

MOVE The Newsletter of the Coalition

All survivors, now and always

We are coming to the close of the summer months. As we transition into the fall, MCEDSV is also undergoing a period of transition. We are transitioning from a season of intensive advocacy and education for sustained funding to support survivors in the state of Michigan, to being in space with community and membership at our Annual Conference. The theme for the conference is, “United for Impact: Reimagining Access and Advocacy”. As we look at creative ways to continue our work in support of survivors, shared investment and a shared vision of the future can inspire courageousness.

Our advocacy does not end; it transforms. It morphs to meet the needs of the moment. It rises to the challenges that are presented before us. As the seasons begin to change, we are reminded that change is inevitable. In the midst of change, great things can happen when we are able to not be stifled by fear and lean into the collective mindset of abundance.

Our success as MCEDSV is intertwined with the success of our member programs, our community and all the survivors within the state of Michigan, who continuously show up and provide their lived experience with an expectation of a societal transformation. We are committed to working toward this societal transformation. We are committed to ensuring that the voices of survivors are never silenced. We are committed to you.

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Domestic, Sexual & Trafficking Violence Hotlines



855-864-2374

Recently, the hotline has been seeing an increase in survivors using our text hotline for support. According to Pew Research Center, 31% of those interviewed preferred texting over a phone call, and an OpenMarket poll shows that 75% of millennials prefer texting.

Offering multiple methods of connecting with the hotline not only provides options for survivors to reach out in a way they are most comfortable, but ensures the hotline is accessible to those who may have specific needs, allowing ALL survivors to receive support.

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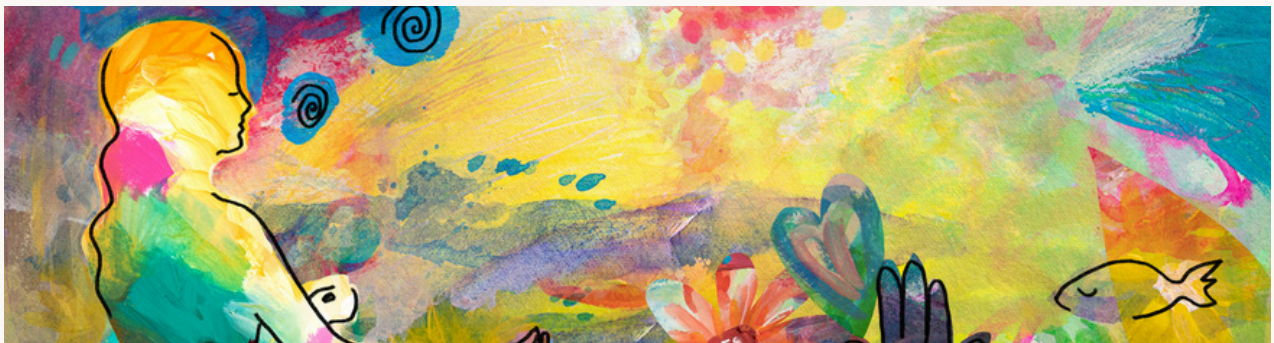
Survivor Law Clinic



The Survivor Law Clinic has been working diligently to represent survivors of non-intimate partner sexual assault in metro-Detroit and across the state. So far, we have directly helped 310 survivors, with 235 of those with direct representation in court. Cases have ranged from personal protection orders (PPOs), to Title IX representation, consumer issues, landlord tenant matters, name changes, and family law.

The Survivor Law Clinic has done this by proudly operating with a holistic model of representation for survivors of SA who come to us with several advocacy and supportive needs. We provide robust and wrap-around services that other legal service providers cannot, and work with systems actors to get referrals for survivors navigating the court and criminal justice system. It is the goal of the SLC to help our clients achieve safety, keeping in mind that safety looks different for each person we work with.

New Paths, New Partners



Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. This is most visible in Detroit, where the demands on resources for both DV and homelessness often exceeds what local resources can provide. This sometimes causes survivors to seek support outside the city, into different areas of the state.

That's why MCEDSV has been working closely with the Detroit Continuum of Care to ensure housing resources are equipped to support survivors. Our housing advocacy team has been working hard to create systemic change by not only participating in the Detroit COC but also providing training to all different kinds of housing staff on how to be intersectional, trauma-informed, and survivor centered. Through these efforts, we hope to create a system that can fully address survivor's needs.

Get Loud, Be Seen

It's time once again for the MCEDSV Annual Conference!

Join us this August in Grand Rapids for Michigan's largest survivor-centered conference, a two-day gathering of advocates, organizational leaders, legal and civil teams, equity officers, operational staff, and policymakers from across the state. Together, we'll explore the future of advocacy, expand what's possible in care delivery, and strengthen the systems that support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and interpersonal violence.

This year's programming is designed to spark bold conversations and equip attendees with real-world tools for creating equity-driven, trauma-informed change. Whether you're on the front lines or behind the scenes, you'll find breakout sessions that meet your work where it is, from operational strategy and funding challenges to policy engagement and survivor-led solutions.

Registration is just \$150 per attendee (virtual or in-person). Plus, for the first 60 in-person registrants, we're including complimentary lodging at our partner hotels, located just steps from the conference center! Space is limited, and we expect to fill quickly, so we encourage your team to register early.

Registration is easier than ever. Simply use our QR code:



There's never been a more urgent and exciting moment to connect across sectors, elevate survivor voices, and build toward a more inclusive and responsive future. Don't miss this chance to recharge your purpose, grow your skills, and collaborate with changemakers from across Michigan. We can't wait to see you in Grand Rapids.



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