



# BULLETIN

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## Executive Director's Message

*Welcome to the new MBCC Bulletin! Our bi-monthly publication will include information on upcoming events and grant application deadlines, new programs, educational opportunities and much more. As the agency continues to expand and refine our services to our subgrantees and partners, we've streamlined how we deliver information. Watch for our new look on our website coming soon and educational sessions!*

**500%**

Percentage of increase in drug-related offenses from 1984 -2014.

**\$4.7 million**

Amount of allocated funds for FY 2015 for Victim Service grants.

**12,318**

Number of victims served through VOCA funding 2013-2014



## 2013-2014 CRIME IN MONTANA Report Now Available

In November, MBCC released the 2013-2014 **Crime in Montana Report** on the MBCC website ([www.mbcc.mt.gov](http://www.mbcc.mt.gov)). Published annually by MBCC's Statistical Analysis Center, Crime in Montana provides a comprehensive report of state crime data using information from the Montana Incident-Based Reporting System (MTIBRS).

MTIBRS is Montana's central repository for information on offenses and arrests known to non-tribal law enforcement agencies. MTIBRS collects information on 63 data elements; describing incident characteristics

including date, time and location of incident/arrest; weapons used; victim and offender demographics; relationship of the victim to the offender(s); suspected use of substances during the crime commission and more. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has certified Montana's Uniform Crime Reporting program as 100% compliant. Montana is one of only 16 states across the country with this designation.

The report includes a statistical analysis of both violent crimes (i.e., homicide; rape and other sex offenses; robbery; and aggravated assault) and property crimes (i.e., burglary; larceny/theft; and motor vehicle theft), and is based on what is reported through MTIBRS. Approximately 100 of 110 local law enforcement agencies across Montana report to MTIBRS. Data from state and federal law enforcement agencies such as Montana Highway Patrol, U.S. Marshall's Service, or Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is not currently contained in the database, but is proposed for future analysis and reporting.

# MBCC Presents Annual Awards

MBCC annually presents two awards as part of the Crime Prevention Conference: the ***Lifetime Achievement Award*** and the ***Innovative Community Improvement Award***. The selection is made following a nomination process conducted earlier in the year.

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Sheriff Craig J. Anderson (RET) of Dawson County received the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award. Craig was recognized for his 38 years of service with the Montana Justice System. His career began on July 1, 1978 as a Deputy Probation Officer with the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. In October 1979, Craig was appointed Chief Probation Officer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District where he served for over 23 years until May 2003. He was appointed Dawson County Sheriff in May 2003 and re-elected two times until his final term ended and he retired in December 2014. He also served two years in criminal justice internships.

## **Innovative Community Achievement Award**

Youth Court Services, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office and the Gallatin County Commission were presented the 2015 Innovative Community Achievement Award for the Montana Family Wrap Around program. The three agencies started a collaborative partnership to provide immediate, individualized wrap around services and follow up care for families with youth in crisis throughout the Gallatin Valley. The collaboration has allowed for more preventative work with youth rather than through traditional legal methods.



*Deb Matteucci, Executive Director of MBCC and Craig J. Anderson, Retired Sheriff, Dawson County*



*Deputy Paul Griffin, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commissioner, K.D. McLaughlin, Supervisor, Montana Family Wrap Around, Undersheriff Dan Springer, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Gwen Massey, Chief Probation Officer, 18th Judicial Youth Court Services, and Deb Matteucci, Executive Director of MBCC.*



***Know of a worthy person or organization who should be recognized for his/her/their lasting contribution to promote public safety and crime prevention and/or improvements to Montana's justice system? Nominations for the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award and 2016 Innovative Community Improvement Award will open July 5, 2016. and will be available on the MBCC website. Closing date is August 5, 2016. Questions? Contact Mark Thatcher at [mthatcher@mt.gov](mailto:mthatcher@mt.gov) or 406-444-3605.***

## Grant Writing Workshop A Success; Advanced Classes Available in August

MBCC held a Grant Writing Workshop on November 3 in Helena. Over 70 individuals from around the State of Montana participated in the session taught by Christine Johnson of Clover Creative and facilitated by MBCC staff members Tina Chamberlain (Program Specialist) and Stacy Purdom (Accountant).

Future sessions will include an advanced session as part of the subgrantee workshops in August as well as a Grant Writing 101 Workshop as part of the 10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference in Billings October 4-6.

The workshop kicked off MBCC's efforts to establish technical assistance programs for current and future subgrantees throughout the year. If you have a suggestion for a training, contact Samantha Erpenbach at [serpenbach@mt.gov](mailto:serpenbach@mt.gov).



- \* March 4 — Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces RFP Released
- \* April 8 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- \* April 15 — Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces Applications Due
- \* April 18-20 — RMS Vendor Fair
- \* June 9 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- \* June 10 — Residential Substance Abuse Treatment RFP Released
- \* July 22 — Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Application Due
- \* August 2-3 — Advanced Grant Writing & Subgrantee Workshop
- \* August 8-9 — Advanced Grant Writing & Subgrantee Workshop
- \* September 14 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- \* October 4-6 — 10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference, Billings
- \* December 8 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena

***Schedules change daily! Check out our website: [www.mbcc.mt.gov](http://www.mbcc.mt.gov)***



# Upcoming Workshops

## Subgrantee Workshops August 2016

MBCC will hold two subgrantee workshops featuring updates on new reporting and fiscal requirements, and answers to questions about projects funded through MBCC.

Topics include:

- ⇒ Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Regulations and Training
- ⇒ Budget, Timesheets & Fiscal Update
- ⇒ Data Collection, Reporting and Statistics
- ⇒ Individual Program Updates & Breakout Sessions

**Online Registration  
Opens June 1!**

**Hotel Reservations  
Available Now!**

**Who should attend?** Fiscal Officer and Project Director will gain understanding of compliance with grant requirements. Agencies interested in applying for grants are also welcome to attend.

### *Advanced Grant Writing Workshop*

A three hour Advanced Grant Writing Workshop will be held the afternoon prior to the Subgrantee Workshop in both locations. This workshop will sharpen your grant writing skills and focus specifically on budget and budget narrative, expectations for reporting process in the application, and how to write an influential narrative. *The workshop is designed to be a follow up to the Grant Writing 101 presentation held in November.*

**August 2-3, 2016**

**Bozeman**

August 2: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Advanced Grant Writing Workshop*

August 3: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
*Subgrantee Workshop*

Best Western GranTree Inn  
1325 North 7th Avenue, Bozeman  
406-587-5261

[www.bestwestern.com/grantree](http://www.bestwestern.com/grantree)

A block of rooms has been held at the rate of \$138.00 + tax. Please refer to the "Montana Board of Crime Control" when making your hotel reservations. Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis. The room block will expire on July 1, 2016.

**August 9-10, 2016**

**Great Falls**

August 9: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Advanced Grant Writing Workshop*

August 10: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
*Subgrantee Workshop*

Best Western Plus Heritage Inn  
1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls  
406-761-1900

[www.bestwestern.com/prop\\_27029](http://www.bestwestern.com/prop_27029)

A block of rooms has been held at the rate of \$89.00 + tax. Please refer to the "MBCC Subgrantee Workshop" when making your hotel reservations. Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis.

# MBCC Staff News

## *Retirements & New Adventures*

This fall saw the retirement of two of MBCC's long term employees. **Cil Robinson**, MBCC's Juvenile Justice Planner was employed with MBCC for over 20 years and was a key player in MBCC's juvenile justice team. She worked closely with MBCC's Juvenile Justice Specialist to address juvenile justice issues throughout Montana. Cil was a nationally recognized expert in her field and was often a key collaborator in developing and revising juvenile justice policies nationwide. **Don Merritt**, MBCC's Fiscal Bureau Chief, retired in December after 34 years with the agency. Don began his career with MBCC as an accountant and was a key contributor to the fiscal management of millions of dollars in federal grants. We wish Cil and Don nothing but the best in their retirement and whatever adventures the future may bring their way.

**Stacy Purdom**, MBCC Accountant, embarked on an adventure of her own in January with the launch of her own business, Atlas Fitness in Helena. Stacy was with MBCC for 14 years as the Accountant/Human Resources staff.

## *New Staff & Positions*

MBCC welcomed **Kelly McIntosh** to the agency in September as a Program Specialist. Kelly previously was an MBCC board member and the Executive Director of Women's Resource Center in Dillon, Montana. Kelly oversees the Victims of Crime Act grant and can be reached at [KMclntosh@mt.gov](mailto:KMclntosh@mt.gov) and 406-444-1998.

**Connie Young** became the Fiscal Services Bureau Chief of MBCC at the end of November. Connie began her career with MBCC as the fiscal staff for the victims and in-house administrative grants in 2001 and was most recently the MBCC Budget Analyst. Connie can be reached at [cyoung@mt.gov](mailto:cyoung@mt.gov) or 406-444-7361.

**Kathy Wilkins** joined MBCC in February as the agency's new Data Unit Manager. Kathy brings a wealth of experience working with systems design and management, data analysis, and programmatic problem solving. She has proven experience in grant management and has a number of career opportunities to share information through training, presentations and development of outreach materials. Kathy can be reached at 406-444-4298 or [KWilkins@mt.gov](mailto:KWilkins@mt.gov).

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April 18-20, 2016

## ***MBCC Vendor Fair***

Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

Join us in Helena for an opportunity to hear from Records Managements System (RMS) vendors who will exhibit their NIBRS/MIBRS software solutions for law enforcement personnel. Vendors will conduct training for agency personnel on their specific programs and demonstrate their software.

*The MTLEIRA Conference will be held in conjunction with the Vendor Fair.*

October 4-6, 2016

## ***10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference***

Holiday Inn Grand, Billings

(soon to be the Billings Radisson Hotel)

This year's program will focus on mental and behavioral health issues that are facing Montana's communities. The program will be available online at the end of March with registration opening July 1.

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, contact Samantha Erpenbach, Program Specialist/Conference Coordinator at

[serpenbach@mt.gov](mailto:serpenbach@mt.gov) or 406-444-2947.

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