

A summer for survivors

Summer is on the horizon, and you can feel the shift. The days are longer, the energy is rising, and across our communities, there's a quiet kind of momentum. At the Coalition, we're stepping into the season with intention, heart, and a deep belief in what we can build together.

In June, we're launching our membership drive. We invite you to join, or rejoin, a statewide movement that has stood strong for decades. Being a member means walking alongside survivors and advocates who are calling for justice that reaches everyone.

In July, our Just Listen campaign will lift the voices of survivors, advocates, and allies from across Michigan. These are stories of truth, wisdom, and power, and we hope you'll listen, share, and carry those stories forward.



Then, in August, we'll gather in Grand Rapids for our annual conference. This is our chance to reconnect, learn, reflect, and dream. When we come together in community, something shifts. Possibilities expand. The path forward becomes clear.

Our values continue to lead the way. Every survivor deserves safety. Every advocate deserves support. Justice must reach every corner of our communities.

This summer let's move with care. Let's stay connected. Let's keep building something bold, joyful, and rooted in community.



2025 Just Listen Campaign

MCEDSV is launching the Just Listen Campaign in July, a storytelling initiative to raise awareness, build community, and center survivor voices. We have invited survivors, advocates, and allies to share their lived experiences around survivorship.

We will be posting brief clips of these conversations each day in July on the Coalition's social media channels and website. We invite you to view and engage with the content and share your own experiences.. If you would like information about participating in a conversation, email Nick Lynch at nlynch@mcedsv.org.

Membership Drive



This past year, Michigan's advocacy programs faced deep challenges: funding cuts, political shifts, and growing demands from survivors. And yet, together, we rose. The Coalition's 74 member organizations delivered real change, from policy guidance to survivor-centered support. In support of that work, MCEDSV provided nearly 400 instances of technical assistance, over 500 hours of training, and leadership on policy and legal fronts.

As we move into another critical year, we invite you to join, or rejoin, the coalition and continue this powerful work. Current members will be receiving a renewal invitation this month. For more information about individual or organizational member benefits, email membership@mcedsv.org.

United for Impact: Reimagining Access and Advocacy



Save the date for the 2025 MCEDSV annual conference! August 25–26, both in-person in Grand Rapids and now with a hybrid option! This year's conference unites advocates, system leaders, and multidisciplinary professionals to improve access, elevate advocacy, and reimagine survivor-centered systems that work - together. Registration details will be coming soon.

Interested in leading a workshop? RFPs are being accepted until 6/23/25 and can include content from members of our field and professionals whose work is embedded in prevention, healthcare, housing, education, mutual aid, legal systems, and community-based efforts.





Share your voice for survivors with intellectual & developmental disabilities

The intersection of predatory violence and disability is wide and deep. With the goal of better serving survivors at this intersection, MCEDSV has partnered with the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition to help programs better support survivors with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD). In addition, the partnership will strengthen supports for disability-centered programs to engage in trauma-informed and survivor centered support for those who disclose sexual, domestic, or trafficking violence.

We are looking for feedback to locate barriers and gaps in support. Survivors, advocates, and SV/DV supervisors who are interested in participating can RSVP through the links below to complete a survey. All feedback provided will be erased once the findings report is finished.

Survivor Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpvEHOmK0Jzt508Lz4uBjbJESP7s7F9o ZSE9Z52hnkpcm7Lw/viewform?usp=header

Advocate Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBZzP3TLXr6p0e1S2H1_cNINIsrlbocSGlb OgaR24xKa2IIQ/viewform

SV/DV Supervisor Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu2nTBaIrOJXc-9j5EYXyf-Owrzc3TA-ypA ez03CXTbHCFQ/viewform?usp=sharing

Please contact Elisabeth Dodd at elisabeth.dodd@mcedsv.org with any questions.



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