

Monday Mentoring Missives – March 29, 2021

Dear Friends,

I know each of you shared my heartbreak following the mass shooting in Boulder, on the heels of the mass/spree shooting in Greater Atlanta the previous week. I was so touched that victim/survivor advocates from each of the affected communities reached out to help each other – that is the beauty of our field! For those who'd like to support the survivors and community of Boulder, please visit the wonderful Colorado Healing Fund at <https://www.coloradohealingfund.org/>. MANY Missives for you from this busy past week!

Regularly Scheduled Missives

Here is a spot-ON article from the *Denver Post* (featuring MMMers Steve Siegel and Dean Kilpatrick) about the length of court processes that survivors endure following mass violence incidents:

<https://www.denverpost.com/2021/03/29/boulder-shooting-court-process-victim-families-road-to-justice/>

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (www.thehotline.org) is sponsoring a confidential survey for intimate partner violence survivors about their interactions with law enforcement. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3JYQMJJ>; and **please share widely with survivors!**

Congratulations to the Department of Defense for its Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military; this is an important change to make the military safer for ALL its members:

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Independent-Review-Commission-on-Sexual-Assault-in-the-Military/>. MMM will report on the Commission's findings when they are published.

I've been working with the Clery Center and allied national organizations on the *REACH Act* (Report and Educate About Campus Hazing) in Congress that will, among other provisions, require colleges to report hazing incidents/crimes. Here is an article about REACH, and MMM will keep you posted about this important legislation in the future:

<https://kpel965.com/cassidy-reaching-for-more-with-bill-to-require-reporting-of-hazing-incidents-on-college-campuses/>

My great friends at Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice are hosting their virtual **#SurvivorsSpeak 2021** on **Saturday, April 24, 2021** during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 18-24). There will be healing vigils, wellness spaces, meet & greets, interviews and more as CSSJ honors its growth of our CSSJ membership to over 46,000 around the country. If you

haven't registered yet, there's time (and room) for you!

Click here: [Register for Survivors Speak 2021 in English.](#)

Click here: [Register for Survivors Speak 2021 in Spanish.](#)

Sexual Assault Awareness Month begins this Thursday, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center published a great article about the history of SAAM:

<https://www.nsvrc.org/saam/history>. Plus, on the same page, check out NSVRC's great resources to help promote 2021 SAAM ☺

From Mental Health America, here is its 2021 annual report on "The State of Mental Health in America" – and on this web page, there are also data from 2020 for comparison:

<https://www.mhanational.org/issues/state-mental-health-america>

The COPS Office is pleased to release the new publication, "*Lessons to Advance Community Policing: More Case Studies from the Field.*" The COPS Office funds Microgrant Initiative awards to support law enforcement in implementing innovative community policing projects. Each microgrant award provides up to \$150,000 in small-grant seed funding to a state, local, or tribal law enforcement agency to develop and test programs in a real-world setting. This report provides case studies of 14 microgrant projects, highlighting successful community policing strategies, lessons learned, and implementation details for other agencies to adopt similar programs in their communities. To access the Report, please visit

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-W0939>

This is a disturbing article from *National Public Radio* about how gun violence deaths in the U.S. compare to the rest of the world:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/03/24/980838151/gun-violence-deaths-how-the-u-s-compares-to-the-rest-of-the-world>

Here's a fact-filled webpage about USDOJ Justice Grants, including application guidelines and several upcoming webinars (for MMMers who apply for any type of USDOJ-supported grants):

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>.

Last week, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department conducted county-wide wellness checks on active Probation and Post Release Community Supervision clients. The operation specifically focused on probationers where it was determined there were children, victims, or vulnerable adults in the home. These cases included, but were not limited to domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, family violence, and where there was a child likely residing in the home. Probation officers handed out "wellness bags" with sanitizing products, food and other helpful resources. Check out this great program at

<https://www.edhat.com/news/probation-officers-hand-out-wellness-bags>

Racism and Systemic Racial Injustice Missives

The Guardian published an important and timely article, “There’s only so much pain the Asian community can swallow before we realize we’re drowning.” Please take a few moments to read this at

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/mar/22/theres-only-so-much-pain-the-asian-community-can-swallow-before-we-realise-were-drowning?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

The Crime Report published an excellent report about a recent study about how coverage of mass shootings ignores Black victims, which you can access at

<https://thecrimereport.org/2021/03/26/coverage-of-mass-shootings-ignores-black-victims-study/>

I know I previously reported on the recent report from the Anti-Defamation League about astounding increases in white supremacist propaganda last year, but here’s a brief article from the *Associated Press* with highlights from the ADL report:

<https://apnews.com/article/white-supremacist-propaganda-surge-2020-1489c946446c36b0afe4e9fdb4f030c7>

COVID-19-related Missives

Free Online Workshop: “Handling Disclosures in a Trauma-Informed Way in Online Sexual Violence Prevention Environments During COVID-19” will take place on **Tuesday, April 13 at 2:00 pm EST**. “Concerns about participant safety persist after one-year and climbing of the COVID-19 pandemic. Sexual violence preventionists often face participants and youth disclosing their own experiences with violence in prevention spaces. Responding in a trauma-informed way is essential, and doing so in online and remote environments can pose additional challenges. It’s also critical for preventionists to understand both their roles as mandated reporters of youth violence and/or responsible employees of college and university students, and how these laws and policies have a disproportionate harmful impact on marginalized communities. Join PreventConnect and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center for a conversation about handing disclosures in a trauma-informed way that replicates the least harm possible.” For more information and to register, visit

<https://www.nsvrc.org/covid-19-web-series/workshop3>

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a considerable strain on the American criminal justice system. As courts plan to re-open, some jurisdictions around the country are struggling to address their substantial case backlogs. Join CNA, NDAA, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), and the National Judicial College on **Tuesday, April 27, 2020 from 2 - 3:15 pm EST** for a webinar discussing this important topic. For more information and to register, visit https://cnaorg.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_JFz7y5nRLKZMGwAg_sflg

From the *Huffington Post*, here is a great article about “The Most Common Ways The COVID-19 Pandemic Has Affected Mental Health” at https://www.huffpost.com/entry/common-ways-covid-pandemic-affected-mental-health_I_6036a9c5c5b660b95cb016c6

The number of fraudulent schemes involving COVID-19 and greatly needed relief for people and business who truly need it has been very upsetting to me. Here from the USDOJ is an article about how they are taking action against such fraudsters, thank you DOJ! <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-takes-action-against-covid-19-fraud>

From Journalists Resource Organization, here’s a great article entitled “Covering criminal courts amid COVID-19: 6 tips for journalists,” at <https://journalistsresource.org/criminal-justice/criminal-courts-covid-tips/>. **Please share with any reporters with whom you interact!**

Annie’s Tips for Sanity

I picked up a few great tips from *USA Today’s* “50 Easy Ways to be a Healthier Person:” <https://www.usatoday.com/picture-gallery/life/health-wellness/2021/03/26/50-easy-ways-to-be-a-healthier-person/115581086/>

I just LOVED National Puppy Day last week, and these fun photos are fabulous for dog lovers, or anyone who just needs a big smile! <https://www.usatoday.com/picture-gallery/life/2020/03/18/cute-puppy-photos-to-make-you-smile/5068675002/>

Best wishes, ANNE

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40 Year Anniversary of NCVRW – 1981 to 2021

2021 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (#NCVRW2021) – April 18 to 24, 2021

THEME: Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities.

Sign up for OVC’s 2021 NCVRW subscription list at <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/subscribe/>

NCVRW 2021 Resource Guide available at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/ncvrw2021/overview>

National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center

<http://www.nmvvrc.org/>

VictimConnect Resource Center

1-855-4VICTIM (1-855-484-2846) by phone and text

<https://victimconnect.org/>