



## MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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*The Board presents Blacktail Health- Butte Child Evaluation Center with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award during the Quarterly Meeting on March 12, 2026. From left to right: Rick Kirn, Blacktail Health- Butte Child Evaluation Center representative Marisa McKee, Leo Dutton.*

## March Board Meeting

The Board met on March 12, 2026, to approve the FY2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funding, a Gun Violence Prevention Campaign, funding opportunity for FY2026 DVI including OIP Standards, FY2027 After School Program funding opportunity and the Youth Justice Advisory Council Governor's Report.

The Board also welcomed two new members:

- **Natalia Bowser**, Department of Corrections
- **Alan Doane**, Department of Justice

Marisa McKee and Alicia Foley, representing the Spring Program Highlights recipient, Blacktail Health- Butte Child Evaluation Center, gave a presentation about the important work their center does to help children and families, and how their services make a positive difference in the community.

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

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## Upcoming MBCC Events

- **Youth Justice Advisory Council Meeting:** June 3, 2026
  - **Board Meeting:** June 4, 2026
  - **[Do the Write Thing:](#)** Deadline is March 27, 2026
  - **Subgrantee Check-in Call:** May 20, 2026
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## Funding Opportunities

### Upcoming Funding Opportunities

MBCC will release the following funding opportunities:

- FY2026 Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) grant
  - **Opens:** March 18, 2026
  - **Closes:** April 17, 2026
- FY2026 After School Program (ASP) grant
  - **Opens:** March 18, 2026
  - **Closes:** April 17, 2026
- FY2026 Regional Juvenile Detention (RJD) grant
  - **Opens:** March 18, 2026
  - **Closes:** April 17, 2026
- FY2026 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) grant
  - **Opens:** May 12, 2026
  - **Closes:** June 23, 2026
- FY2026 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant
  - **Opens:** May 12, 2026
  - **Closes:** June 23, 2026

For more information about current and past funding opportunities, please visit our [Funding Opportunities](#) page.

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# 2026 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

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*Blacktail Health- Butte Child Evaluation Center representatives from left to right: Alicia Foley, Marisa McKee.*

The Montana Board of Crime Control is pleased to announce the Spring 2026 Program Highlight recipient, Blacktail Health- Butte Child Evaluation Center.

For more than two decades, the Butte Child Evaluation Center has been a vital resource for children and families across Southwest Montana. With a mission rooted in safety, compassion, and collaboration, the center provides a confidential and child-centered environment where young people can access the support they need during some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

The center offers a comprehensive array of services in one location, including forensic interviews, specialized medical care, counseling, case management, and advocacy.

By working closely with local law enforcement and members of a multidisciplinary team, the program ensures that each child has the opportunity to be heard while reducing the number of times they must retell and relive their traumatic experiences.

The center's most profound achievement lies in its ability to create a safe space where children can speak openly and begin their healing journey. While successful court outcomes are important, the true measure of impact is seen in every child who finds the courage to share their story. Each disclosure represents an extraordinary act of bravery.

The Butte Child Evaluation Center remains committed to supporting children as they navigate the emotional and psychological effects of trauma. By offering a child-friendly environment for forensic interviews and pairing it with comprehensive services, the program helps ensure that law enforcement and Child Protective Services can conduct thorough, respectful investigations. This model not only minimizes the risk of further trauma but also strengthens the accuracy and effectiveness of investigative efforts—promoting healing, safety, and justice for the children who need it most.

MBCC Chair Leo Dutton presented Marisa McKee and Alicia Foley with the Certificate of Outstanding Program Award at the Quarterly Board Meeting on March 12, 2026.

For more information about the Blacktail Health- Butte Child Evaluation Center, please click [here](#).

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### **March Youth Justice Advisory Council**

The Council met on March 4, 2026. Updates were provided about the FY2027 After School Program funding opportunity, recommendation process, and council members reviewed the Governor's Report.

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

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## **2026 Montana Crime Prevention Conference**

**October 20-21, 2026|Fairmont Hot Springs Resort**

MBCC is seeking presenters, exhibitors, and sponsors for the 2026 Montana Crime Prevention Conference.

### **Presenter Opportunities**

The deadline to submit presentation proposals is **Saturday May 2, 2026**. Conference presentations must be two hours in length. MBCC will review presentations on an ongoing basis. Presenters will be notified end of May 2026.

[Submit Presentation Proposal](#)

### **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 the public and private sectors across the state. For more information, please view the [Sponsorship Levels](#).

[Become a Sponsor](#)

## **Exhibitor Opportunities**

MBCC has eleven exhibitor booth slots available. MBCC will review and accept exhibitor booth applications as they come in, and all selected exhibitors will be notified in summer 2026. The last day to apply for an exhibitor booth is **Saturday May 2, 2026**.

[Apply for Exhibitor Booth](#)

## **Stay Updated**

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 [2026 Montana Crime prevention webpage](#).*

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## **MBCC Funding Opportunities**

In addition to training, MBCC provides numerous funding opportunities aimed at reducing crime, improving safety, and supporting victims across Montana. For a comprehensive overview of current and past funding options, please visit our Funding Opportunities webpage.

[MBCC Funding Opportunities Page](#)

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

MBCC also makes an effort to spread awareness of other funding opportunities that might be helpful to our subgrantees and partners. Be sure to check out our Other Funding Opportunities webpage for a list of current funding opportunities from federal, nonprofit, and other sources.

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