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For national participants in the  
MNADV's Lethality Assessment Program

A periodic newsletter to update Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) participants throughout the country on events, reports, best practices, and other significant actions occurring in participating jurisdictions related to implementation of the LAP.

## Introducing the new Project Coordinator

Abby Hannifan joined the National LAP team in March 2014. Abby got her start in the domestic violence field as a researcher. She worked as a victim interviewer for the Nashville Mayor's Safety & Accountability Assessment, a task force designed to identify gaps to victim safety in the criminal justice system. In Miami, Florida, Abby worked for a research project that explored how the Latino faith community might respond more creatively and sensitively to domestic violence.

Immediately before coming to MNADV, Abby worked briefly as a Bridge Advocate with Rose Brooks Center, where she responded to crisis domestic violence calls at six major hospitals in Kansas City. Kansas City is the only city in Missouri trained in the LAP. Abby says: "I really appreciated the LAP during my time as a Bridge Advocate, for three reasons. First, it allowed me, as a first responder, to better gauge a victim's situation and provide more strategic safety-planning. Second, when I'd interact with police officers in the emergency department, the LAP gave us a common language to be able to communicate about the dangerousness of a victim's situation. Third and most importantly, I think it helped victims see their abuse more realistically."

Abby is excited to be a part of a dynamic LAP team!

**Please feel free to contact Abby at [ahannifan@mnadv.org](mailto:ahannifan@mnadv.org) with questions, requests for ongoing technical assistance or re-training, or information about our OVW award.**

## New Approved LAP Sites!

Since our last *LAP Link* in March, we've approved several new jurisdictions for LAP training. We are thrilled to work with Grand Forks, North Dakota; Chittenden County, Vermont; Milwaukee County, Wisconsin; and Buncombe County, North Carolina this fall. These sites impressed us with their history of collaboration between law enforcement and domestic violence service programs, their commitment to bringing an evidence-based homicide prevention strategy to their community, and their plans for sustaining the LAP.

## MNADV Job Opportunities

The MNADV has two LAP-related job opportunities available: Project Specialist for National LAP and Project Manager for Maryland. Please visit <http://mnadv.org/get-involved/jobs/> for more information.

## Upcoming Event:

On August 18, we are hosting two webinars for parties interested in bringing the LAP to their jurisdiction. The first is an hour-long overview of the LAP — its development, protocol, and effects. The second webinar is 30 minutes on MNADV services relating to LAP training and how new jurisdictions may be eligible to receive cost-free training.

We are currently accepting new applications for cost-free training, and encourage you to forward this information to any of your neighboring jurisdictions who are interested in the LAP! Please e-mail Abby for more information on registering for the webinars or applying for training.



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