



# MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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## December Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the content that would be included in the 2023 VOCA, SASP, and DVI funding opportunities, discussed the CIT Program, and approved changes to Board policy B-04 Subgrantee Application Appeals.

The agenda, public documents, and more can be found on the [MBCC Events Calendar](#).

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## 2023 Funding Opportunities

MBCC is seeking applicants for the 2023 John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program, 2023 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), 2023 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), and 2023 Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) Program, funding opportunities.

Applications for JRJ are due on **January 12, 2023** and applications for VOCA, SASP, and DVI are due on **January 26, 2023**.

The 2023 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding opportunity is expected to open in March.

For funding opportunity links, dates and deadlines, and more information, please visit the Funding Opportunities page on the MBCC website.

[View Funding Opportunities](#)

## Match Calculator

If you haven't already, check out MBCC's new Match Calculator on the Applications and Forms page! The Match Calculator will help calculate match for VOCA, VAWA, RSAT, and JAG MJDTF.

[Start Using the MBCC Match Calculator](#)

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## 2023 Spring Program Highlight Submissions are Open!

MBCC's Program Highlights honor criminal justice and community-based programs that merit recognition for providing effective services in their communities or statewide. MBCC will recognize at least two programs per year and applications will be archived for future consideration. Applications are accepted from both current and previously funded MBCC grant recipients. MBCC is currently accepting Program Highlights for the Spring quarter.

Up to two representatives from the selected program will be invited to give a presentation about their program to the Board of Directors at the Board Business Meeting on March 16, 2023. MBCC will showcase the Highlight Program through a statewide press release, certificate of recognition, and placement of program information on the MBCC website. Additionally, the selected program will receive one attendance scholarship to the 2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

For your program to be considered, please complete the [Program Highlights Submission Form](#) and email any relevant supplemental materials to Jessi Deily at [jessica.deily@mt.gov](mailto:jessica.deily@mt.gov). The deadline for Spring Program Highlights submissions is **5:00 PM on Friday, February 17, 2023**.

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## December Youth Justice Council Meeting

The Youth Justice Council met to review highlights from the YJC Strategic Planning Retreat and determined priorities and projects for 2023.

The council members are a cross section of public and private employees who are working to prevent or reduce juvenile delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system.

The mission of the Youth Justice Council is to improve the juvenile justice system by serving the best interest of Montana's youth, families, and citizens by supporting research-based programs with positive outcomes.

The Youth Justice Council is responsible for making funding recommendations for the Title II Juvenile Justice and the Delinquency Prevention Program (DPP) funding opportunities to the Board, administering the Do the Write Thing Challenge in Montana, offering Restorative Practices training opportunities, and more.

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## 2023 Do the Write Thing Challenge

The 2023 Do the Write Thing Challenge has begun!

All across America, students are taking action to end youth violence. Montana's Do the Write Thing Challenge is a violence prevention program that encourages middle school students to examine the causes of youth violence, the impact of violence on their lives, and to communicate in written form what they think should be done to reduce youth violence. By encouraging students to make personal commitments to do something about the problem, the program ultimately seeks to give them the opportunity to break the cycles of violence in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Do the Write Thing is an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence.

**Student writings are due March 10, 2023.** Eight State Finalists and two Student National Ambassadors will be selected and invited to the State Recognition Event in Helena in May 2023. The two Student National Ambassadors will be invited to the National Do the Write Thing Recognition Ceremony in Washington D.C. in July 2023.

If you would like to participate in the Do the Write Thing challenge, or would like more information, please email [Rachel Gemar](mailto:Rachel.Gemar).

[Learn more about the DtWT Challenge](#)

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## Just the Facts

### MTIBRS Training & Technical Assistance Series

Join us in 2023 for a new year of National Incident-based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime data training topics. You helped us choose topics that matter to Montana Law Enforcement. Just like last year, the sessions are only 15 minutes every other Wednesday at 11:30. Our staff will be available afterwards for questions as well.

Based on your feedback, more topics will be added as the year progresses. Email us at [MBCCDATA@mt.gov](mailto:MBCCDATA@mt.gov) with any crime data issues you would like us to cover.

By registering below, you are signing up for all 2023 sessions, although you do not need to attend every session.

[Register for Just the Facts](#)

The sessions will be recorded and any materials used for the presentation will also be available on the *Just the Facts* page.

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## Law Enforcement Employment Survey

For the second year in a row, MBCC's Statistical Analysis Center received a 100% response rate on the annual Law Enforcement Employment Survey.

The survey is just one example of the outstanding partnership Montana Law Enforcement Agencies have with our Statistical Analysis Center (SAC). Montana has always been ahead of the nation in submitting to the FBI the more detailed National Incident-based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime data. Montana has also lead the nation in law enforcement agency submissions, low error rates, and innovative data collection practices.

Some federal funding formulas are based on NIBRS participation crime numbers. Montana's participation is helping fund local projects such as Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) and the COVID Relief fund grants.

Teamwork matters and your efforts do make a difference. Thank you to the amazing law enforcement partners throughout the state!



## **MBCC Victim Liaison Update**

Over the last year and a half, the State Victim Liaison Project has partnered with victim service providers, allied partners, and the Board of Crime Control to identify the most crucial gaps and barriers to accessing services for crime victims and survivors. Thanks to the information that has been collected, the State and Tribal Victim Liaisons have been able to develop a Statewide Needs Assessment that will be sent out to victim service providers and allied partners throughout the state of Montana over the next few months. If you would like to participate in this pivotal data collection, please reach out in order to receive the information regarding the assessment.

We are continuing to meet with victim service providers and allies across the state of Montana, as well as beginning to schedule listening sessions for victims, and learning about the best solutions for improving services for survivors. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have ideas or would like to participate in our project!

### **Community Listening Session**

A Community Listening Session is scheduled for **Monday, February 6, 2023**. It will be hosted in Helena and provide a safe space for crime victims and survivors to share their experiences with the criminal justice system and victim service providers to discuss opportunities for growth and improvement.

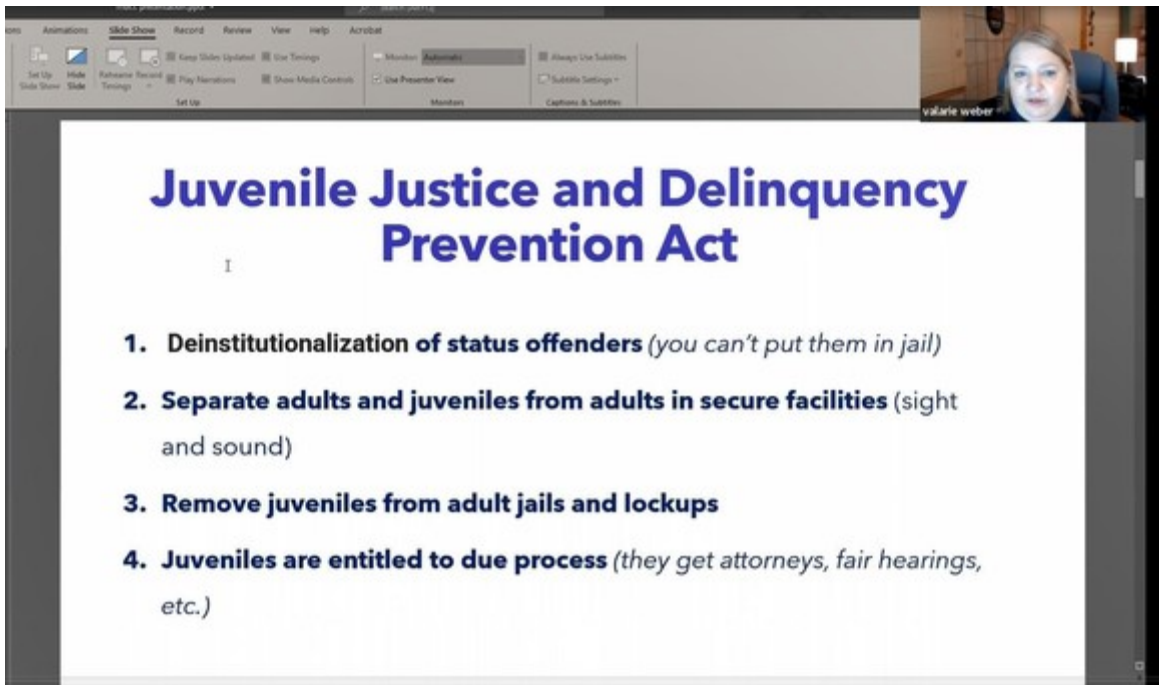
Please reach out if you're interested in attending and we'll provide the details!

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## Educational Power Hour

MBCC's EPH Juvenile Justice System series will continue in January and February. Please stay tuned for sessions related to the Montana Crime Lab, Chippewa Cree Juvenile Court, as well as the process related to the Juvenile Probation System. You don't want to miss any of these upcoming, exciting sessions!

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Be sure to subscribe to the Educational Power Hour email list to receive notifications about video uploads and upcoming series and speakers.

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Thank you to MT DOC Victims Services, our presenters, MBCC's very own Tawny Rogers and Rachel Gemar, and everyone who has attended so far! Your support has ensured a smooth transition and continuation of this important series.

Click the button below for more for the Educational Power Hour schedule, upcoming topics and speakers, recordings of previous presentations, and more.

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## Elder Justice Investigations Training

### For First Responders and Law Enforcement

The training will take place at the Missoula Police Department (435 Ryman St) on Thursday, February 23rd, 2023. The training is a full day training beginning at 8:30am and running until 5:00pm! Lunch will *not* be provided, but there will be an hour break in between to allow for lunch on your own.

With knowledge from professionals working directly within law enforcement and elder justice, you'll receive a comprehensive look at addressing elder abuse investigations, domestic violence, sexual abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation in later life.

The purpose of this training is to provide first responders and law enforcement with an overview of elder abuse and information about:

- investigative strategies,
- possible charges, and
- local resources or services available to assist officers and victims of abuse in later life to enhance older victims' safety and hold offenders accountable.

### Trainers:

- Patty Murphy - YWCA Missoula
- Adam Oja - Adult Protective Services
- Chris Benson - MT Elder Justice Investigator
- Mike Fanning - MT Elder Justice Prosecutor

Attendees who complete the training will be eligible for **7 POST credit hours**.

If you would like to attend or additional information when the date is set, please fill out the form, here: <https://tinyurl.com/elder-abuse-training>

*If you have additional questions or concerns, please reach out to Tawny Rogers at [tawny.rogers@mt.gov](mailto:tawny.rogers@mt.gov).*

**Receive Training Notifications**



## 2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference

### Multi-Disciplinary Solutions for Public Safety

Save the date! The 17th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference will take place at **Fairmont Hot Springs** on **October 3 and October 4**. Post-Conference Training will take place on October 5 and 6.

### Now Accepting Presentation Proposals

Do you have an idea for a presentation? We'd love to hear it! Please fill out the Presentation Proposal Form below to submit your idea. MBCC staff will review and all selected presenters will be notified in Summer 2023.

[Submit Presentation Proposal](#)

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Support from our sponsors enables our conference to continue to provide key educational sessions to law enforcement professionals, state, local and tribal government, probation, victim service providers, educators, and leaders from the public and private sectors across the state.

For sponsorship opportunity ideas, please review the [Sponsorship Levels](#).

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### Receive Conference Updates

Subscribe to the Montana Crime Prevention Conference mailing list to receive notifications about selected presenters, exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, registration, lodging, and more.

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For more information please visit the 2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference webpage.

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