

FALL 2025

NEWS LETTER

MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL IOWA MVP TRAINING

Two MVP master trainers and STAT team members, Margaret Jensen-Connet and Kenneth Morris, Jr trained 12 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa (BBBSCIA) staff members in the MVP model on September 11-12th. We are excited to have BBBSCIA as new MVP facilitators!



MICHIGAN MVP PARTNERSHIP

The PATCVP director and director of research and evaluation, along with an MVP master trainer and STAT team member, Eric Alaniz, conducted an MVP TTT to Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) staff, Hope Shores Alliance staff, an Alpena Community College representative, staff from University of Michigan-Flint, and a staff member from Boys and Girls Club of Alpena on September 29-30th. The PATCVP director and director of research and evaluation onboarded 4 prevention staff from MCEDSV as new MVP master trainers to be able to sustain the program throughout the state of Michigan. We are excited for this new partnership with MCEDSV and welcome them to the MVP STAT team!

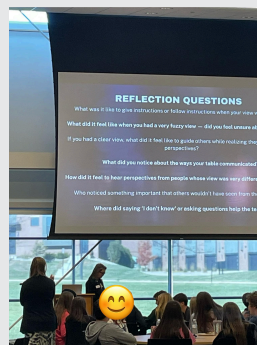
FALL MVP TRAINING

Our fall 2025 MVP training of trainers (TTT) was hosted on UNI's campus on October 20-21, 2025. Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community School District, as well as staff from Boys and Girls Club of the Cedar Valley were trained. We welcome all of our new colleagues into the MVP model! Our MVP training of trainers is a facilitator development training that allows facilitators to advise teams and implement lessons.



MVP STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Ankeny Community School District hosted their second annual MVP Student Leadership Summit on November 10, 2025 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, IA. All four MVP schools in Ankeny attended with over 450 student mentors and support staff. Session topics included leadership skills, team builders, facilitation practice, and more. The PATCVP director hosted a table at their summit and recorded videos for the "Be the M in MVP" campaign.



EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE

The director of the PATCVP attended the annual National Sexual Assault Conference hosted August 26-28, 2025 in Anaheim, CA along with 10 Iowa agencies and institutions of higher education.

IOWA AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

The PATCVP director spoke and had a booth at the annual Iowa After school Alliance conference held September 24-25, 2025 in Des Moines, IA on the MVP model with 23 attending the presentation.

PHOTOVOICE PROJECT TRAINING

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault hosted a training course of the Photovoice Project in December and the PATCVP director and director of research and evaluation attended. The Photovoice Project is a community-based participatory research method where individuals use cameras to document their lives, strengths, and challenges, then collaboratively discuss their photos to foster critical consciousness and promote social action. PATCVP staff hope to utilize this project in their future work.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM IOWA VIRTUAL DIALOGUE

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (IowaCASA) hosted a webinar for the internationally recognized 16 Days of Activism on digital safety on December 10, 2025 and invited the PATCVP director to be a panelist alongside SafePlace staff, ICADV staff and the IowaCASA attorney; 26 attended the presentation from across Iowa.

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & FUNDING

TOMSON SCHOLARS

With a generous ongoing scholarship from O. Jay and Patricia Tomson for students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences who are doing violence prevention internships, we want to recognize this semester's Tomson scholarship recipients:

- **Mst. Ireen Parvin**-Masters in Women and Gender Studies
- **Danielle Gerstenberger**-Masters of Social Work
- **Grace Miller**-Psychology and Sociology
- **Kari Pritchett**-Social Work
- **Larissa McClenathan**-Masters of Social Work

JOAN OELTJEN VIOLENCE PREVENTION INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

With a generous ongoing gift from Marlin Oeltjen in memory of his late wife, Joan Oeltjen, a College of Social and Behavioral Sciences student interning in violence prevention receives a \$1500 scholarship. Congratulations to Mst. Ireen Parvin for receiving our fall Oeltjen scholarship.

CATAPULT CAMPUS ACTION COLLABORATIVE

CATAPULT: Campus Action is an initiative through Futures without Violence designed to grow the leadership of men to end violence through care, connection, and accountability. It seeks to challenge harmful campus norms, foster healthier relationships, and create a safer and more welcoming environment for all students. The director of the PATCVP attended a summer symposium in June in San Francisco with over 30 campus representatives and was asked to be a presenter at a monthly meeting for CATAPULT members in November discussing digital safety and healthy dating in which 80 members attended.



DEAN L. & ROSEMARIE BUNTROCK FOUNDATION

On behalf of the PATCVP, we are honored to have received a generous \$50,000 donation from the Dean L. and Rosemarie Buntrock Foundation. We want to thank Dean L. and Rosemarie Buntrock for supporting our mission.