

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Partnerships

DHSS began formally partnering with Partners in Prevention (PIP) and Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV) together in 2015 when they joined representatives from Missouri colleges universities, to participate in the first cohort of Action Planning Meetings coordinated by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the American Public Health Association. At this meeting, all organizations planned for the future success of prevention efforts across our campus communities for years to come. This partnership has continued since then. DHSS has worked with MOCADSV and PIP to expand the knowledge base of prevention on college campuses, evaluate our efforts, and build plans for a sustainable future.

DHSS and MOCADSV have presented at numerous conferences together over the past five years on our partnership with each other and with PIP. We have also presented together at the Meeting of the Minds. Together we have shared with both our state and our other prevention partners, the power of partnership. MOCADSV and DHSS also spent several months traveling to each contracted campus in 2018. During these trips, staff worked together to identify areas for partnership in local campus communities.

DHSS has partnered as extensively with Missouri Partners in Prevention (MOPIP). In 2017, the then Office on Women's Health (OWH) sought to better understand the intersection of sexual assault and alcohol consumption on college campuses. OWH knew that alcohol consumption was never an excuse for causing harm. While other partners agreed, many heard concerns from students that it was a confusing area to approach. Over the course of three years, OWH sponsored the development of two white papers on the topic and worked with PIP to host two summits on the topic.

DHSS, PIP, and MOCADV together worked on hosting training opportunities for campuses across the state and doing research with the Missouri Truman School of Public Affairs. From large scale events like the training, "What's in a frame? Framing and effectively communicating about sexual violence in Missouri", to sponsored conferences, to focused PIP meetings on prevention, prevention in our state has been strengthened because we have worked together.

For more information on MOCADSV and PIP, you can visit these links.

- <https://www.mocadsv.org/>
- <https://www.mopip.org/>

Publications

- Campus Efforts to Address Alcohol and Sexual Violence
<https://health.mo.gov/living/families/womenshealth/pdf/campus-efforts-to-address-alcohol-and-sexual-violence.pdf>
- Messaging about Alcohol and Violence
<https://health.mo.gov/living/families/womenshealth/pdf/messaging-about-alcohol-and-violence.pdf>

Online Training

- <https://youtu.be/WptVZQk9joo>