



MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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MBCC Vice Chairman Rick Kirn presents Ben Davis and Tyler Taylor from Friends of the Children with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the 2024 March Board Meeting in Helena, MT.

March Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the proposed biennial budget request, updated the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Program Standards, made funding decisions for Byrne State Crisis Intervention Plan (SCIP), Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP), and John R. Justice (JRJ) Student Loan Repayment Program applications, and approved the Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) Offender Intervention Program Standards (OIPS). The Board also discussed the Criminal Justice Data

Funding Opportunities

MBCC is seeking applicants for the 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Pass Through Direct, FY2025 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces (MJDTF), and the 2024 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Training Program funding opportunities. The 2024 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding opportunity will open on March 29, the FVPSA funding opportunity will open in April, and the 2025 Title II Juvenile Justice Formula Grants funding opportunity will open in May. For funding opportunity links, dates, deadlines, and more information, please visit the Funding Opportunities page on the MBCC website.

[MBCC Funding Opportunities](#)

Warehouse. Ben Davis and Tyler Taylor, representing the Spring Program Highlights recipient, Friends of the Children, gave a presentation about the important work their program does and the impact it has had on children and families throughout Montana.

The agenda, public documents, and more can be found on the MBCC Events Calendar.

[Find Out More](#)



Left to right: Brian Gootkin, Shantelle Gaynor, Katie Weston, Rick Kirn, Ben Davis, Tyler Taylor, Wyatt English, and Brett Schandelson.

2024 Spring Program Highlights

Friends of the Children

The Montana Board of Crime Control is pleased to announce the Spring 2024 Program Highlights recipient, Friends of the Children.

Friends of the Children disrupts cycles of generational poverty and cycles of trauma by pairing amazing children enrolled in the program with full-time, salaried professional mentors.

Their mentors, which Friends of the Children refers to as “Friends,” are highly experienced youth-centered and trauma-informed professionals. Each Friend serves 8 youth and spends 4 hours per week with each child, engaging in one-on-one activities and time together in their schools, home, and community that foster positive social emotional growth and healthy connections to adults and their peers and help youth build important life skills.

MBCC Vice Chairman Rick Kirn presented Executive Director Ben Davis and Professional Mentor Tyler Taylor with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the Quarterly Board Meeting on March 14, 2024. Mr. Davis kicked off the Program Highlights presentation to the board with an overview of the work Friends of the Children does and the impact they have had throughout Montana. Mr. Taylor shared his experience as a Friend and the positive changes he has seen in the children he has mentored.

For more information about Friends of the Children, please visit: www://friendsmontana.org

[Read the Full Article](#)

March Youth Justice Council Meeting

The Youth Justice Council met on March 6, 2024 to welcome new members, review roles and responsibilities, approve Vice Chair and Executive Committee appointments, review 2024-2026 Title II Three-Year Goals and Objectives, and approve MBCC priority areas and language for the 2024 Title II Juvenile Justice Formula Grants funding opportunity.

[Find Out More](#)



The deadline to submit student essays for the 2024 Do the Write Thing challenge is March 22, 2024. Staff will begin the scoring the last week of March and expects to announce ten State Finalists in April and two National Ambassadors in May. MBCC will host a state-level celebration on **May 18, 2024** and the National Ambassadors will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. on **July 20 - 24, 2024**.

Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated!

[Find Out More](#)

Victim Liaison Project Update

The victim liaison project has conducted outreach to MBCC subgrantees to ensure completion of the Statewide Needs Assessment. Currently the victim liaison project is working with the Statistical Analysis Center to build a comprehensive map of victim services in Montana. They are working to ensure the map goes live by June of 2024. Since 2022, the state victim liaison have facilitated bi-monthly Educational Power Hours featuring presentations from various organizations, fostering collaboration and community while providing information about available programming throughout Montana. Efforts have also begun to integrate survivor experiences into MBCC's work, including collaborating on a survivor needs assessment and planning meetings with survivors in Billings.

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Trauma-Informed Practices in the Criminal Justice System Training

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of MBCC's four-week Trauma-Informed Practices in the Criminal Justice System training program, which attracted 40 participants from diverse disciplines including juvenile probation officers, victim service providers, judges, and mental health providers. This comprehensive training covered essential modules on physical and emotional safety, peer support, transparency, and trustworthiness, fostering exceptional participation and engagement. Participants had the opportunity to earn continuing education credits and POST credits, further enhancing the value of this initiative. We extend our sincere gratitude to all participants for their dedication to advancing trauma-informed practices within the criminal justice system, and we look forward to future opportunities for collaboration and growth.

"This training will be very helpful in my role in the juvenile justice system. I hope at some point, all juvenile probation officers are REQUIRED to take this training."

[More Training Opportunities](#)

New Grant Application Resource Pages

Grant application season is just around the corner! Did you know MBCC put together two new webpages to help you during the application process?

Other Funding Resources Webpage

In addition to [MBCC funding opportunities](#), we want to make it easier for our applicants, subgrantees, and allied partners to find other funding sources they may be applicable for.

As a result, we put together our new Other Funding Resources webpage, which we will keep updated with upcoming and currently available federal funding opportunities. We will also include links to federal and internal resources that will help prepare you to apply for these funding opportunities.

[Other Funding Resources Webpage](#)

Training Opportunities Webpage

Be sure to check out our Training Opportunities webpage as well. We will keep this page updated with upcoming trainings hosted by both MBCC and our partners throughout the criminal justice field.

[Training Opportunities Webpage](#)

Let Us Know if You Have Suggestions

If you come across a federal funding opportunities, grant application resources, or training opportunities not listed on this page that you think would be helpful for us to add, please email your suggestions to mbcc@mt.gov.



Montana Crime Prevention Conference

October 1-2, 2024 | Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

MBCC is seeking presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors for the 2024 Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

Presenter Opportunities

The deadline to submit presentation proposals is **Friday, May 24, 2024**. All presentations must be 2 hours so that they may be certified for POST credit. MBCC will review and accept presentations as they come in. All presentation selections will be announced in June 2024.

[Submit Presentation Proposal](#)

Exhibitor Opportunities

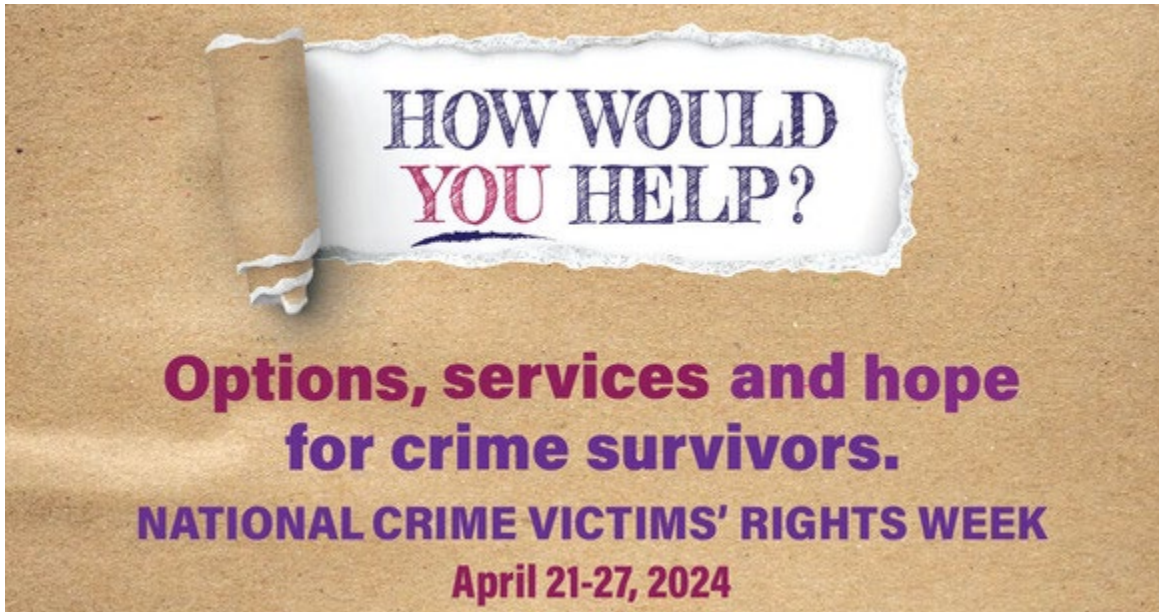
MBCC has ten exhibitor booth slots available. The last day to apply for an **exhibitor booth is Friday, May 24, 2024**.

[Apply for Exhibitor Booth](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities

Support from our sponsors enables the Montana Crime Prevention 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 public and private sectors across the state. For more information, please view the [Sponsorship Levels](#).

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Join OVC in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) from April 21-27, 2024. Learn about this year's theme—***How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors***—and register for NCVRW events and access the theme artwork.

[Learn More](#)



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