



MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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Top row, from left to right: Shantelle Gaynor, Brian Gootkin, Eric Bryson, Wyatt Glade, Bryan Lockerby, Michael Sanders, Amy Tenney, Wyatt English. Bottom row, left to right: Brett Schandelson, Beth McLaughlin, Leo Dutton, Meaghan Mulcahy, Katie Weston, and Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz.

September Board Meeting

The Board met at the Calvert Hotel in Lewistown, MT to discuss funding for the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant, Title II Juvenile Justice grant, and Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) grants, revise the CIT Standards, and approve a minor change to the YJC Bylaws.

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

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MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton presents The Friendship Center's Kim Patterson with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award.

MBCC Fall Program Highlights

The Friendship Center

The Montana Board of Crime Control honored The Friendship Center (TFC) with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the September Board Meeting.

Kim Patterson gave a presentation on the important work TFC does, including providing services and resources to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and providing education and outreach to communities to prevent intimate partner violence and sexual assaults and to promote consent and healthy relationships.

More information about The Friendship Center can be found on the MBCC [Program Highlights page](#).

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2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference

Multi-Disciplinary Solutions for Public Safety

The 2023 Montana Crime Prevention Conference took place at Fairmont Hot Springs on October 3th and 4th, with post-conference training on October 5th and 6th.

The Opening Ceremony began with the National Anthem, performed by the Anaconda Schools Choir, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association Honor Guard. Sheriff and MBCC Chairman, Leo Dutton, delivered opening remarks, blessings, and welcomed everyone to the 17th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

Following the Opening Ceremony, Alani Bankhead delivered a powerful keynote speech about imposter syndrome and burnout in justice systems professionals, including underlying causes and strategies to mitigate their effects.

Nanette Gilbertson and Lewis & Clark County Sheriff and Coroner Leo Dutton discussed the importance of law enforcement, efforts to improve public safety in Montana during the Fireside Chat, including how to collaborate across disciplines to create meaningful solutions and impactful change.

MBCC honored the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Barbara Monaco, and the 2023 Innovative Community Improvement Award recipient, Center for Restorative Youth Justice at the Tuesday, Awards Luncheon.

In addition to the traditional Victim Services, Law Enforcement, and General track sessions, attendees had the option to attend a special track sponsored by the Montana Community Corrections Association (MCCA). MCCA-sponsored sessions included Evidence-Based Practices and Medication-Assisted Treatment. Thank you to MCCA for your support and valuable training opportunities!

MBCC Staff facilitated a Subgrantee Training on Thursday while Moisés Próspero and Steve Anjewierden provided *School Resource Officer and Law Enforcement Training*. Rodney Toulson led *Training of Trainers: Fundamentals of Restorative Practices* on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Thank you to all of our presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and all who attended!

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2023 Lifetime Achievement Award

Barbara Monaco



The Montana Board of Crime Control honored Barbara Monaco with the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her 37 years of service to the 20th Judicial District Youth Court. Barbara began her career in as a juvenile probation officer in Lake and Sanders County and has served as Chief Probation Officer since 1989. She puts her whole heart and self into the safety and well-being of her community and goes above and beyond in her duties. Not only does she ensure diversionary processes are in place, but she also helps youth become more productive citizens. She is the type of person who will purchase shoes out of her own pocket for a student to participate in a program.

Barbara assists law enforcement in legal and mentorship opportunities to correct criminal behavior in youth. She often visits local schools and talks to students on formal and informal probation as well as students in danger of citations with the hope of changing their behaviors for the better and avoiding the legal system. She helped

establish and served as an instructor for the Montana Juvenile Probation Officers Training and organized an interdisciplinary task force for youth consisting of law enforcement, area superintendents, and the head of Child Protective Services in the area.

Barbara has been a tremendous asset to the 20th Judicial District and the State of Montana over her 37-year career and MBCC is honored to name her recipient of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award!



From left to right: Wyatt English, Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz, Barbara Monaco, Leo Dutton, Amy Tenney, and Brett Schandelson.

MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton presented the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award to Barbara during the Tuesday Awards Luncheon. Chairman Dutton then turned the room over to Barbara, who gave an overview of her career and impact on the criminal justice system.

Thank you for all you have done, Barbara, and congratulations on your retirement!

For more information about Barbara Monaco and the Lifetime Achievement Award, please visit the [MBCC Recognition Awards page](#).

[Learn more about Barbara Monaco](#)

2023 Innovative Community Improvement Award

Center for Restorative Youth Justice



The Montana Board of Crime Control is pleased to present the Center for Restorative Youth Justice (CRYJ) with this prestigious award in recognition of their service to teens and families in the Flathead Valley.

CRYJ is based in Kalispell, Montana and utilizes restorative justice circles to hold space for dialogue between youth, families, and community members. They also engage teens in service-based activities, empowerment and harm reduction-based workshops, and high levels of individualized adult and peer support.

CRYJ is committed to helping teens find their strengths and move out of cycles of harm, incarceration, poverty, violence, and lack of connection to school and community.



From left to right: Wyatt English, Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz, Catherine Gunderson, Cory Clarke, Leo Dutton, Amy Tenney, and Brett Schandelson.

MBCC Chairman Leo Dutton presented the 2023 Innovative Community Improvement Award to Catherine Gunderson and Cory Clarke during the Tuesday Awards Luncheon. Catherine and Cory gave a presentation about the important work CRJY does in the Flathead Valley and throughout Montana.

We are so proud of the work you do, CRJY! Congratulations!

For more information about the Center for Restorative Youth Justice, please visit <https://restorativeyouthjustice.org/> and the [MBCC Recognition Awards page](#).

[Learn more about CRYJ](#)

DO THE WRITE THING

HELP STOP THE VIOLENCE



2023 National Ambassadors Augustyn Bertucci and Lucimae Pittman with Laura Peterson at Senator John Tester's Office in Washington, D.C.

Do the Write Thing National Celebration

Montana's National Ambassadors traveled to Washington D.C. with their parents and teachers for the National 2023 Do the Write Thing celebration. Lucimae Pittman from Fairfield Middle School, and Augustyn Bertucci from Laurel Middle School, were able to visit Senator Daines' and Senator Tester's offices as well as tour some of the sights in the Capital.



2023 National Ambassadors Augustyn Bertucci and Lucimae Pittman at Senator Steve Daines' office in Washington, D.C.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Do the *Write* Thing Challenge! MBCC will announce details about the 2024 DtWT Challenge later this month.

For more information about National Student Ambassadors and State Finalists from this year and previous years, challenge rules, and more, please visit [MBCC's Do the Write Thing webpage](#).

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Just the Facts

MTIBRS Training & Technical Assistance Series

Join us for National Incident-based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime data training topics. Sessions are only 15 minutes every other Wednesday at 11:30AM. Our staff will be available afterwards for questions as well.

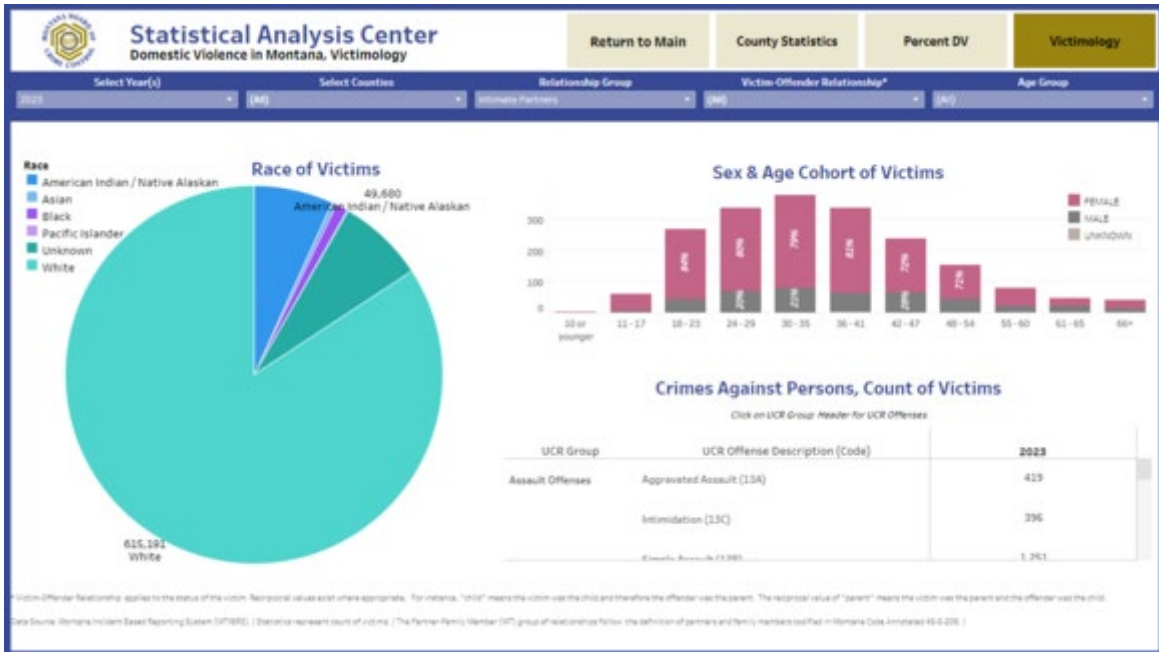
Email us at MBCCCdata@mt.gov with any crime data issues you would like us to cover.

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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Domestic Violence Data Dashboard

2023 data is now available on MBCC's Domestic Violence data dashboard!

The DV dashboard focuses on crimes committed where the victim and partner have an intimate or familial relationship. Data can be filtered by victim-offender relationship, county, and year and includes UCR Group and UCR Offense Descriptions.

You can view this data dashboard and more on the MBCC [Crime Dashboards](#) webpage.

[View Crime Data Dashboards](#)



Join us for the month of October's Educational Power Hours. On Tuesday, October 10th, we heard about **Canine Companions in the Court Room**. On Tuesday, October 24th, we'll hear from **Dr. Maegan Rides at the Door and the National Native Children's Trauma Center**.

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Montana Victim Services Needs Assessment

The MBCC State and Tribal Victim Liaison Project is a three-year project that seeks to collaborate with Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) staff, subgrantees, victim service providers, allied partners, and the Board to identify and address gaps and barriers in victim services throughout Montana. Using the data collected from victim service providers and the data captured from the Needs Assessment allows MBCC to distinguish gaps and barriers in victim services across Montana. MBCC will use this information to map services available across Montana and to show where resources are needed.

Please share this link with victim service providers and allied partners that encounter survivors and victims of crime. If you would like a hard copy or have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Tawny Rogers at tawny.rogers@mt.gov.

[Needs Assessment](#)

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