



# MACPOST

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# From the President

MICHAEL SCHOMMER, OTTER TAIL COUNTY PROBATION

Summer just arrived, yet the days are already getting shorter. Isn't it interesting how our perceptions can influence our attitude? We have more control over attitude than we realize! I have the privilege of working in Otter Tail County, a county that boasts more lakes than any other county in the country! We also endure more tornadoes than any other county in Minnesota, yet let's focus on the positive.

We work in a field where our attitude can directly drive the success of those entrusted to our supervision and care. I am fascinated by the level of professionalism witnessed in our field every single day. This great work often goes unnoticed by the public. All the blood, sweat, and tears (and pee and saliva) turn struggling clients into productive community members, family members, and taxpayers. We address unstable mental health, chemical addiction, and limited resources. We focus on building relationships to guide behavior change. It's not a flashy career, yet it's one that directly enhances public safety. We make a difference!

Although the state legislature did not act on the community supervision funding proposal mostly supported by all three delivery systems, we were still left with hope for next year. Did I mention Minnesota ranks as the state that currently invests the lowest proportion of state general funds on corrections? Much work continues to occur behind the scenes on behalf of our membership. We plan to continue our collaborative relationship with MACCAC and DOC to drive much needed change to the way community supervision services are funded in our great state.

Enough attention is not given to all the professionals that serve on MACPO committees. These professionals take time to continually deliver the best possible outcomes for our membership. If you know anyone on a committee, please take time to thank them for their effort. An organization is only as strong as its weakest member. Seeing the stability of our organization demonstrates the strength of our committees. Thank you to all who serve on MACPO committees!

Brown County's long-time director, Les Schultz, retired this past spring. To say he made a positive impact on our organization during his 29.75 years in the business is an understatement. Thank you, Mr. Schultz, for your dedicated service to Brown County, MACPO, and all of corrections. We wish you the very best in your retirement and your future endeavors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your MACPO President. Feel free to contact me at any time!

Thank  
you!



# MCA's President Message

JANE SCHMID, 2022 MCA PRESIDENT

Greetings from MCA! In honor of National Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision Week (#PPPSWeek), held the third full calendar week of July (Sunday - Saturday), I thank each and every one of you for the amazing work you do! This recognition is one way to distinguish the nearly 100,000 men and women who choose to help improve outcomes for individuals and increase public safety of our communities. As we embrace summertime in Minnesota, I hope each of you are able to enjoy the many beautiful lakes, parks, and events in our state!

On behalf of MCA we'd like to share.....

## *What's Happening Now :*

MCA's Education & Training Committee has done amazing work in scheduling our Monthly Workshops (free for MCA members!). As stated in the title, MCA offers these workshops each month for members with a variety of topics, including domestic abuse, overview of delivery systems, victim services/restorative justice, just to name a few! All registrations are open from July-December so please check out our link for more detailed information and registration. [Click here](#)

MCA President-elect 2023 Mark Groves, along with MCA Vice President Laura Anderson, and I attended the MACPO Spring Conference this past May at Madden's and it was a grand event! While my team did not win the golf tournament ☹ we sure enjoyed the outing and connecting with so many great folks! Thank you MACPO for another splendid conference!

## *What's Coming Soon :*

I am truly excited, through the excellent work of MCA's Annual Training Institute Committee, to announce we are holding our **89th MCA Annual Training Institute** in person this year, from October 25-28, 2022, at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, MN! Registration is currently open for exhibitors and attendees. This event provides us with an opportunity to continue the important work we do in Corrections through up-to-date training, and an opportunity to help fill the need for direct connection with others. MCA will remain involved in monitoring the COVID impact and protocols to keep this event as safe as possible. The Annual Training Institute is the time of year when we highlight the amazing work being done in our field. Please consider nominating someone for our upcoming MCA Award Nominations for 2022. Contact Mark Bliven at [mark.bliven@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.bliven@state.mn.us) or 651-361-7359 for submissions and any questions on nominations.

Would you like to join an MCA committee(s)? Contact MCA Administrative Manager, Debbie Beltz at [mca-mn@hotmail.com](mailto:mca-mn@hotmail.com). [Click here](#) for the description of the MCA Committees!

In the hopes of collaborating services and communicating our mission in Corrections to others, Mark Groves also serves as our MCA Liaison and has been connecting with several organizations in our delivery system. MACPO and MCA make a great team and I look forward to continued collaboration in the important work we do in Corrections!





## MACCAC's President Message

CARLI STARK, 2021 DIRECTOR AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

An update was not available as the time this edition was completed. Please watch for the next MACPOST newsletter for any update.



## MAPSA's President Message

TRAVIS FISHER, CASS COUNTY PROBATION

An update was not available at the time this edition was completed. Please watch for the next MACPOST newsletter for any update.



## Legislative Committee

MARGARET MUNSON, WRIGHT COUNTY COURT SERVICES

We are currently working on a pension committee and strategizing.

Also, there will be a meeting with representatives from PERA soon to discuss retirement age, insurance, years of service, correction plan, etc.



## Communication Committee

DEVIN PETERSEN (CHAIR), PINE COUNTY PROBATION

MICHELLE PRAMANN (VICE CHAIR), WRIGHT COUNTY COURT SERVICES

The Communication Committee has been busy as of late. We are consistently updating our Careers page, which includes both employment and internship opportunities. Additionally, we have been revamping our website, including the Careers, EBP/Training, and Peer Support pages. We are especially excited about the EBP/Training page – please use this as a resource to help you be the best “Change Agent” possible.

If you have a suggestion on anything EBP-related to include on our website, then please let us know via [Communication@MACPO.net](mailto:Communication@MACPO.net) or [MACPO@MACPO.net](mailto:MACPO@MACPO.net). Lastly, our Membership and Vendor pages are being updated and will be finalized at some point this upcoming Fall.

Have a great rest of your summer!



## Membership Committee

DANNI BRISTOL, JACKSON COUNTY COURT SERVICES

The merchandise page on our website is being updated this Fall, which will include the availability to ship items!

We are accepting applications for MACPO’s scholarship. For more information to or apply, please visit <https://www.macpo.net/Scholarship1>. All applications need to be submitted by November 15, 2022.

We also want to welcome our newest committee member, Abigail Holmquist from Otter Tail County!!!





## Training and Education Committee

MICHELLE NISTLER, CASS COUNTY PROBATION  
JILL FERRETTI, BROWN COUNTY PROBATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2022 MACPOs Spring Conference! We had fantastic speakers and vendors. Thank you for taking the time to visit with the vendors at their booths as their support is vital to our association.

MACPO's 2023 conference dates are set for May 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be returning to Breezy Point Resort. We are working hard to bring in incredible speakers and to set up networking opportunities. Stay tuned for future announcements on speakers. We look forward to seeing you in May 2023!



## CPO Director's Committee

JASON ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF ITASCA COUNTY PROBATION

Greetings from scenic Itasca County. I hope you have had an opportunity to decompress, recreate and recharge this summer. I'm pleased to report that there has been a peaceful transfer of power within the MACPO organization as I slide over to Past President. Mike Schommer, Ottertail County Director, assumed the role of President and Jon Schiro, Waseca County Director, stepped back into the MACPO Executive Board as your President Elect. Jim Schneider, Cass County Director, completed his year as Past President and Director Committee Chair and handed those roles off to yours truly.

So then. The MACPO Director Committee report. Let me start off by lifting the veil and painting a picture of how this group operates. The group meets monthly: at the DOC Central Office for many, many years, then virtually during the throws of COVID, and now we generally gather at the Wright County Justice Center. (Wow, what a venue!! I'd give it 4.5 stars and highly-recommend.)

We are not the Executive Committee of MACPO. We report to them and give them our perspective on pertinent issues, which includes legislative issues, budgets, training, etc. Additionally, the group is an excellent forum for information sharing across the state, problem solving and resource-sharing. As I approach my 10<sup>th</sup> year as the Director of Itasca, I find this group as valuable of a resource to me today as I did in my first year. There is a palpable sense of collaboration and support between agencies demonstrated by the members. While we may not always agree on a specific issue (although we do more often than not), disagreements do not lead to division.

Having served on several state-wide committees, task forces and commissions, the thing that impresses me the most about this particular group is its ability to accomplish meaningful and professional work without getting “stuffy.” Suits and ties are not the norm. We get along. We enjoy each other’s company. We laugh. We eat. And we care deeply about our agencies and the communities they serve.

So, there’s my report for the Summer of 2022. Nothing too heavy. Consider it your strawberry/walnut/grilled chicken salad for this MACPOST edition. Light, a little nutty and (hopefully) satisfying. Enjoy the balance of your summer!



## MACPO’s Spring Conference

MACPO’s Annual Spring Conference as another success!! The 2022 conference marked MACPO’s 65<sup>th</sup> year!!! What an accomplishment!

Like last year, the conference was held at Maddens on Gull Lake, from May 18<sup>th</sup> thru May 20<sup>th</sup>. As always, there are usually a few new faces from new Probation Agents and new Case Aides, but this year seemed a little different. With the decision to no longer hold MACPO’s Annual Support Staff Conference, the Board of Directors really encouraged counties to allow their support staff attend. It’s such a great opportunity for all to learn and grow in the corrections field.

Those attending the conference enjoyed beautiful scenery, delicious food, good company, and wonderful speakers. Some would say the speakers were empowering and informational.

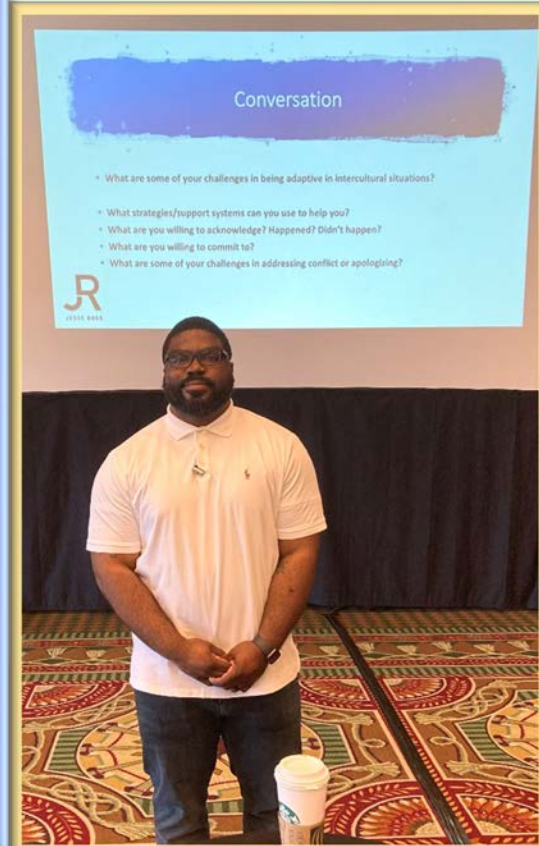
The days of training were full of lots of networking and opportunity! Ending the conference with Tall Cop gave us new insight into what our clients are finding easily available for chemicals to use that we are not drug testing for.

Please save the date for next year’s conference, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023! As mentioned above in the Training and Education Committee update, it will be back at Breezy Point Resort. Stay tuned for more information!

Please enjoy the pictures below from the conference and we hope to see you next year!



Below are pictures of just five of our wonderful speakers.



Top left: Kelsey Palm and Ryan Ruzich

Middle: Thad Shunkwiler

Top right: Jesse Ross

Bottom left: Michael Durchslag





# MACPO Award Winners



**Excellence in Corrections:**  
Mindy O'Brien,  
Northwest MN Juvenile Center



**Al Reker Distinguished Service:**  
Margaret Munson,  
Wright County Court Services



**Outstanding Performance:**  
Rhonda VanSchoonhoven,  
Goodhue County Court Services



**Evidence Based Practices  
Trainer/Coach:**  
Chris Papesh,  
Isanti County Probation



**Spotlight:**  
Melanie Lupkes,  
Western Probation Services



**Rookie Agent of the Year:**  
Coltin Schmidt,  
Wabasha County Probation

**MACPO Superior Service:**  
Michelle Nistler,  
Cass County Probation





# 988 Crisis Line Goes Live

*Information provided by Neal Huemoeller, Wright County Court Services*

Starting Saturday, July 16, people facing a mental health crisis can dial 988 to connect to support. The change is part of a nationwide effort to transition the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to a phone number people can more easily remember and access in times of crisis. The shift also includes an online chat feature and new texting option.

The new 988 dialing code will serve as a universal entry point, so people can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help regardless of where they live. Anyone can dial or text 988 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to reach crisis support or to use an online chat feature to connect with crisis support. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

“Supporting mental health is a critical public health need, and one of the best ways we can do that is to make it as easy as possible for people to get the help they need when they need it,” Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said. “Our hope is that 988 can be an easier way for people experiencing mental health crises to get support quickly.”

The Lifeline 10-digit number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), will continue to be available and will route people to the same resources. People should call 911 if they suspect drug overdose or need immediate medical help.

Suicide is a serious and growing public health concern across the United States and in Minnesota. The number of suicide deaths and the suicide rate in Minnesota has increased consistently for 20 years. MDH data shows:

- From 2016 through 2020, there were more than 10,000 hospital visits for self-harm injuries (i.e., suicide attempts) in Minnesota, and those were mostly among people ages 10-24, predominantly females.
- Each year about 75-80% of suicide deaths are among males.
- Each year about 50% of suicide deaths are the result of a firearm injury. Suicide usually represents 70-80% of all firearm deaths.

Moving to a shorter dialing code is an important step to help reduce suicide, and it is part of a larger push to improve options for Americans facing a mental health crisis. In moments of crisis, it can be challenging to look for resources or even just remember what number to call. Through 988, the Lifeline number will be easier to remember, and more accessible through chat and text. This will create more ways and make it easier for the public to find support.

## **About 988 in Minnesota**

- The Lifeline is a national network of over 200 call centers. Minnesota has four Lifeline centers that connect callers to nearby or state-specific resources and services quickly and efficiently.

- Minnesota calls may be routed to the Lifeline's national back-up centers when the four call centers are at capacity. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has several back-up centers that answer the overflow of calls from across the country. This will not change level of service.
- Interpretation services are available through calling the number. Currently, chat and text are only available in English.
- MN residents can also be transferred to their local mobile crisis response teams if needed.

To reach the Veterans Crisis Line, dial 988 and press 1. Calls will route to the same trained Veterans Crisis Line responders. The Veterans Crisis Line will still be available by chat (VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat) and text (838255)



## Hemp-Derived THC in Food and Drink: Doctor Answers the Top 4 Questions

<https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/hemp-derived-thc-in-food-and-drink-doctor-answers-the-top-4-questions/> - By Jennifer Mayerle – July 19, 2022

**MINNEAPOLIS** -- There have been a lot of questions since some THC products became legal in Minnesota.

Since July 1, food and drinks can now contain 5 milligrams of hemp-derived THC. Lawmakers, consumers, and others have had questions. WCCO took the four most common questions to a doctor at Hennepin Healthcare.

Nothing But Hemp had a line out the door the day Delta-9 THC became legal in food and drinks in Minnesota.

"We've had a lot of customers come in, new faces that are really excited about having THC derived from hemp in this market," owner Steven Brown said.

Steven says customers come in with four main questions about THC in food like gummies, and drinks. "Will this get me high? Will I fail a drug test? Will it make my anxiety go away? And will this help me with my pain?" Brown said.

We took those questions to Dr. Gavin Bart, the Addiction Medicine Division Director at Hennepin Healthcare.

Dr. Bart says people will feel the effects.



"It depends on your level of tolerance. Go slowly and wait until you know how it's going to affect you," Bart said.

He says a large amount could lead to impairment driving.

"A lot of times they ask, will I fail a drug test, and our answer is always of course yes," Brown said.

Dr. Bart expanded on that: "Be aware of any potential workplace policies. Just because it's legal for your recreational purposes your employers may or may not allow it."

As far as anxiety, Dr. Bart says, "it could actually make things worse, so I would really caution people who have certain mental health conditions against using cannabis."

Dr. Bart says it does appear to be helpful with certain types of pain. And he explained edibles in states with legalized marijuana have 10 mg doses. Minnesota allows half that, at 5 mg of hemp-derived THC.



## Gummies, Chews Soon Available for Minnesota Medical Cannabis Patients

<https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/gummies-chews-soon-available-for-minnesota-medical-cannabis-patients/> - By WCCO Staff – July 19, 2022

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** -- Minnesota's medical cannabis program is expanding.

Starting in August, patients will be able to buy gummies and chews.

Patients interested in making the switch should make an appointment with their dispensary pharmacist to get pre-approved.

You have to be approved and have one of 17 qualifying medical conditions to be part of the program.







# Parole Officer Former Inmate Forge

## Unlikely Friendship

<https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/parole-officer-former-inmate-forge-unlikely-friendship/> -

By Susan-Elizabeth Littlefield – July 26, 2022

**MINNEAPOLIS** -- Two friends, taking a walk, after coming down a very unlikely path.

It's a journey that started 33 years ago. Micah Meline was adopted from Korea by a Minnesota family. But he felt like he didn't fit. Drugs and a life of crime led him to the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Center.

"I think when I was sitting in B block, listening to all the noise, I didn't know if my life would be different," Micah said.

After leading a police chase, his future looked grim, with years of incarceration and addiction.

"I was defeated. I was like 130 pounds, my face was sunk in, picked it apart because of the meth," Micah said.

Levi Scheele was Micah's parole officer.

"Looking at him that day, I know he was off and [something was] terribly wrong with him," Levi said.

"It all started with Levi, pushing me to see that I could do something different," Micah said.

After years of tense back and forths, Levi got through, and Micah got sober courtesy of treatment at MN Adult & Teen Challenge.

"[Micah] kept showing up for me," Levi said.

"It's like he cared before I cared about myself," Micah said. "He gave me chances that I didn't believe I was worthy of."

And five years later, they got the chance to walk back in to prison, together.

Micah took the stage, and Levi took a seat.

"Meth caused me to go crazy. It caused me to make decisions, to do things I would have never done," Micah said.

He talked of his trials, and his triumph of sobriety.

"As of June 6, I celebrated five years," Micah said.

And who it was who got him to the other side.

"I had to meet with my parole officer, he's sitting right over there. I remember when I met with him he said, 'Man, something's going on, but I want to give you a chance,'" Micah said.

His audience was captive, and his message was received.

"To give back and come and tell ... my story like he just did, you know, it's phenomenal," said resident Mark Borst.

"For me it was the relationship with his parole officer. POs and criminals don't likely build a relationship, but they did, and that really inspired me," said resident Ryan Poppen.

As Levi watched, Micah inspired, before walking out of the workhouse again.

"I am extremely proud of this guy," Levi said.

It's a bond no court could have ever predicted.

"I can't thank him enough," Micah said.

After 11 years, Micah was recently reunited with his daughter. No one was prouder than Levi. He said that was the goal they both had dreamed of.



## MACPO Website: EBP/Training Page

Please visit our website, <https://www.macpo.net/Evidence-Based-Practices-Resources>, for resources on all things EBP, as well as general training resources. If you have suggestions on additional items or trainings to include on this page, please email us at [Communication@macpo.net](mailto:Communication@macpo.net).



## Feel Good Story

### *Eagle Scout Candidate Improves St. Paul Animal Shelter with Team of Volunteers*

<https://kstp.com/kstp-news/local-news/eagle-scout-candidate-improves-st-paul-animal-shelter-with-team-of-volunteers/> - By KSTP – July 23, 2022

A soon-to-be Eagle Scout is spending his weekend giving the St. Paul Animal Control Center a bit of a facelift.

With the help of some fellow volunteers, 17-year-old Michael Mehle worked to refresh the center's dog play area.

On Saturday, the team tore down a shed, updated the steps up to it, removed weeds from a nearby fence and put down new dirt and gravel.

Mehle says planning this Eagle Scout project took a lot of work.

"Budgeting, safety issues. We had to visit this place a few times just to get reassured on what I needed to put down," he said.

Mehle says he chose the project because spending time with animals is one of his biggest hobbies. He has a dog of his own named Kaiser.





# Agent Wellness

<https://www.sonderwellness.com/blog/>

## *The Summer Blues – 5 Signs You Might Be Experiencing It*

1. You're feeling irritable. How to beat it: Take the edge off your irritability by staying hydrated with water and cooling off as needed in the shade or the shower.
2. Your sleep and appetite are "off." Solution: Create a self-imposed structure for your week. Try to stick to a set schedule for waking, bedtime, and meals. Track your habits on your phone or in a journal to help solidify your new routine and identify any patterns that may be emerging.
3. You feel exhausted. Try this: Regulate your sun exposure by planning time-limited activities outdoors and wearing sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses when you do go out.
4. You feel let down. Beat the summer blues: Take a few minutes each day to practice gratitude and bring more contentment to your daily life.
5. You feel overwhelmed. Answer: Simplify, simplify, simplify. Sit down with your calendar (and whomever else helps create the calendar) and get real about what you can actually handle this summer. Practice the vital skill of *saying "No"* and reclaim some of the calendar space (and headspace) you've lost.

## *When Tragedy Occurs: 4 Emotional Wellness Reminders*

When tragedy occurs, many issues immediately occupy the forefront of media coverage, public discourse, and debate:

Public safety. Gun control legislation. Political ideology. *And mental health.*

Let's take a closer look at four ways our understanding of violence and mental health are so often intertwined... and offering some simple ways to help disentangle them:

1. Speculation about perpetrators' mental health perpetuates stigma.  
The impulse to speculate about the mental health of a violent criminal certainly is understandable. But it's an impulse we should resist. Why?

Because such widespread speculation rarely produces clarity, and always creates confusion. It stigmatizes, dehumanizes, and elevates existing risk for those living with mental illness. Did you know that individuals living with severe mental illness are significantly more likely to be a victim of violence than to perpetrate violence on others?

It spreads misinformation about emotional wellness in general and discourages help-seeking behavior in all of us.

Our challenge is to separate our judgments of violence from judgments about mental health in general.

What you can do:

- Educate yourself about mental health statistics.
- Opt out of conversations centered around mental health speculation.
- Check your language concerning perpetrators of violence (e.g., terms like “crazy”, “psycho”, “maniac”, etc. are rooted in a history of oppression within the mental illness community).
- Shift focus from speculation about the perpetrator to the needs of the survivors.

2. Focusing primarily on perpetrators of violence distracts from the needs of survivors and witnesses.

In the days, weeks, and months after tragedy occurs, a wide range of reactions (including no reaction at all) are possible.

This is true for direct survivors of trauma, as well as for witnesses, loved ones, and anyone else who may be affected by the event and its repercussions.

Reactions may include:

- Sleep changes, such as nightmares or difficulty falling or staying asleep.
- Behavioral changes, such as agitation, irritability, hostility, hypervigilance (feeling constantly “on alert”), self-destructive behavior, or social isolation.
- Mood changes, such as guilt, loneliness, or loss of interest or enjoyment in activities.
- Other changes, such as heightened fear, mistrust, emotional detachment, or unwanted thoughts.

What you can do:

- Know that it is normal to experience any (or none) of these reactions. We each have unique responses to stress, and much of what you’re noticing is your body’s own way of protecting itself.
- Trust that any distress you are feeling will subside.
- Remain connected to your support system (e.g., family, friends, colleagues, faith community). Resist the urge to isolate yourself.
- Take good care of yourself: Rest as much as you can, nourish your body, and be patient with yourself.
- Seek a therapist’s support and utilize emergency services (911) as needed.

3. Our collective grief and loss following acts of violence is a mental health issue.

In addition to the post-traumatic reactions that many experience when tragedy occurs, it also is common to feel a sense of grief and loss.

This can take the form of:

- Grief in response to the loss of a loved one.
- Grief in response to others’ loss (e.g., a friend or colleague’s loved one).



- Grief in response to a lost sense of security and safety. (For some, this may be the first event that triggers these feelings. For others, this event may be a painful reminder of past losses, or of ongoing traumas experienced everyday.)

What you can do:

- Be patient with yourself.
- Know that it is normal and healthy to experience grief.
- Talk with trusted friends and family.
- Take good care of yourself. Rest as much as you can, nourish your body, and be patient with yourself.
- Seek a therapist's support.

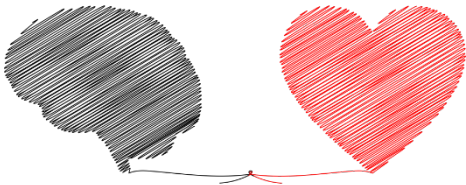
#### 4. Violence highlights the need for widespread emotional wellness support.

Now, more than ever, we need the support of our collective communities. If you are supporting a loved one following a traumatic experience, know that you can make a meaningful, positive impact during a challenging time.

Many of us worry that we won't know what to say. Or that we will say the wrong thing. But rest assured, when it comes to supporting those we care about, the simplest acts are often the most powerful.

What you can do:

- Cultivate empathy. Think of a time when you were struggling and recall how you felt and what you needed.
- Share your genuine care and concern with your loved one. Even a simple statement can go a long way.
- Focus on listening vs. offering advice or stories of your own.
  - Identify one or two specific, practical ways you can help (e.g., offer to assist with errands or childcare, help schedule appointments).
  - Seek a therapist's support to help you support your loved one.



## Dear MAC



*Did you hear a story on the news you think should be shared with those in corrections? Do you or your agency have a work-related question or information you would like to share with others?*

***We want to hear from you!! Please submit news articles, your question, information, or comment to [macpo@macpo.net](mailto:macpo@macpo.net). Watch for a response in an upcoming MACPOST.***



# Break Time Fun



## Summer Word Search

Find and circle the list of words  
in the word puzzle below.



August  
Barbecue  
Beach  
Camping  
Humid  
Ice cream

July  
Lemonade  
Ocean  
Picnic  
Sailing  
Sand

Sandals  
Shorts  
Sunglasses  
Sunny  
Towel  
Warm

N H C D C S U N G L A S S E S R S Z X C A Y N  
D A E T M A A H G C F R U I B V A C Y U E E T  
X O C E A N H A O S K D N J L E C A M P I N G  
O C E F B D M F Q H L N N P I E C A O O J K V  
B R D S B C T M U O X X Y T T O W E L I D D L  
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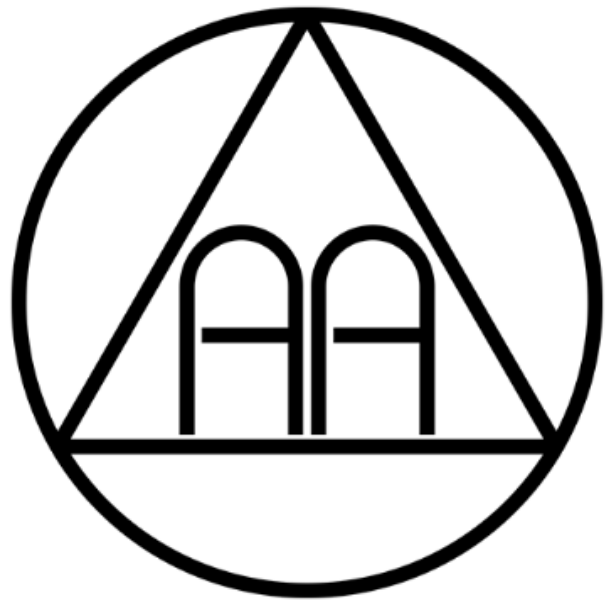


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*Please continue to watch our website and for emails for EBP resources and other upcoming events and training.*



## Mission

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers is dedicated to promoting quality correctional practices through professional growth, leadership, education, communication, and support.



## Vision

Providing a voice for the probation profession and leading the promotion of sound correctional policy toward the principles of evidence-based practices, restorative justice, community involvement, public protection, victim restoration, offender accountability, and competency development.



## MACPO 2022-2023 Elected Officers

Contact MACPO Secretary, Michelle Sellner - Pine County Probation, for the location and time of MACPO Board meetings.

### Executive Board Goals:

- Review the vision statement on an annual basis at the Steering Committee meeting.
- Use MACPO's APPA Affiliate Membership to send our President (or assigned representative) to the national conference to maintain/promote our presence on a national level, to be reviewed annually.
- Continue to solicit input from MACPO membership regarding nominations for awards: Al Reker, Excellence in Corrections, Outstanding Performance, and Memorial Scholarship, as well as officer-elect positions.

Election of all officers shall be held at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority at such meeting when a quorum of the voting members in good standing is present at the time of balloting.

Absentee ballots will be accepted or counted in any election and will be distributed by the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of election. Ballots to be returned three (3) days before annual meeting to the Nominating Committee Chair. The Nominations/Awards Committee shall meet at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting. The Nominations/Awards Committee shall contact candidates and potential candidates from among the voting membership of the association and shall prepare a list of such candidates and the offices for which they are candidates.

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