Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence

Representing over 70 Michigan community-based agencies in service to survivors and promoting sexual and domestic violence prevention initiatives



Legislative Overview 2021-2022

Critical Issues this Legislative Session in Michigan include:

- Comprehensive Sexual Assault State Funding—restore to increase services
- Human Trafficking Commission proposed legislation—ongoing advocacy
- Expanding Sexual Assault Civil and Criminal Statutes of Limitation
- Preserving and Strengthening Confidentiality Laws to promote survivor access to healing
- Child Custody Protections—ongoing advocacy on any proposal that would impact survivors
- Prevention Initiatives—continuing careful analysis to ensure evidence based practices, appropriate expertise, and adequate resources
- Criminal Procedure Revision—ensure social justice reforms include safeguarding victim/survivor rights and access to justice, safety, and healing
- COVID-19 Response in relation to survivors and programs

Critical Issues this Legislative Session on the Federal Level include:

- Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women & Family Violence Prevention & Services Acts
- Increased funding for Sexual Assault Services Program
- Victims of Crime Act Funding (and structural fund deposit fix)
- Housing funding and survivor protections
- Protection for Immigrant & Refugee survivors
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Strengthening Title IX

MCEDSV reviews all legislative and other policy proposals using our Great Lakes Model of Survivor Accompaniment. This graphic illustrates some examples of how we review all policies for their impact:

	Survivor Centered	Self-determinationSafetyPrivacyOffender accountability
	Intersectional	Racial equityAccessibilityEconomic justiceAntidiscrimination
	Trauma Informed	 Application of evidence- based practices Account for lived expriences of survivors

^{*}MCEDSV engages in comprehensive public policy advocacy. In addition to legislative efforts, MCEDSV policy staff advocate on a wide range of implementation initiatives, as well as provide expertise on numerous national and statewide workgroups, task forces, and advisory committees developing protocol, administrative policy / practice, and trainings.

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