, the types of services requested and the number of service requests that went unmet due to a lack of resources. Missouri was one of 11 states to have 100 percent of its domestic violence programs participate in the census. The National Census of Domestic Violence Services is available online at [www.nnedv.org/census](http://www.nnedv.org/census).

**MCADSV releases new publication: *The Nature and Dynamics of Sexual Violence***

In late February, MCADSV released its latest publication, *The Nature and Dynamics of Sexual Violence*. The creation of this publication was a direct result of goals outlined by the MCADSV Board's Mission Expansion Workgroup, which in 2006 set the priorities for the



Coalition's mission expansion to address sexual violence in Missouri. *The Nature and Dynamics of Sexual Violence*, also known as SV101, will serve as the statewide curricula for

training on sexual violence and includes basic information on the nature and dynamics of sexual violence, survivor responses, effective advocacy, the medical system's response to sexual violence, issues related to judicial system remedies, and sexual violence prevention.

MCADSV mailed a copy of SV101 to each individual member in early March. MCADSV will distribute a box with 70 copies of *The Nature and Dynamic of Sexual Violence* to each member program in the coming months. To save money on postage (each box costs \$20 to mail), the Coalition is hand delivering as many boxes of the publication as possible to members.

Program members who will be attending a MCADSV event in March or April should contact Coalition staff to make arrangements to pick up a box of the training manuals at one of those events. Programs also can pick up a box at the MCADSV office in Jefferson City. MCADSV will mail boxes of SV101s in May to programs that were unable to make arrangements to pick them up directly. *The Nature and Dynamics of Sexual Violence* also is available from the Coalition via e-mail in PDF format.

**MCADSV seeks Communications Intern for summer**

MCADSV is seeking a Communications Intern for a part-time, paid, summer 2008 internship. Candidates should be pursuing a degree in journalism, communications or a closely related field. Primary responsibilities include assisting in organizational communications, including the development, editing and production of organizational marketing materials, publications, educational materials and training manuals, as well as assisting in media advocacy work.

The position requires strong written and oral communication skills and proficiency in Adobe InDesign. This internship's primary duties are carried out in Jefferson City. Cover letters and resume are due to Lisa Weingarh, MCADSV Communications Coordinator, by April 4, 2008.

**Registration open for *Enhancing your CCR***

MCADSV encourages advocates and their coordinated community response partners to register for and attend a free, one-day regional multidisciplinary training, *Enhancing your Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence*, with presenters from the Battered Women's Justice Project. The workshops will be held in St. Louis on May 21, Cape Girardeau on May 22, Columbia on June 10, Kansas City on June 11 and Springfield on June 17.

These regional workshops are a result of a collaborative effort between MCADSV and the Office of State Court Administrator, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, and the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, and will be valuable for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, batterer intervention program staff, advocates and court personnel.

CLE, POST and CEU credit will be available, pending approval. Mileage reimbursements are also available.

To register, visit [www.regonline.com/domesticviolence](http://www.regonline.com/domesticviolence) workshop. Call Emily Hayes, MCADSV Education Coordinator, at (888) 666-1911 with questions.