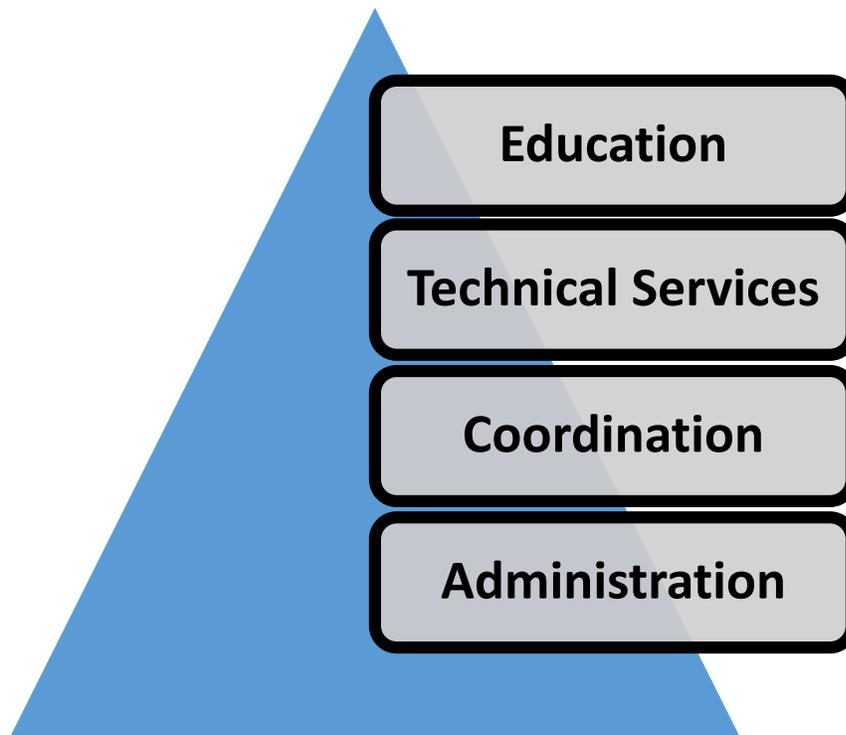


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The Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (PACC) was created in 1972 by Public Act 203, as an autonomous entity within the Department of Attorney General. Its statutory mission is to ensure that all 83 of Michigan's prosecutors are "informed of all changes in law and matters pertaining to their offices". PACC has become a nationally recognized leader in the training and advancement of prosecution services. Services provided to offices fall into the following general categories:



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| Professional Education | Publications and legal updates |
| Legal Assistance | Automation and computer services |
| Grants Administration | Coordination of prosecution between offices |

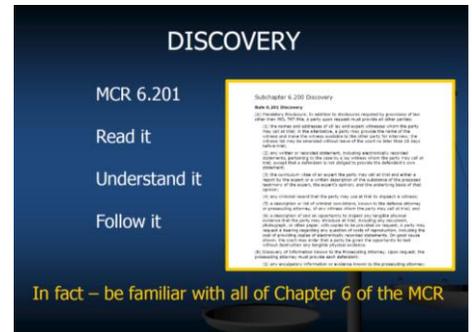
◆ PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

This area consists of two separate yet equally important training areas, continuing legal education and trial skills. PACC legal education and trial skills training programs for many years, have been funded in large part by a grant of Michigan Justice Training Funds (MJTF) from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Acting on behalf of all of Michigan's prosecutors, PACC has administered the funds for the offices throughout the state. MJTF funding again supported prosecutor training in 2015, however those funds will no longer be available going forward into 2016.



Commencing with the 2015/16 fiscal year, MJTF funds have been replaced with direct funding by the State of Michigan through the PACC general budget. As local funding for training continues to remain flat or be reduced as county budgets, this new source of State funding is critical to allow professional training for prosecution staff.

PACC staff develops training on current legal issues, management training, new staff programs, child support, trial and appellate advocacy and computer case management. PACC strives to bring best training practices and makes programs and training materials available online and through podcasts and webinars. 2016 will see an expanded training schedule, including new trainings related to child sexual assault trial advocacy, child protection trial advocacy, elder justice financial crimes and forensic trauma exam techniques.



◆ **LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES**

**Warrant
Manual**

The PACC Courtroom and Warrant Manuals are in daily use by prosecutors and many of the State’s courts, clerks’ offices and local police departments. The Warrant Manual is updated quarterly and provides uniform charging information for all state law criminal violations. This uniformity allows for the correct tracking and reporting of criminal history information on those charged and convicted of criminal acts in Michigan.

PACC's Courtroom Manual is used daily by prosecutors in their trial work and provides a quick and accurate reference to case law, statutes and court rules. It is updated quarterly to reflect new court decisions.

The Michigan Prosecutor newsletter is widely distributed via the internet to prosecutors, law enforcement and other criminal justice professionals. The newsletter is published monthly and contains information on legal issues at both the state and federal level along with information on training, statutory enactments, employment and other areas of interest to Michigan's prosecutors.



PACC, along with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), continues work to create comprehensive best practices manuals addressing a variety of issues of importance to prosecutors, including for example: conflict of interest, discovery, ethics and office policies.

All of these publications are provided in an electronic format. This facilitates easy updating and economical distribution to our members.

Additionally, in 2015, PACC in cooperation with PAAM, completely revised the PAAM website, providing important information on criminal justice matters to the public, and serving as an interactive repository for training and other pertinent materials for Michigan prosecutors, such as podcasts, power-points, manuals, etc.



◆ **COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE SERVICES**

The adult and juvenile case tracking systems developed and maintained by staff are now used by 79 of 83 counties plus the Attorney General’s Criminal Division. An 80th county is scheduled to come online in 2016. Many of these services are accessible through the internet, permitting the users to expand their access to the information via a variety of electronic devices. This has permitted us to more quickly and efficiently



update information for our users. PACC continues to work on the electronic transfer of information between every agency involved in the criminal justice system, and is working to convert all of its users to a web-based application. This ambitious project (titled *NextGen*) will replace a legacy case management system dating back 30 years. More details of this new system are explained later in this report.



◆ LEGAL RESEARCH

PACC serves as a research source for prosecutor offices concerning a variety of legal issues, including questions of law, court rules and trial strategy. Questions often arise concerning newly enacted pieces of legislation and their impact on cases and the authorization of criminal charges. PACC also manages many web-based discussion forums to facilitate the sharing of legal knowledge between offices. PACC is a source of information to the public on prosecution issues and concerns citizens may have concerning a variety of criminal justice issues.

◆ PACC ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT PROGRAMS

In addition to previously securing and managing the MJTF grant, as part of its efforts to provide a comprehensive training program, PACC works with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) to manage a number of other grants. PACC receives an administrative fee for this service and uses these fees to support the restricted fund portion of its budget. Included in these numerous federal grants are important criminal justice areas such as Violence Against Women, Traffic Safety relating to intoxicated driving, Child Abuse Prevention, Vulnerable Adult Abuse and Victims' Rights.



◆ COORDINATION OF PROSECUTION SERVICES

As part of its mission of service to prosecutors, PACC works with the PAAM Board of Directors and PAAM staff to coordinate our training, case management and other services. These efforts are designed to maximize the use of available funds and encompass as broad an area of service as possible.

For many years, PACC has coordinated efforts with prosecutors and PAAM to execute a Summer Intern Program that uses second year law students to assist offices. The program allows students the opportunity to gain hands-on legal experience, including conducting trials and other court proceedings. PACC facilitates seeking out interested applicants and collecting resumes, interviewing candidates and forwarding intern recommendations to interested counties. Further, it provides all the accounting and administrative costs of the program in addition to recruitment. The participating counties provide the funds for the positions.



PACC also works with PAAM on the prosecution of Welfare Fraud by coordinating a contract that reimburses prosecutors for their expenses incurred in the prosecution of those crimes. All of Michigan's prosecutors and the Attorney General, who prosecutes cases in Wayne County, participate in this program. PACC coordinates the required reporting involved in the payment of reimbursement by federal officials for costs incurred in prosecution. This program has been in existence since 1982 as a method to encourage prosecution in this area.



In conjunction with the Department of the Attorney General, Criminal Division, PACC facilitates the assignment of special prosecutors in cases where the local prosecutor has a conflict of interest and cannot proceed with the matter. Conflict cases typically number 200-300 per year.

PACC executive staff work collaboratively with the PAAM Public Affairs Director, KC Steckelberg, to develop concepts for statutory changes in the criminal justice system, suggested by prosecutors, into viable legislation. Additionally, staff and the Public Affairs Unit tracks all legislation which may affect local prosecutors, and apprises them when bills are passed via the aforementioned Michigan Prosecutor newsletter and a weekly legislative newsletter authored by Public Affairs.



◆ TUITION AND FEES

The terms of PACC's budget require it to obtain sufficient revenues from training and other services to cover 33% of its annual budget. This is accomplished by charging certain fees and tuition for seminars and other training programs conducted during the year. The tuition and fees are limited to direct costs incurred such as housing, meals, creation and distribution of training materials not covered by grant funds, publication costs, technical service fees and management costs.

◆ ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Following are specific reports and information from the various grant programs and service units over which PACC has supervisory authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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PACC/PAAM TECHNICAL SERVICES

The task of the technical services unit is to keep prosecutors current with the technology of our changing society. The unit is directed by Richard Lott with a current staff of nine who are divided among various technical support areas. Their responsibilities involve computer and technical support for all 83 county prosecutors' offices, the Attorney General Criminal operations and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.



The Technical Services unit supports a variety of projects vital ensuring the continued success of the state elected prosecutors.

Projects include:

- **PACC Warrant Manual:** TS is tasked to take Legislative changes to criminal charge codes and provide it in a manner that allows the elected prosecutors to effectively follow changes in the law. The Manual is not only used by Prosecutors and staff, but vendors that support prosecutors on the county level rely on it for importation into their offerings.
 - o **Future Changes:** currently TS is reformatting it to be in various formats to accommodate the wide array of devices being used by prosecutors to access. We are looking to compile it for Apple iBook's, Kindle eBooks, Windows eBook, and PDF format.
- **Adult & Juvenile Case Management:** Developed in 1978 on Unix Systems, the ACT (Adult Case Tracking) and JCT (Juvenile Case Tracking) systems were re-architected in 2001 as a Windows Software based system that is still being used by 79 counties to date. The system provides uniformity through the state of Michigan in the authorization and tracking of thousands of criminal cases issued each year.
 - o **Future Changes:** Since 2014, TS has been looking to re-architect the ACT/JCT systems, creating a Case Management portal that will allow for an increased uniformity and break down of communication silo's within Michigan. Called NextGen (formally called Web 4.0), it will encompass social office elements, a robust content management system, all on CJIS compliant systems.
- **NextGen Case Management Portal:** Currently being worked on, it will replace the existing ACT and JCT systems. NextGen, a CMS Enterprise Portal is a formalized means of "organizing and storing an organization's documents, and other content, that relate to the organization's processes, strategies, methods and tools used to capture, manage, store, preserve, and deliver content and documents related to organizational processes." For more information on NextGen, see page 7.

- **Michiganprosecutor.org:** Re-architecting the old website, the new MichiganProsecutor.org (PAAM Website) has as new look. Re-designing it with current W3 technology standards, it has evolved into a large repository of training, information, and guidance for the 83 county prosecutors.
 - o **Future Changes:** PACC continues to expand its Website to provide links to all prosecutors' sites, and it provides information on training schedules, how the legal process functions, job postings, victim's rights information and other information to assist the public in better understanding the legal process and the prosecutor's role.

- **Integration: eWarrant and MSP LAB Systems:** PACC has also been working with other criminal justice members on a web-based paperless communication system which directly links police, prosecution and courts. Parts of this system are being utilized and tested at various locations in the state.
 - o **Future Changes:** PACC has rolled out a schedule for 2016 that will see the MSP LAB Integration completed by July 2016. Both eWarrant and MSP LAB will also be integrated into the NextGen project.

- **County Server Support and Upgrade:** The maintenance of servers in the Prosecuting Attorney offices is an ongoing task in Technical Services. TS has a wide variety of operating systems to support (Windows 2000, 2003, 2008, 2012). The current operating system for Windows Server is 2012 platform. Four counties are running an “outdated” legacy operating system (Win 2000). Our short term objective is to convert these counties over to a more stable platform.
 - o **Future Changes:** PACC, will be working in 2016 on contacting and upgrading all of the counties with remaining Windows 2003 operating systems with scheduled upgrades. Currently there are 27 scheduled.

- **General Legacy Support:** Technical Services primary goals is to provide support to the prosecutors’ offices for all support matters pertaining to our existing product offerings/projects. From the Warrant Manual, Courtroom Manual, to the MichiganProsecutors.org website to the Case Management systems (ACT & JCT). In 2015, TS averaged 40 Support Calls per week or 2076 calls after December 31st, 2014.

PACC technical staff provides a centralized point designed to ensure that the State’s prosecutors are kept up-to-date in all aspects of technological change. This enables prosecutor offices to provide Michigan's citizens with a system to ensure the rule of law as it relates to victims and the accused.

NextGen

The existing case tracking tool operated by PACC on behalf of Michigan prosecutors, which is used in 79 of 83 counties, was first developed approximately 35 years ago, with its last significant update to Delphi language in 2001. That technology no longer follows standards used in the development of present day systems. The system must be significantly upgraded in a modern, usable environment, to allow prosecutors to best serve our citizens, particularly crime victims.

The current system is network-based, with data stored on servers located in individual counties. It is highly impractical for the system to be accessed offsite. Increasing demands to store and manage documents and other data (for example, police video) further contribute to the antiquity of the present system.

A 2013 survey to prosecutors and their staff, resulted in a significant negative viewpoint of the existing system to manage the needs of offices to perform their various statutory obligations. While some offices have integrated content management software with the current PACC case tracking system, a significant majority of offices do not have this capability. Put very simply, development and delivery of a new system of case management, joined with content management capability is clearly needed. A new system will eliminate the isolation of information that currently exists, and include a portal that allows access, as appropriate, by a multitude of stakeholders in the criminal justice system. Efficiencies will be increased, customer service improved and security enhanced.



The PACC Technical Service team, in cooperation with PAAM staff, has begun the development of NextGen, a new case management system, which includes a content management component. NextGen will assist prosecutors in a number of ways to achieve greater efficiency in the management of cases:

- Ensure a protected and trusted environment for data sharing
- Enable users with the appropriate levels of access to request criminal information at any time from any place and to receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner
- Create opportunities for cost savings by promoting efficient system administration of individual criminal justice functions (e.g., ad-hoc reporting, user accounts)
- Enhance decision making capabilities through improved access to relevant data
- Ensure the availability of current, valid statistical information to support the Prosecutor office
- Reduce redundant data entry and eliminate keystroke errors
- Reduce time locating information or data
- Improve staff productivity
- Provide better insights through the use of business intelligence tools and dashboards
- Increase case flow
- Better prioritization of cases



NextGen will also greatly benefit crime victims by creating a portal allowing for 24/7 access of information in a secure, timely fashion. Other stakeholders, including police, courts, defense counsel and the Michigan Department of Corrections will connect to NextGen and benefit from a connected a more efficient flow of electronic information.



2015 PAAM Traffic Safety Training Program Annual Report

Introduction

Kenneth Stecker and Kinga Gorzelewski are the PAAM's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors ("TSRPs"). Kenneth Stecker has over twenty-five (25) years of experience in prosecution and Kinga Gorzelewski has over ten (10) years of experience in prosecution. The Traffic Safety Training Program (TSTP) is 100% funded through a grant with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The main objective of TSTP is to improve the ability of the state's prosecutors to effectively prosecute violations of traffic safety laws, particularly those focused on operating while intoxicated or while impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance, operating on a suspended or revoked license, vehicular homicide, and vehicle crashes involving personal injuries.

To help prosecutors improve their ability to effectively prosecute traffic safety violations, the PAAM Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRPs) do the following:

- Provide continuing education seminars to help new assistant prosecuting attorneys develop skills to effectively prosecute traffic safety violations, and to help more experienced prosecutors increase their effectiveness in prosecuting more complex traffic safety violations such as vehicular homicide or felony drunk driving.
- Provide up-to-date reference materials to assist prosecutors in prosecuting traffic safety cases, including newsletters, legal memoranda, and other references to keep prosecutors current on the latest developments in traffic law.
- Serve as dedicated liaisons between the prosecutors and the traffic safety community by fostering communication among prosecutors, and between prosecutors and other traffic safety partners.

Additionally, the TSRPs serve as expert resources to prosecutors and law enforcement for new and emerging laws and issues, including high BAC, medical marijuana, vehicle forfeitures, case law updates, underage drinking, over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, and illegal drugs.

Considered as experts on the voter-approved Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the Act’s ever-changing case law, the TSRPs also serve on PAAM’s Medical Marijuana Policy Advisory Committee and on the PAAM Drug Initiatives Committee.

The TSRPs also:

- Participated and presented at webinars.
- Served as instructors at ARIDE classes.
- Served on the state’s DRE Steering Committee, which provides guidance on policies, procedures, and future training.
- Produced law summaries, legal updates, and the Yellow/Green Light newsletters.
- Provided articles on traffic safety law issues for the Office of Highway Safety Planning Safety Network Newsletter and the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates’ newsletter.

The TSTP program is well received.

Traffic Safety Training Program Seminars

Seminars on topics related to the prosecution of traffic safety violations were developed by the program and are offered to enhance the capability of the state’s prosecutors and law enforcement.

Table 1. Traffic Safety Training Program Seminar Objectives and Topics-2015

| Seminar | Dates | Participants | Objectives | Topics Included |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Advanced OWI | 1/20 | County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Municipal Attorneys (PA) | Learn more about presenting an OWI case in court. | -Search warrant issues -Answering motions -Drug recognition experts -Effect of drugs -0.08 law -The visual trial -Cross examination skills -The CSI effect |
| Prosecuting the Drugged Driver | 3/5 | Prosecuting Attorneys | Learn how to prosecute a drugged driving case. | -Trial preparation -Better communication skills -Effect of drugs on a person |
| Properly Preserving Cell Phone Evidence in Automobile crashes | 3/27 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Gain an understanding on how to properly seize and search evidence on a cell phone recovered incident to an arrests. | -Hands-on instructions and demonstrations from faculty -PowerPoint presentations on the U.S. Supreme Court case of <i>Riley v. California</i> |
| Lethal Weapon/Crash to Courtroom | 4/6-4/7; 10/21-10/22 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Learn how to present crash reconstruction in court. | -Basics of crash reconstruction -What a crash does at the crash scene -How to uses a trained crash |

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| | | | | reconstructionist as a witness |
| OWI /Drug Forfeiture | 4/24 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Gain a better understanding of Michigan's OWI and drug forfeiture laws. | -Legal concepts of Michigan's OWI and Drug Forfeiture Laws |
| Basic OWI Trial Advocacy Program | Week of 5/11 | Prosecuting Attorneys, Interns | Learn how to present an OWI case in court. | -Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) -The DataMaster -Blood alcohol and pharmacology |
| Prosecution Regional Roundtables | 4/13, 4/16, 4/23, 4-29/ 5-1 | Prosecuting Attorneys | Overview of Michigan Traffic Safety Laws, and an overview of the TSTP Program. | -Michigan Motor Vehicle Code -Services and training opportunities offered by the TSTP Program in 2015 |
| Visual Trial Training | 6/16-6/18Pr | Prosecuting Attorneys | Gain an understanding on how to use visual tools in the courtroom especially for OWI cases. | -Hands-on instructions and demonstrations from faculty -PowerPoint presentations for OWI and vehicular manslaughter trials -Creating a visual trial |
| Cops in Court | 7/30 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Learn how to work more effectively with prosecutors in traffic safety cases. | -Effective police report writing -How to present yourself in court -General defense tactics -Vehicle forfeitures -Legal update |
| Nuts and Bolts-OWI Arrests and Prosecution | 8/6 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Learn how to investigate and present an OWI case in court. | -Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) -The DataMaster -Blood alcohol and pharmacology -Properly investigating an OWI case -Properly trying an OWI case |
| Underage Drinking | 9/24 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Learn to better understand the dynamics of underage drinking and drug trends. | -Up-to-date information on underage drinking and drug trends |
| Protecting Lives, Saving Futures | 11/3-11/6 | Prosecuting Attorneys and Law Enforcement | Learn how to better detect, apprehend, and prosecute impaired drivers. | -Detection-Vehicle in Motion -Defense Challenges -Drugs-Signs of Impairment -Seven Drug Categories -Ethics |

In 2015, the attendance at the seminars was 700 attendees.

Presentations

The Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors (TSRPs) also made presentations to agencies or organizations interested in traffic safety issues on a number of different topics, including, but not, limited, to the following groups:

Law enforcement agencies
Prosecutors
Probation officers
Substance abuse coalition groups
Michigan State Police Laboratory
Governor's traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Michigan Department of State
Judges
Others

Number of Presentations/Attendance for 2015

| January-March | | April-June | | July-September | | October-December | |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Presentations | Attendees | Presentations | Attendees | Presentations | Attendees | Presentations | Attendees |
| 11 | 1,490 | 14 | 1,500 | 13 | 700 | 12 | 920 |

In 2015, the attendance at these presentations was 4,610 attendees.

Additionally, the TSRPs made presentations at the 16 ARIDE Training Sessions and the 1 DRE Training session in 2015, which approximately 587 law enforcement officers and prosecutors attended. Next, the TSRPs hosted and presented at 3 webinars, which approximately 350 law enforcement officers and prosecutors attended.

Technical Assistance

The TSRPs provide technical assistance to prosecuting attorneys in the form of updates, reference materials, newsletters, consultations, and by fostering communications and exchange of information among prosecutors.

The TSRPs make recommendations to prosecutors concurrent with legislative and case law changes. The TSRPs distribute newsletters, legal memoranda, and other reference materials to prosecutors to keep them current on the latest developments in traffic safety law. The Program also provides consultation and advice to prosecutors to help with the prosecution of traffic safety violations, conducts regular and special regional meetings, and maintains a website and a Listserv group.

Newsletter and Other Resources

A newsletter is published by the TSRPs and sent to all prosecutors in the state. The Green Light News is a quarterly newsletter intended to keep prosecutors up-to-date on traffic safety matters by providing information on new legislative bills and court opinions. The Yellow Light Legal Update provides case law and statutory updates.

Other information on alcohol-impaired driving matters including NHTSA brochures, booklets, and CDs are sent to prosecutors and law enforcement officials. Materials that have been sent out include:

Legal memorandums. There are a number of important legal memorandums sent to all elected prosecutors on very important traffic safety issues.

Community Group PowerPoint. The TSRPs created and distributed these presentations for prosecutors and traffic safety officials to use when speaking to community groups.

Consultations

The TSRPs assist prosecutors with consultations, and respond to calls and inquiries from prosecutors. Over the year, the TSRPs have consulted and answered inquiries on numerous topics including: cross examination of experts, locating counter-defense experts, interpretation of OWI statutes, OWI case strategies, implied consent hearings, obtaining costs for OWI prosecutions, responses to OWI defense motions, questions on legal defense issues being raised, jury instruction, search warrants, DMT, child endangerment, fleeing and eluding, civil infractions, second degree murder vehicular homicide, vehicle forfeitures, zero tolerance, MIP, and the medical marijuana law.

Regular Meetings

The TSRPs meet regularly with prosecutors from around the state to discuss traffic related matters. The TSRPs bring information to prosecutors who cannot attend the seminars, and the meetings provide good opportunities for prosecutors from different counties to discuss traffic safety issues, share information on different policies, and learn how other offices handle traffic safety cases.

These are periodic meetings of assistant prosecutors and law enforcement officers with the objective of improving communications among counties. The TSRP also provided information to prosecutors and law enforcement officers about any upcoming amended changes to traffic safety laws.

Listserv Message Group

The TSTP Yahoo Group Listserv message group on the Internet is a very useful forum for information exchange. To use it, a prosecutor simply has to contact one of the TSRPs and sign up. Access is limited to members, so prosecutors can freely and share information about cases, motions and other legal issues. The Listserv group was started in 2003 with 49 members and has grown steadily. As of December 31, 2015, the number of Listserv members are over 500.

Conclusion

The TSRPs will continue to provide continuing professional educational opportunities for all new assistant prosecutors to improve their ability to effectively prosecute traffic safety violations; to provide continuing professional education opportunities for experienced prosecuting attorneys to improve their ability to effectively prosecute more complex traffic safety violations, such as vehicular homicide; to provide quality, up-to-date legal reference materials to assist prosecutors and other traffic safety professionals to more effectively prosecute traffic safety cases; and to continue to be dedicated liaisons between the state's prosecutors and the traffic safety community to work for better coordination in the prosecution of traffic safety violations.



Child Abuse Training Services

Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan



Introduction

The Child Abuse Training Services (CATS) Program is comprised of Julie A. Knop (formerly Welch), Director and Jennifer Doerr, Conference Coordinator. Our program is available to assist your office by developing and training prosecutors, assistant prosecutors and local child abuse professionals in many areas including, (but not limited to) the following topics:

- *Forensic Interviewing of Children Protocol
- *Internet Crimes Against Children
- *Child Trafficking
- *Preparing for Court
- *Medical Issues in Child Abuse Cases
- *Building a Successful Multi-Disciplinary Team
- *Grooming Behaviors
- *Prosecuting Authority Figures
- *Drug Endangered Children
- *Human Trafficking and Child Prostitution
- *Suspect Interviewing and Interrogation

The Forensic Interviewing of Children Protocol is our most sought after training. The Protocol is part of Michigan's Child Protection Law; therefore, each county is required to use only trained Forensic Interviewer's. The CATS program and CWTI (through the Department of Health & Human Services) are the only two approved providers of this training in Michigan. CATS has worked with the Forensic Interviewing Protocol for 15 years and has had the honor of training members from the Turkey National Police team specializing in Psychological Operations, Anti-terrorism, Organized Crime and Money Laundering as well as consulted with Canada on the use of protocols. Ms. Knop also sits on the Governor's Task Force Committees responsible for updating this protocol and developing new policies relating to child abuse in Michigan. Michigan's Forensic Interviewing Protocol is known nationally and Julie has been involved in training and implementing Michigan's protocol in five other states. We have the ability to review tapes of interviews for you to provide opinions; we can also help with information on expert witnesses in Forensic Interviewing.

Internet predators are a threat to our children. The CATS group has many presentations available to train your staff on Internet Safety, how to investigate internet crimes, and digital child sexually abusive material, etc. We are in the process of designing a hands on examination course of digital evidence aimed at prosecutors and law enforcement.

In 2015, we trained over 1700 professionals dedicated to protecting children in Michigan and beyond. If CATS can be of any assistance to you, please contact me directly at knopJ@michigan.gov or 517-334-6060 ext. 833. Our training information can be obtained directly through our website at www.michiganprosecutor.org.

CATS Seminars: 2015

| Dates: 2015 | Seminar | Location | Attended: |
|--------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
| Feb 2 | Child Abduction Response Team (CART) | East Lansing | 70 |
| March 23 | Child Death Scene Investigation | Novi | 60 |
| April 1 | Medical Issues/Prep for Court/Report Writing (3 rd Day) | Lansing | 68 |
| April 30 | Cyber Investigations (Prosecutor only) | Grand Rapids | 19 |
| June 26 | Internet Crimes Against Children | Lansing | 104 |
| June 26 | Internet Crimes Against Children | Eaton Rapids | 96 |
| Aug 3-5 | Train-the-trainer | Lansing | 11 |
| Sept 21 | Child Sexually Abusive Material | Novi | 22 |
| Oct 26 | Protecting the Innocent: Cradle to Grave | Lansing | 88 |
| Jan 13-14 | Forensic Interviewing | Frankenmuth | 20 |
| Jan 21-22 | Forensic Interviewing | Ottawa County | 43 |
| Feb 17-18 | Forensic Interviewing | Wayne County | 25 |
| March 16-17 | Forensic Interviewing | Sault Ste. Marie | 38 |

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| March 18-19 | Forensic Interviewing | Sault Ste. Marie | 35 |
| June 16-17 | Forensic Interviewing | Marquette | 46 |
| Aug 6-7 | Forensic Interviewing | Novi | 42 |
| Oct 27-28 | Forensic Interviewing | Eaton Rapids | 20 |
| Nov 23-24 | Forensic Interviewing | Livonia | 60 |
| Dec 10-11 | Forensic Interviewing | Frankenmuth | 23 |
| Feb 25-27 (*inaugural) | Forensic Interviewing: The Next Step 3 day forensic interviewing | East Lansing | 20 |
| July 13-15 | Forensic Interviewing: The Next Step 3 day forensic interviewing | Traverse City | 23 |
| Number trained: 2015 | | | 933 |

Presentations

The Child Abuse Training program also made presentations to other organizations interested in areas of child abuse and neglect on a number of different topics, including:

- State Court Administrators Office
- Cass County School District
- University of Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect Conference
- The Huron Valley School District
- The Lansing School District
- Michigan State Police Academy/Recruit School
- Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice
- County Prosecutors Offices
- DHHS
- National Children's Advocacy Center
- Michigan Arson Prevention Committee

Other Seminars/Presentations: 2015
Number of individuals trained (*In addition to above numbers)

| 1st Quarter Jan-March | 2nd Quarter April-June | 3rd Quarter July - Sept | 4th Quarter Oct- Dec |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 75 | 200 | 50 | 450 |

Total Number "other seminars" trained: 775

Outreach and Information

Throughout the year the CATS staff provides one-on-one consultation with prosecutors, child advocacy centers and law enforcement on many topics including, internet safety, Forensic Interviewing, the newly revised Model Child Abuse protocol, child exploitation and expert witness assistance. A newsletter is also published quarterly recognizing efforts being made around the United States in the field of child abuse and neglect. The CATS Listserv is a beneficial way to post questions and receive information regarding direct concerns and/or questions. To sign up, please contact me directly at knopJ@michigan.gov.

Looking Ahead

In 2016 we will provide over 50 days of training related to child abuse and neglect, internet safety and prosecuting child exploitation cases. We can also design and implement specific trainings to fit the needs of professionals in your county. Beginning in January 2016, CATS, in cooperation with the GTF and DHHS, began training Forensic Interviewing as a three day seminar. These seminars will be every other month beginning in January. Please check our website for cities and dates near you. The Forensic Interviewing protocol will be revised this year and we are in the beginning phases of working on that with the GTF and Dr. Poole. Michigan is still the only state to have their own protocol enacted as part of the Child Protection Law. Please contact us directly if you would like a training brought to your county or if you have suggestions for us for training. We look forward to serving you.

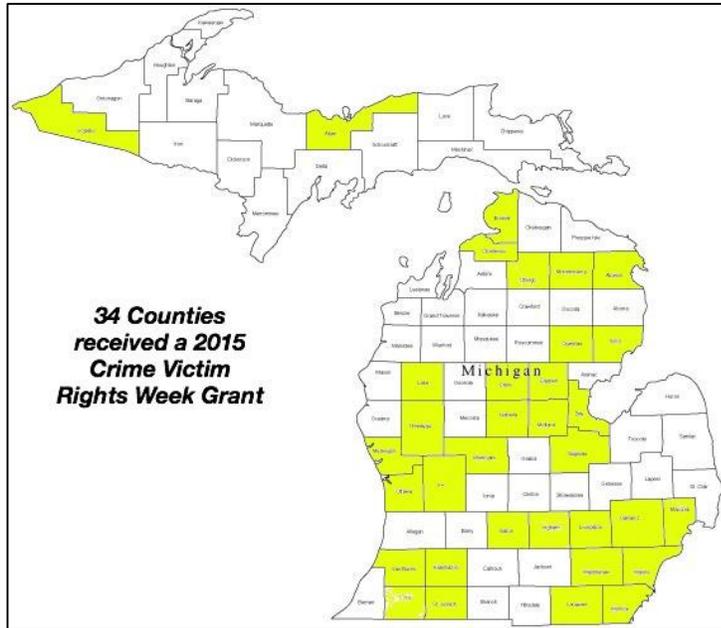
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PAAM 2015 VICTIM RIGHTS PROGRAM REPORT

The VR Training Unit is funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Crime Victim Services Commission. The unit is staffed by Roberta Haney-Jones, Program Director as well as one full time (Julie Roman-Fenwick) and one halftime (Jasleen Pannu) computer programmer, a full time conference coordinator (Susan Palin) and a full time training specialist (Angela Tomasko).



The VR Training Unit coordinated the application for and distribution of grant funds for the 2015 Crime Victim Rights Week. In all, 34 Counties applied and received funding for various activities in recognition of crime victims in their communities. Grants were for up to \$400 each. Counties that did not apply for funding may still have participated in Crime Victim Rights Week Activities.

One regional roundtable meeting was conducted again in 2015, due to low registration numbers for other roundtables scheduled. This half-day roundtable brought together victim advocates and prosecutors

with VR Unit staff, to discuss common issues that impact the ability of prosecutor offices to provide the most comprehensive victim services in their office.

A variety of trainings were presented during 2015. Included were trainings to assist local offices with working with difficult people, people who are traumatized, covictims of homicide, and human trafficking. Other trainings were multi-day and covered numerous topics.

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>TITLE OF TRAINING</u> | <u>NUMBER OF ATTENDEES</u> | <u>DATES</u> | <u>RATINGS</u> |
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| JANUARY | No training offered | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| FEBRUARY | No training offered | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| MARCH | No training offered | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| APRIL | Dealing with Difficult People & Coworkers | 42 | 04-14-15 04-16-15 | 43.24% Excellent 40.54% Very Good 16.22% Good |
| MAY | Taking a Victim Centered (Trauma Informed) Approach in Adult Sexual Assault Cases | 39 | 05-05-15 05-07-15 | 93.94% Excellent 3.03% Very Good 3.03% Good |
| JUNE | Regional Roundtable | 19 | 06-11-15 | Not rated |
| JULY | Homicide: Surviving the Aftermath of Murder – Resources, Advocacy, and Tools to Serve Survivors and Honor the Victim | 48 | 07-14-15 07-16-15 | 62.50% Excellent 37.50% Very Good |
| AUGUST | No training offered | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SEPTEMBER | Victim Rights Annual Conference | 92 | 09/15/15 to 09/18/15 | 50.00% Excellent 46.88% Very Good 3.13% Good |
| OCTOBER | Human Trafficking: A Michigan Reality | 234 | 10/15/15 to 10/16/15 | 57.95% Excellent 34.09% Very Good 7.95% Good |
| NOVEMBER | No training offered | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| DECEMBER | Victim Rights Basic Training | 55 | 12/07/15 to 12/11/15 | 60.87% Excellent 34.78% Very Good 4.35% Good |
| | | 529 | TOTAL | |

In addition to its large annual conference this year, which attracted 92 attendees, the Victim Rights Training Unit once again, co-sponsored a major conference on the national topic of human trafficking. This conference was attended by more than 230 individuals, and featured several highly respected and invested speakers from all over the country and Michigan. 2015

was another year marked by significant discussion among human service, law enforcement and legislative stakeholders, along with victim rights organizations on this topic. PAAM offered full-time assistance with many media interviews, which took place during the conference. The VR Unit devoted great effort in assisting with this worthwhile endeavor.



Overall, 82 of the 83 county prosecutor offices in Michigan participated in one or more of the various trainings presented by the VR Unit in 2015. A number of other entities also attended such as representatives from MDOC, the Attorney General’s office, various social service agencies, law enforcement agencies and many more.

In addition to training events, the VR Unit staff contributed to improving victim services by engaging in a number of other activities outlined in the chart below:

| <i>Meetings:</i> | <i>Conferences attended:</i> | <i>Projects:</i> | <i>Presentations Given by Unit:</i> |
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| <i>Sex Offender Case Management Team meetings</i> | <i>APPRISS Conference</i> | <i>Manual for victims</i> | <i>MI-VINE, VineWatch & VineLink Trainings</i> |
| <i>Several meetings with the grant funder</i> | <i>Vicarious Trauma Training</i> | <i>Manual for new advocates</i> | <i>Lenawee County New Advocate Training</i> |
| <i>Chaired the MHTTF Training subcommittee & attended many training meetings</i> | <i>Eaton County CVR Week Meeting</i> | <i>Training Survey & VR Grant Reporting Survey</i> | <i>Human Trafficking: Train the Trainer x 2</i> |
| <i>Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force Meetings</i> | <i>ADEC Grief Webinars</i> | <i>CE Credit Renewal</i> | <i>Co-Victims of Homicide</i> |
| <i>Victim Services Subcommittee meetings</i> | <i>First Lady’s Summit on Sexual Assault</i> | <i>County e-mail and telephone requests for assistance</i> | <i>Presented at Staff Development Conference</i> |
| <i>PAAM Website and Victim Portal Development meetings</i> | <i>A Comprehensive Response to Sexual Assault for Community Colleges</i> | <i>MI-VINE Support</i> | <i>Hillsdale County New Advocate Training</i> |
| <i>Internal PAAM meetings</i> | <i>NOVA Annual Conference</i> | <i>Provided telephone and email assistance to grantor</i> | <i>Sexual Assault Presentation for Williamston High School Juniors and Seniors</i> |
| <i>Several meetings with APPRISS and internal staff re: MI-VINE</i> | <i>SGMP Conferences & Meetings</i> | <i>ADEC Item Writing for future exams</i> | <i>Sexual Assault Presentation for Webberville High School Juniors and Seniors</i> |

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| <i>Meetings with Michigan Creative</i> | <i>Prosecutor Mid-Winter Conference</i> | <i>Advocate promotional videos</i> | <i>Sexual Assault Presentation for Michigan State University-School of Journalism</i> |
| <i>Meetings with suppliers</i> | | <i>Sanctum House Launch Event</i> | |
| <i>New hire meetings & interviews</i> | | <i>Procured 59 CE hours for VR Trainings</i> | |
| <i>Several meetings with hotel and CVB staff</i> | | <i>Planned and Executed trainings for Victim Rights</i> | |
| <i>Monthly Capital Area Sexual Assault Response Team Meetings</i> | | | |

PAAM 2015 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT (VAWP) REPORT

The Violence Against Women Project provides training, consultation, and technical assistance to the criminal justice system and community partners who respond to domestic and sexual violence and stalking. The Project and staff are recognized across the State and nationwide for both training programs and expertise.



The Project is funded through a contract with the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDSVPTB), which administers Michigan’s STOP and GTEA grants from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. The Project wishes to thank the MDSVPTB for its continued financial support of the Project.

TRAINING EVENTS

The Project plans, develops, and presents trainings on subjects or topics of interest to prosecutors and other partners. The Project strives to make all trainings multi-disciplinary, recognizing that each responder within the community plays a vital role in responding to violence against women.

Each year the Project presents several trainings within the state. These sponsored trainings are created in consultation with the MDSVPTB and others, and all aspects of the training from content to presentation are the responsibility of Project staff.

Table 1 Sponsored Trainings

| | SA Trial Advocacy Sault St. Marie | DV Trial Advocacy Detroit | Evidence Update- Lansing | Evidence Update- Traverse City | Evidence Update- Bay City |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Law Enforcement | | | 1 | | |
| Prosecutors/APA | 13 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Batterer Intervention | | | 2 | | |
| Victim Advocates | | | 2 | | |
| Total | 13 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 7 |

The Project receives a significant number of requests for training from many of its partners. The Project fulfills as many as possible. The broad topics are selected by the entity making the request, and the specific content is created by the Project’s staff to meet the needs of the requesting entity.

Table 2 List of Invited Trainings

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| GHPD Strangulation Training | SA Victim and Perp Mid-Michigan Police Academy |
| GHPD Strangulation Training | MACLEA Fall Conference SA Perpetrator Behavior |
| FSU Improving Response to SA | Regional SA Training Oakland Community College |
| Mid-Michigan Police Academy DV Laws | Strangulation Van Buren County |
| BWJP - Advanced Issues in SA/DV | Basic SANE Training - Macomb County |
| Mid-Michigan Police Academy SA Training | VRTU SA Frankenmuth |
| GVSU Improving the Response to SA Cases | SA Victim and Perp Mid-Michigan Police Academy |
| NENA/APCO Victim Centered DV Training | MACLEA Fall Conference SA Perpetrator Behavior |
| Lenawee Co Strangulation Training AM | Regional SA Training Oakland Community College |
| Lenawee Co. Strangulation Training PM | Gibraltar DV/SA Update |
| Trauma Informed Response to SA - Ionia | Gibraltar DV/SA Update |
| Trauma Informed Response to SA - Montcalm | DV Laws for Mid-Michigan Police Academy |
| Understanding the Complex Lives of Victims - Wayne County | National Guard SARC Recertification |
| Army National Guard SARC Re-Certification | What Prosecutors Need to Know about the Brain |
| Macomb Co. SANE Training | Sanilac County Legal Update |
| Statewide DV training (Strangulation) | Strangulation Morning session Gaylord |
| VRTU-Victim Centered SA training Gaylord | Strangulation Afternoon session Gaylord |
| VRTU-Victim Centered SA training Lansing | Gibraltar DV/SA Update |
| Tribal Police Huron Band of Pott. Indians | Gibraltar DV/SA Update |
| Victim Centered SA training | |
| MCOLES DV training | Oakland County Prosecutors DV Training |
| Bay Area Womens Center SART Institute | Allegan Co. DV (strangulation) training |
| NENA Victim Centered DV training | OCPO DV Training |
| Strangulation Calhoun County | MACLEA Victim Centered Approach SA training |

Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Trauma Informed
Sexual Assault Investigation & Strangulation
Training**

The Project has had a long-standing contractual agreement with DHHS to provide training to Family Preservation staff and contractors. 43 DHHS staff or contractors attended the trainings in 2015

Table 3 Total Attendees by Profession

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| Advocacy Organization Staff | 46 |
| Attorneys/Law Staff | 4 |
| Court Personnel | 2 |
| Batterer intervention staff | 4 |
| Dispatch | 73 |
| Educators (teachers, admin) | 64 |
| Gov agency staff | 61 |
| Law enforcement | 632 |
| Military Command Staff | 37 |
| Prosecutors/Assistant Prosecutors | 146 |
| SANE | 39 |
| Tribal | 2 |
| Victim Advocates (non-governmental) | 75 |
| Victim Assistants | 16 |
| OTHER | 42 |
| TOTAL FOR CALENDAR YEAR | 1243 |

Out of State Training Events

The Project's training staff is often asked to participate as trainers in other states. The training staff also participates in nationwide projects as subject matter experts. This year, Mr. Tanner

The MDSVPTB continued its support of the partnership between IACP and the VAW Project by encouraging Mr. Tanner to accept the invitation to be faculty at the Oregon Leadership Institute. Mr. Tanner has been faculty at IACP Leadership Institute many times. 25 police leaders from all over Oregon attended this Institute.

Mr. Tanner was invited by the Battered Women's Justice Project to present at *Advanced Issues In Investigation And Prosecution Of Sexual Assault And Domestic Violence*, a national event attended by law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates and medical care providers. His break-out session, Improving Investigations and Prosecutions of Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault was well received by those who attended, with several attendees continuing the discussion with Mr. Tanner for the remainder of the day he presented, and even the following day.

Mr. Tanner was invited by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to join other national experts at IACP Headquarters to review and suggest revisions to the Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women curriculum. Mr. Tanner has been a part of IACP's Leadership Institute for several years as faculty/consultant.

Jurisdictions of Excellence

The City of Flint was added as the fifth participant in the *JEP* Program. The Project completed the process mapping in the Flint Police Department and interviews of community stakeholders and began *JEP* training. The Project completed dispatch training, did several first responder trainings, and scheduled detective training for 2016

Flint's first responder training included 3 local nurses who had been invited by the Police Chief. The nurses indicated that they are seeing a real improvement in the way law enforcement officers are responding to sexual assault survivors in the healthcare setting.

The Battle Creek Police Department requested additional first responder training, which the Project conducted late in 2015.

The Project assembled a multi-disciplinary curriculum development group to begin development of the *JEP* Prosecutors Training Curriculum. The Project will work with the original four jurisdictions to pilot the Prosecutors curriculum.

The application for an additional jurisdiction(s) was revised and distributed to police departments and sheriffs departments throughout the state. University police departments were included in the process for the first time, and several University departments applied.

Project and Board staff met late in the year to consider the applications. The Cadillac Police Department was a consensus pick as the next Jurisdiction. Ms. Ford conducted site visits with the three remaining finalists, interviewed members of each finalist agency, and Project and Board staff agreed with Ms. Ford's recommendation that the Eaton County Sheriff's Department be the second jurisdiction.

Ms. Ford continued her role as a consultant to the State of Florida, which is adopting the *Jurisdictions of Excellence* model and curriculum as a mandatory training for all Florida law enforcement agencies.

Technical Assistance

The Project provides technical assistance in a variety of ways, including research and drafting, informational assistance on proposed legislation, and answering legal and ethical questions on a wide variety of issues. Assistance is provided primarily, but not solely, to prosecutors. Requests come from across Michigan, from other states, from Assistant US Attorneys, and in years past even internationally. The Project responds to well over 100 requests a year.

The Project's staff also takes significant roles in many policy workgroups and committees. This year alone, staff continued work on the MDSVPTB *Task Force on Sexual Assault* and the related *Statewide Model Sexual Assault Response Policy Workgroup*. The statewide model policy was released in 2015.

PAAM 2015 ELDER JUSTICE/AT-RISK ADULT PROJECT (EJP) REPORT

Ryan Painter is PAAM's Elder Justice Resource Prosecutor ("EJP"). He has 12 years of experience in litigation and prosecution, and previously served as an APA in Shiawassee County.



Created October 1, 2012, the Elder Justice Project is a collaborative effort between the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and Adult Protective Services

to provide training and support for those professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of the abuse of vulnerable adults throughout the state of Michigan.

The primary goals of the project include:

- To solve problems
- Educate people on the issues related to vulnerable adults abuse
- Provide multidisciplinary training to partners serving vulnerable adults
- Assist investigative agencies and prosecutors as they prepare for the needs of what will soon become two million Michigan citizens
- Keep prosecutors current on the latest developments in the law
- Facilitate the flow of information between agencies
- Facilitate communication between counties, professionals and agencies

EJP continues to act as a liaison between the state's prosecutors, law enforcement and Adult Protective Services as they investigate and prosecute vulnerable adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The EJP also:

- Participates in the EJP Project Advisory Committee
- Serves as chairperson of the PREVNT Initiative PAAM Project Advisory Committee
- Serves as a member of the Michigan Association of Check Investigators and the Tri-County Loss Prevention Team
- Publish newsletters
- Serve as a member of the Tri-County Elder Abuse Community Response Team
- Develops training
- Serves as a member of the work group developing the Michigan Elder Justice Coordinating Council

Elder Justice/At-Risk Adult Training and Workshops

EJP has created a workshop for protocol development. EJP has also developed and delivered training to victim advocates helping vulnerable adult receive the crime victim's rights they deserve.

Table 1. Elder Justice/At-Risk Adult Training Program –October 2014 to September 2015.

| Seminar | Dates | Participants | Objectives | Topics Included |
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| Elder Justice Boot Camp Lansing, MI MSP Academy | 1/7/15 Morning | Law enforcement | Provide training to law enforcement about identifying and investigating vulnerable adult abuse | -Elder Abuse -Financial Exploitation -Sexual Assault -Parasitic Living -New legislation -Suspicious deaths |
| Elder Justice Boot Camp Lansing, MI MSP Academy | 1/7/15 Afternoon | Law enforcement | Provide training to law enforcement about identifying and investigating vulnerable adult abuse | -Elder Abuse -Financial Exploitation -Sexual Assault -Parasitic Living -New legislation -Suspicious deaths |
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| 3 rd Annual Elder Justice / At-Risk Adult Summit | 6/9/15 | -Prosecutors -Law Enforcement -APS -Social Workers -Medical | Statewide summit that addressed new issues, legal updates, tips and best practices, | -Case studies -Cognitive impairment -Parasitic living -Neglect -New legislation |

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| Lansing, MI Lansing Center | | Professionals -Community Partners | and much more, for law enforcement, prosecutors, APS, other community partners, etc. | -Multidisciplinary teams -Suspicious deaths -Cognitive aging & hoarding behavior |
| APS Training & Update Detroit, MI Cadillac Place | 9/14/15 Morning | APS | Train APS in new investigative techniques | -Scene photography -Interviewing witnesses -Report writing |
| APS Training & Update Detroit, MI Cadillac Place | 9/14/15 Afternoon | APS | Train APS in new investigative techniques | -Scene photography -Interviewing witnesses -Report writing |
| Regional Elder Abuse Presentation Clare, MI Tendercare | 9/17/15 | -APS -Law Enforcement -Prosecutors -Nursing Staff -Social Workers -Community | Promote awareness of vulnerable adult abuse and how to identify it / report it, including in an in-patient setting | -Physical abuse -Financial abuse / fraud -Neglect -Cognitive impairment |
| Elder Abuse & Scam Prevention and Tips Lansing, MI | 9/18/15 | Open to the public | Promote awareness of common scams against the elderly; co-hosted with Elder Law of Michigan and the Federal Bureau of Investigation | -Identifying scams -Reporting elder financial abuse -Financial safety -Tips and Best Practices |
| APS Training & Update Grand Rapids, MI | 9/21/15 Morning | APS | Train APS in new investigative techniques | -Scene photography -Interviewing witnesses -Report writing |

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| APS Training & Update | 9/21/15 Afternoon | APS | Train APS in new investigative techniques | -Scene photography -Interviewing witnesses -Report writing |
| Grand Rapids, MI | | | | |

Technical Assistance

The EJP provides technical assistance to prosecuting attorneys, adult protective service workers and law enforcement by providing resource material, consultations, newsletters, webinars, and listserv. We also assisted investigators and prosecutors as they solved problems on individual cases. We also helped develop a ***Vulnerable Adult Incident Report*** to help law enforcement during the initial investigations. We have been promoting this tool at our trainings, and a copy is available for download on the new and improved PAAM website.

Vulnerable Adult Abuse Protocol Development 43 Counties with a Protocol for the Investigation of Vulnerable Adult Abuse

When we began the Elder Justice Project none of Michigan’s 83 counties had a protocol for the investigation of vulnerable adult abuse. After training, Michigan now has 43 counties with a multi-agency protocol for the investigation of vulnerable adult abuse. Many other counties are in the process of adopting a protocol.

Listserv

EJP created a listserv for individuals involved in the investigation and prosecution of vulnerable adult abuse. The purpose of the listserv is to provide immediate updates regarding legislation, case law, and current scams. We pool our knowledge to answer questions regarding current investigations, find solutions to recurring problems and share information.



The listserv is relatively new. We currently have approximately 150 subscribers. Membership includes; law enforcement, adult protective services, state ombudsman, MI Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), prosecutors, forensic pathologists, medical death investigators and members of American Indian Tribal Law Enforcement.

PREVNT PREVENT ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION TODAY

The Aging & Adult Services Agency, formerly Office of Services to the Aging, has granted funding to the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan to continue its work on the PREVNT Initiative, and expand on the nine-month pilot program it began in 2014. Primarily it allows PAAM to hire an investigator to provide investigative assistance to the original four pilot counties, as well as any referrals from all other counties in Michigan. We also plan to continue to increase reporting and the use of multidisciplinary teams. PAAM hired retired police detective Thomas Holcomb from the Owosso PD as its new PREVNT Initiative Elder Justice Financial Abuse Investigator.

We are currently working with the Michigan Banker's Association, and numerous banking and credit union partners to develop a quick reference card for use by bank and credit union tellers. This tool will allow them to spot elder financial abuse and take appropriate measures to stop the abuse before a loss is incurred. We are also working with these same partners to develop training for tellers at banks and credit unions around the state. We anticipate this will lead to better reporting, better investigations, and improved prosecution of elder financial abuse.

Future

SUMMIT – The 4th Annual Michigan Elder Justice/At-Risk Adult Summit is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 at the Lansing Center, Lansing, MI.

TRAINING & MORE – EJP is embarking on an ambitious training schedule for 2016. Future trainings have been scheduled throughout the year. Please see the new and improved PAAM website for a complete list of trainings, as well as online content including power points and research. EJP is also going to be placing our first webinars on the PAAM website in the near future.