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MCA

Celebrates 90 Years

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Shaping Our Future**

1933 - 2023

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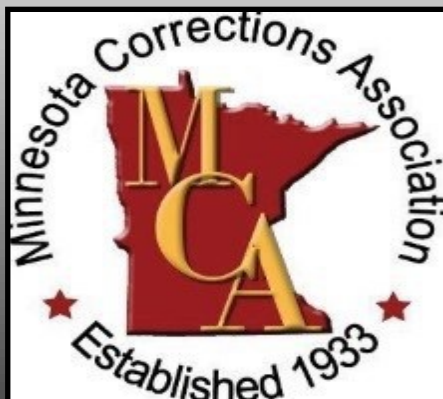
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Please join us in celebrating 90 years of MCA!

Our present chair members include:

Dan Besser/Becki Erickson — Co-Chairs

Shannon Fette/Amy Moeckel—Consultants

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Adriana Anderson/Kaitlyn Baden—Hospitality/Networking

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Michelle Johnson/Jean Wipper—Registration

Kayla Grimm/Jennifer Krajniak—Resources Fair





**Behind every number is a person and a story.
Everyone needs help sometimes. Amicus will be there.**

For more than 50 years, Amicus has been a healing force in our community, helping justice-involved people find a safe home, jobs to begin building anew, and the comforting fellowship of community belonging.



Serve **1,222** people through supportive re-entry services



Support **1,002** adults with transportation



Provide **227** men and women with volunteer mentors



Provide **197** individuals with winter clothing and toiletries



Assist **176** people as they find permanent employment



Help **50** individuals find stable housing



Support **45** women as they transition from prison to community

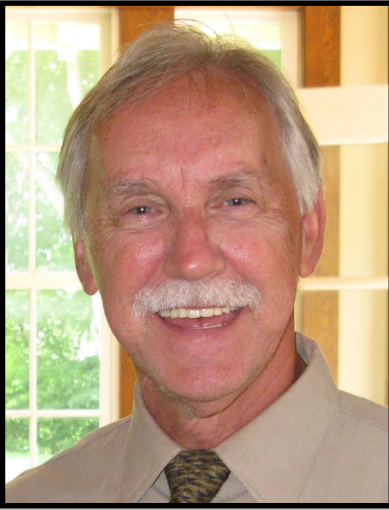


Attain **7.6%** three-year recidivism rate for participants

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Real change starts on the inside.



President's Message

Mark Groves, 2023 MCA President

Holy Smokes!! The Great Minnesota Get-Together is now behind us. And you know what that means . . . Summer is sunsetting. Goodbye 90-degree heat . . . hello waking up and coming home in the dark!

I hosted a meet & greet with Representative Jeff Witte and the MACCAC, MACPO, MCA leadership on July 14. Jeff and I are friends. He and I have been working as Event Security Officers at the Minnesota Twins games at Target Field for the past several years. A great opportunity for everyone to get acquainted, talk about pressing issues and seek each other's support.

2023 MCA Annual Training Institute

Our 90th MCA, Annual Training Institute, October 24-27, 2023, at the DECC in Duluth is right around the corner. Check on our website www.mn-ca.org for information about the conference as we have finalized our program schedule.

I invited the MACCAC, MACPO and MARRCH presidents, executive directors, to provide a brief introduction of themselves and their respective associations, during my MCA president kick-off presentation on October 25. This will be a wonderful display of collaboration, partnership, cooperation with our associations.

MCA Award Nominations - 2023

The MCA Award Nominations are in and Jane Schmid's past president award committee have been hard at work reviewing them and selected the winners. We will be hosting the MCA Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening, October 24th at the DECC.

Corrections Person of the Year
Corrections Officer of the Year
Professional Achievement: Facility
Professional Achievement: Field Services
President's Award
Technology Award
Board of Directors' Award

President's Message - Continued

MCA Picnic

We enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at the MCF-Stillwater Warden's House for our annual MCA picnic on August 10. The picnic provided MCA board and committee members the opportunity to interact with each other outside work and relax as we enjoyed food, refreshments and friendships.

Retirement Option 60/30 Pension Project

Our Retirement Option 60/30 Pension Project continues to move forward. We met with an actuarial firm that will help us to understand the numbers and to put together a successful and informed legislative proposal.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Duluth in October!

Feel free to drop me a line if you have suggestions, comments, etc.: mark.groves@state.mn.us.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

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A Minnesota Corrections Association Membership gives you access to...

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Join MCA!





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Alliance

NUWAY Alliance is a nonprofit organization created to provide overarching leadership and management to NUWAY®, Cochran Recovery Services, The Gables, and the NUWAY Recovery Foundation, The NUWAY Alliance treatment programs provide extended care programming including medium-intensity residential treatment, intensive outpatient with recovery residence support, and outpatient continuing care. All NUWAY Alliance programs serve adults and are co-occurring, GLBTQIA+ safe and friendly, trauma informed and medication-assisted treatment & recovery friendly.

With locations throughout the state of Minnesota, we offer an affordable extended care treatment continuum. Our clients often struggle with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, lack supportive recovery environments and need extended care to establish their recovery in the community.

The NUWAY Alliance organization strives to remove barriers for clients accessing treatment. Direct Access allows individuals to choose where they would like to access treatment. The NUWAY Alliance team will provide a comprehensive assessment, help with transportation assistance, offer no cost drug testing, peer support services, care coordination, recovery management skills, all while using evidence-based modalities. NUWAY intensive outpatient clients have the option to live in independently run recovery residences located in the community of their choice and have their housing program fees subsidized while they attend treatment. This option removes any housing barrier in early recovery for clients as well as providing them with a safe and supportive sober environment. Clients can remain in sober living regardless of receiving services. This empowers client's self-efficacy and choice and allows clients to work and/or go to school all while following best practice.



NUWAY
Alliance

Answers to MCA Board Highlights

Jane
Schmid



In a previous issue of the Forum, we highlighted some of our board members. We also asked them to give us two truths and one lie about themselves. Here are their answers:

Jane:

1. I got kicked out of high school.
2. I have OCD tendencies.
3. I played Lacrosse in High School - *This is the lie.*

Kari
Boser



Kari:

1. My favorite color is purple.
2. I have owned seven vehicles in my lifetime.
3. I have four kids. *This is the lie; Kari has 3 kids.*

Ron
Solheid



Ron:

1. Cucumbers are the one food I really love. *This is the lie; Ron does not like cucumbers at all.*
2. I served as commissioner of corrections under Gov. Mark Dayton.
3. I brought twice the allowed number of cigars from Havana Cuba when returning to the US in 2015.

JoAnn
Brown



JoAnn:

1. I have three grandchildren
2. Dogs are my favorite pet
3. I'm from Wisconsin. *This is the lie; JoAnn is from Minnesota.*

Shannon
Olean



Shannon:

1. I am the granddaughter of a major league baseball player.
2. I once wore a cast on my leg for two months, for money.
3. I have an identical twin sister named Sharon. *This is the lie. Interesting fact. . . Shannon's Grandfather is Blix Donnelly. He played for the Cardinals, Phillies and Orioles.*

Laura
Anderson



Laura

1. In the summer, I camp, boat and spend time outdoors.
2. I have 2 dogs and a cat because I like having pets. *This is the lie; 1 dog is all I have.*
3. Softball and volleyball are my favorite sports to play.

There is hope.

RECOVERY

is possible.



NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HOPE IS REAL. RECOVERY IS REAL.

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SAMHSA
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration



10:00 – 3:00: Exhibitors open, food trucks available, music and other activities available. Onsite registration opens at 9:30. Find more information at [MN Recovery Connection](#)

1:15-1:25: All attendees assemble for start of the walk.

1:25 pm: Opening Remarks with Presenting Sponsor NUWAY Alliance Recognition of Sponsors and top Individual & team fundraisers

1:35 pm: Recovery Honor Guard photo on Capitol steps. Individuals with 10 or more years in personal or family recovery are invited to step forward for a special group photo. Please get your Recovery Honor Guard “badge” from the booth near registration and check in.

1:40 pm: Group Photo on the Capitol steps. Be part of the World’s Largest Recovery Photo!

1:45 pm: Walk for Recovery begins! Gather your team together or join in with the crowd. The Walk will circle the Capitol grounds (approximately 1.2 miles).

2 pm – 3 pm: Photo Finish! Get your individual or group photo taken with the “Recovery Works” banner when you finish the walk.

ASL interpretation provided at NUWAY Alliance stage performances and presentations and during Walk welcoming remarks. Please check in at the MRC Booth if you need additional ASL interpretation at the event.

Free parking is available near the Capitol grounds and marked on this [map](#).

MCA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 25TH



Attention Returning College Students!

Time to Submit Your Scholarship Application for MCA's Second 2023 Educational Scholarship Award

This is the second MCA \$500 Scholarship Award for 2023.

This second scholarship will be awarded to a returning, post-secondary student.

[Click here](#) for the scholarship application.

The first scholarship of the year is awarded to a high school senior who graduated in the spring

**This is a member benefit
Those with a Student membership or
a child of a member may apply.**

Active membership required

**Not a member yet?
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***Not sure of your membership status,
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mca-mn@hotmail.com***



[Minnesota Recovery Connection](#) welcomed its new Executive Director, Cynthia Garcia Magallanes, on June 16. We are thrilled to have her join the team and looking forward to her leadership!

MCA encourages everyone to go to their website to find out more about [Cynthia](#) and the rest of the [Minnesota Recovery Connection Staff](#).

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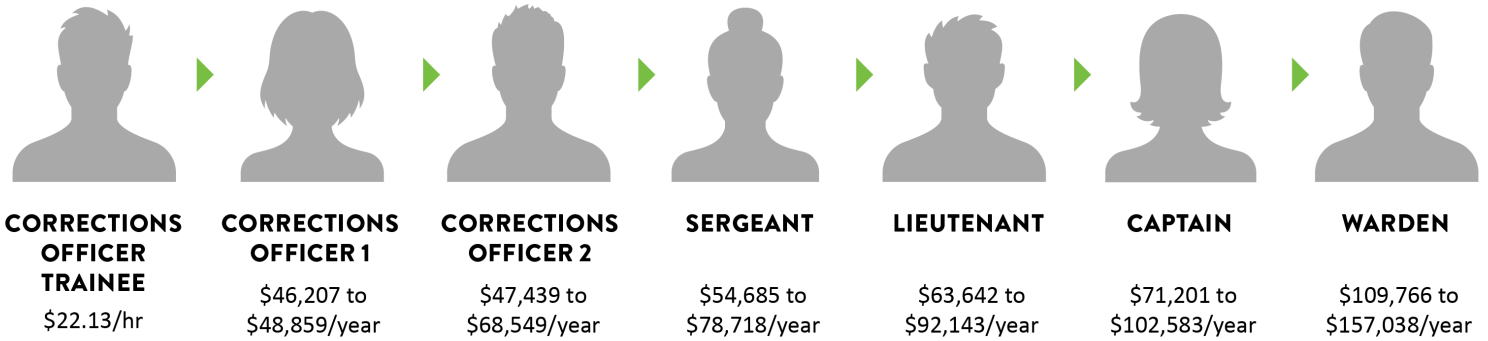
Celebrate Recovery Month! Put your baseball caps on and cheer on the Minnesota Twins at [Target Field](#). Game starts at 6:40, but get there early to hear the *Recovery Works* pre-game talk and see a community member throw out the first pitch.

ASL interpretation will be provided for the pre-game activities.

Tickets are \$16 and include a free hot dog and soda!

Seats will be located in Sections 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, and 334. If you prefer to purchase tickets by check or cash, please email walk@minnesotarecovery.org or call 612-584-4158 with your request.

CORRECTIONS OFFICER EXAMPLE CAREER PATH



This diagram illustrates one possible path

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- Case Managers
- Educators
- Employee Training
- Food Services
- Field Agents
- Maintenance
- Nursing and Mental Health
- Program Directors



Scan this code with your smartphone camera to begin your career or connect directly with a recruiter!

The Minnesota Department of Corrections is an AA/EO and Certified Yellow Ribbon employer. Veterans, women, racial/ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQ+ community are strongly encouraged to apply.





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WHEN

October 25-27, 2023

Tuesday Evening (10/24) Awards Ceremony

WHERE

**Duluth Entertainment
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Kriesel, Mark Mayfield, Joe Nayquonabe •
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Al Maa'uun Means "Neighborly Needs" Mission & Organizational Overview

Inspired by the teaching of the Holy Qur'an and housed in Minneapolis' historic Mosque of the Light, Masjid An-Nur, Al Maa'uun partners with neighboring organizations, faith communities, and individuals to meet the needs of our neighbors in North Minneapolis.

Al Maa'uun represents a new chapter in the history of Minnesota faith communities uniting to meet local needs. Our story began in June 1996, when we started working as a partner organization in an interfaith effort, "Congregations in Community." Along with the McKnight Foundation, three major Christian organizations, and the Jewish Community Relations Council, we formed a coalition to engage people of faith in volunteering. We continue this tradition today as a volunteer-led nonprofit which was formally incorporated in 2009.

The dynamic collection of neighborhoods surrounding Masjid An-Nur is our primary area of service. Often referred to as Near North Minneapolis, it is home to the historic African American community in Minneapolis and much of Minnesota. Historical, social, and environmental challenges such as systemic racism present barriers to building economic stability. We have a high percentage of unemployed working-age adults which offers opportunities for business development and economic growth in the community.

From culturally relevant food offerings to support for people leaving incarceration, Al Maa'uun honors the dignity of each individual we serve or partner with. This deep respect for the nuance of neighbors' needs and aspirations lies at the heart of Al Maa'uun's collaborative programming. Similar to North Minneapolis itself, we build on a strong legacy—and we are just getting started.

"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not to be lived again." – *Maya Angelou*

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Annual Training Institute

Preview of the Topics



- Addressing the Tension of Dual Roles
- An Exploration into the disruption of Generational Trauma
- Avoiding Con-Games
- Becoming the Author of our Stories
- Candy from Strangers: A Trivia Challenge
- Certified Peer Recovery Support in Criminal Justice
- Coffee Connection-a simple approach to connect with those who struggle with addiction and those who have established recovery from their addition
- Dealing with Aggressive Behavior
- Domestic Abuse Programming at D and O Community Corrections
- Emerging technology and digital tools in corrections
- ERO 101
- Ethical Issues in Case Management and Counseling
- Examining Bias-Identity, Awareness, and Impact
- FairChanceEmployer.com-the new tool for Job Placement Initiatives
- Getting the Most out of BCA Systems
- Giving Families a Healthy Start
- Human Trafficking, Commercial Sexual Exploitation, & Systems
- Ignition Interlock Grant and Updates
- It's fine. I'm fine. Everything is fine.
- Juveniles with Sexual Offending Behaviors
- Legislative Session: What We Got and What We Still Need
- Mental Health Matters
- MNPAT-R Implementation Updates
- Restorative Justice Dialogue: Where Accountability and Healing Weave Together
- Retire Wisely
- Safety in Conductive Home Contacts

MCA Annual Training Institute

October 25-27

Duluth, MN

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October 25th Keynote:

Mark Mayfield

It's pretty simple what Mark Mayfield does: he talks about very serious stuff in a very funny way.

He has one of the most diverse backgrounds in the speaking industry having owned and operated several businesses ranging from livestock production to golf instruction, and spent ten years as a lobbyist for a Fortune 500 company. He co-owns a comedy writing service and is one of the rare individuals in the world who is equally adept at performing comedy shows or high content speeches.

Mark has received rave reviews sharing the stage with a wide variety of celebrities like Peter Frampton, Rachel Platten, Walk The Moon, Colin Powell, and Bob Newhart and has introduced the President of the United States on a live, nationwide television broadcast. He is the author of several business books and two jokebooks, and has spoke to virtually every type of corporation, convention, and trade association in America. He has received the CSP designation from the National Speakers Association and been inducted into their Hall of Fame. A national convention planner recently called Mark "one of the very few, really funny, inspiring men in America today". Mark's mom also said that once after a

Joe Nayquonabe, Jr. is an American Indian business professional that has spent his career reimagining and reinventing how American Indian tribal economies grow and prosper.

He spent over a decade as a marketing executive growing the Grand Casino brand before ascending to CEO of the Mille Lacs Band's Corporate Commission where he created several companies including Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, which manages the entire business portfolio of the Mille Lacs Band; 2020 Brand Solutions; Maadaadizi Holdings; Wewinabi Inc., and Makwa Global. He has also kept Grand Casino at the forefront as one of the most valuable brands in Indian Gaming.

In addition to his work, Nayquonabe is a member of YPO (formerly Young Presidents' Organization). He also serves on several boards including: the National Diversity Advisory Board for the University of Minnesota, the American Indian Advisory Board for St. Cloud State University, Herberger School of Business Advisory Board for St. Cloud State University, the American Red Cross Minneapolis Region, the Initiative Foundation, Visit Saint Paul, Saint Paul Downtown Alliance, Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation, Great River Passage Conservancy, Metropolitan State College, the Minnesota Historical Society, Mille Lacs Health System, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis – Advisory Council.

Nayquonabe has a bachelor's degree in marketing from St. Cloud State University, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management and a master of tribal administration and governance degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth

He and his wife, Chris, live in Onamia with their daughters, Bella, Phoenix-Rose, and Xiana. In his spare time, Joe enjoys running marathons, studying the Ojibwe language, and reading.



October 26th Keynote:

Joe Nayquonabe

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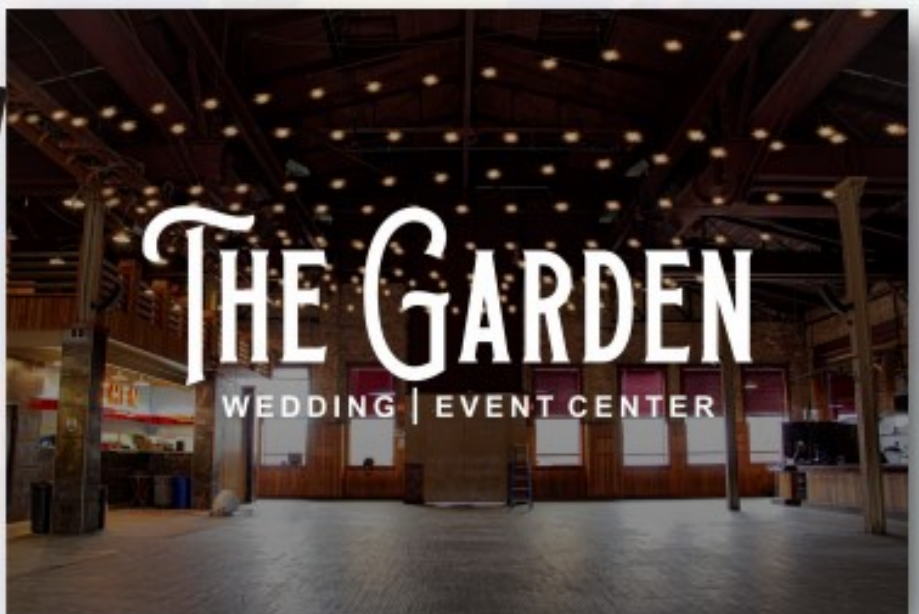
Back to the 90s Celebration!

The Garden Event Center in Canal Park



Wednesday October 25th from 6pm-10pm



DJ, 360° photo booth, food,
prizes, and
more...it's going to be all
that and a bag of chips!



Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

The highest rates of suicide in the U.S. are among American Indian/Alaskan Natives, followed by non-Hispanic white people.

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Suicide Prevention Awareness Month



9x

Transgender adults are nearly 9x more likely to attempt suicide at some point in their life compared to the general population.

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Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Raise awareness for suicide prevention and treatment, know the risks and warning signs for suicide and what to do in a crisis.




If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. **Call** or **text** 988 or chat **988lifeline.org** to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month




If you or someone you know need help, contact NAMI HelpLine

**Mon. – Fri. from
10 a.m. – 10 p.m. ET**

-  **Call:** 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)
-  **Email:** helpline@nami.org
-  **Text:** "HelpLine" to 62640
-  **Chat:** nami.org/help

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Suicide Prevention Awareness Month



46%

46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition — but research suggests that 90% may have experienced symptoms of a mental health condition

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October 27th Keynote:

John Kriesel

During John's presentation he will describe his decision to join the military at 17 years of age, and his overseas deployments. He will discuss in detail the tragic events of December 2, 2006, and his thoughts and feelings as he laid on a dirt road in Iraq, nearly bleeding to death. He will describe what it was like when he woke up from an 8-day coma in the United States to begin his recovery. John's story, sense of humor, and positive outlook on life will leave our audience inspired.

The guy who wasn't supposed to survive and was told he probably would be in a wheelchair the rest of his life walked out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center after nine months. His transition from military to civilian life offered many challenges, but his amazing support system, positive attitude and sense of humor allowed him to bounce back stronger than ever.

John travels throughout the country sharing his story, inspiring and motivating others. His intensely positive attitude infects every person he shares his story with from students to senior corporate executives as he relays lessons learned overcoming extreme tragedy.

In 2010, he was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives but decided not to seek re-election when his family said they wanted to spend more time with him. He is director of veterans services for a County in Suburban Minneapolis, MN, a part-time personality on KFAN Radio, motivational speaker, and co-author of the book, "Still Standing: The Story of SSG John Kriesel," winner of 8 national book awards.

Attendee Conference Registration Rates

\$325 - Member Early Rate – if paid by September 1st (If not paid by 9/1, increases to \$450 non-early rate)

\$360 - Non-Member Early Rate – if paid by September 1st (If not paid by 9/1, increases to \$485 non-early rate)

Exhibitor Registration Rates

\$815 – Exhibitor Registration Early Rate – if paid by September 1st (If not paid by 9/1, increases to \$900 non-early rate)

Sponsor Registration

Current Sponsors log-into the Exhibitor Registration for the complimentary exhibit space registration. Our Sponsorship Team will also be reaching out to Sponsors for registration assistance.

Interested in being a Sponsor that includes free exhibit space – contact JoAnn Brown, Sponsorship Chair for more details!

Hospitality and Networking

Wednesday: An exciting hospitality event is scheduled at The Garden Event Center (425 Lake Ave S). This is an excellent opportunity for networking with exhibitors.

Thursday: An evening with food, activities, and music will take place at the 310 Pub – 310 S Lake Ave. Come celebrate MCA's 90th Anniversary!

Evening Shuttle Service is being Sponsored by Intoxalock

Hotel Blocks – Ask for the MCA Conference Block

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Registration Payment Process:

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Attendee is responsible for giving invoice to agency for payment processing.

Early Rates must be paid by September 1st to apply.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be e-mailed to the MCA office at mca-mn@hotmail.com.

*In lieu of refund you may send someone else in your spot.

100% refund before 09/01/23

50% refund from 09/01/23 to 10/01/23

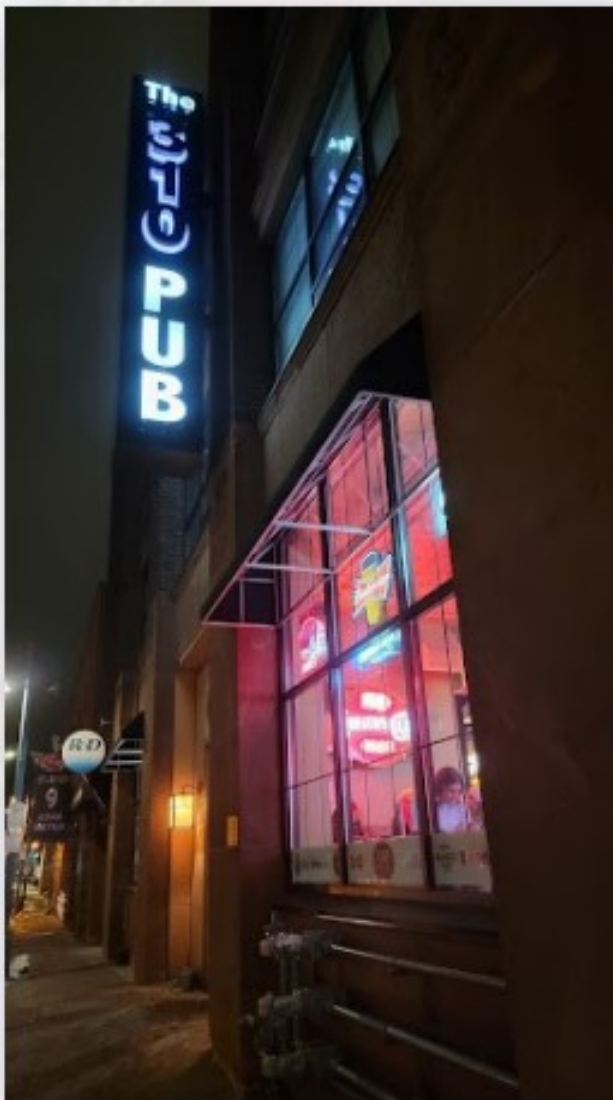
No Refund starting 10/02/22 and after

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Cheers to 90 Years

310 Pub

Thursday October 26th from 6pm-12am!



More games, music
and prizes to continue
the celebration of our
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- Peer Recovery Support
- Risk Need Responsivity Programming
- Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT)
- Criminogenic Needs Treatment
- Alumni Group

Telehealth Option Available for all programming including SUD group!

Partners offers individuals with substance or alcohol use a convenient way to access treatment services. With the addition of telehealth programming, we are expanding our reach and helping rural populations overcome shortages of specialized behavioral healthcare and resources. It is a convenient solution for individuals with transportation limitations or a lack of childcare.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

Partners Behavioral Healthcare offers cognitive behavioral interventions in conjunction with substance use treatment. 80% of programming is evidence-based and includes Decision Points, Trauma, Illness Management & Recovery (IMR) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). Decision Points curriculum meets corrections requirements, which is what individuals often need to complete upon release. In addition, licensed instructors clinically train counsellors through Decision Points authors, LLC.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Evidence-based care for trauma, anxiety, depression and other presenting needs. Co-occurring disorders are diagnosed at Partners Behavioral Healthcare in conjunction with other health professionals.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

Partners Behavioral Healthcare offers Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in our goal to provide a "whole patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. MAT bridges the biological and behavioral components of addiction. Research indicates a combination of medication and behavioral therapies can successfully treat substance use disorders and help sustain recovery. MAT has been shown to assist patients in recovery by improving quality of life, level of functioning, and the ability to handle stressors. MAT is evidence-based and is a recommended course of treatment for opioid addiction.

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Intensive outpatient treatment is a primary treatment program that can be recommended by a clinical comprehensive assessment. Clients participate in group and individual therapy, while working on an individualized treatment plan. Treatment is supported by a multi-disciplinary team including LADC's, Mental Health Therapists (if needed), Peer Recovery Specialists and Case Workers. Intensive outpatient programs occur in non-residential settings and consists of more treatment hours per week than traditional programming.

OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Outpatient treatment offers more flexibility than intensive treatment and allows participants to maintain work, family, and personal commitments. Participants can attend sessions in the mornings or evenings and are able to pursue their personal recovery goals without explanation of a prolonged absence. Length of time in treatment depends on a variety of circumstances that are unique to the participant, however most clients remain in programming for 12 to 24 weeks. Once in our program, our clinical professionals will perform ongoing assessments and provide referrals for additional service as needed.

PEER RECOVERY

We provide every participant with a Peer Recovery Support Specialist who has experienced addiction and are experiencing recovery. Peer Recovery Specialists offer mentoring, assist with housing, transportation, employment, and guidance in navigating community support systems.



As MCA gets ready to celebrate our 90th anniversary, we also wanted to give a shoutout to our two longest sponsors!



The **DULUTH BETHEL**

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Duluth Bethel is one of our Platinum sponsors and has been a sponsor since 2007!

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As this update article is being prepared, members of the legislative committee have been busy working on preparations for the Fall Institute as we focus on the legislative session scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th at the DECC in Duluth. Our workshop this year is titled "What we Got and What We Still Need". This workshop will begin at 1:15 pm with several legislators joining us to discuss what happened in the 2023 legislative session. We hope to gain some perspective from the participating Legislators on their opinions about the results of that session, and their comments on what they will work on during the 2024 Session which begins in early February.

We have already secured a commitment from Representative Sandy Feist, the Vice Chair of the House Public Safety Committee, who will also be representing Representative Kelly Moller, who is unable to attend. Also committed are Representatives Jeff Witte and Paul Novotny, who serve that same committee as the minority lead. Senator Jennifer McEwen from the Duluth area has also committed, and we are waiting for confirmations from Senator Justin Eichorn, a member of the Senate Judiciary Division, and Senator Grant Hauschild. Invitations have been sent to Representative Dave Pinto and to Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell. That should make for an excellent roundtable group of legislators with varying perspectives about the legislative process.

The legislative roundtable group will present following the introduction of MCA's 2024 Legislative Agenda, which we trust will generate some good discussion with the legislators. This part of the program will last until 2:45 pm, followed by a short break, and then continue with Commissioner Schnell assisting us in an overview and dialogue on the new legislation called the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA). This part of the program was strongly suggested by many current corrections employees who have concerns that the legislative emphasis has been on assisting offenders and lacking on the interests and needs of corrections employees. The commissioner has indicated he welcomes the dialogue and MCA feels this will be a great opportunity to include legislators in the discussion.

A note or two about the upcoming legislative session convening on February 12, 2024. This will be the second year of the biennium and traditionally called "the short session", which will last until May 20, 2024. The second year of the biennium is historically a bonding year. We'll wait to see if that happens as there was significant bonding done this year. Most corrections folks continue to advocate for further bonding as the state's failure to enact bonding in recent years has still left our infrastructure with many needs. MCA continues its discussion on our needs through the legislative affairs committee as we work to complete a 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Although there are no scheduled state elections this fall, I look forward to the several months before the legislative year to interact with many legislators throughout the state. These personal conversations help advocate for our membership regarding specific needs and issues that need to be addressed. I thank you for your support and interest in legislative activities, welcome your questions or concerns at any time, and look forward to carrying our message forward to the 2024 Legislature.

PREA 20th Anniversary

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AT A GLANCE

This year, 2023, marks 20 years since the unanimous passage of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). We hope you will join the virtual live-streaming of the plenary portions of:

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If you have questions about the convening, please contact:

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Blast from the Past

1870

- The National Prison Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, approved the principle that, "Society is responsible for the reformation of criminals."
- Stillwater Prison admitted the first female inmate, Nellie Sullivan, a prostitute.

1887

A group of 15 inmates established a trust fund of \$200 for the purpose of starting a paper, The Prison Mirror.

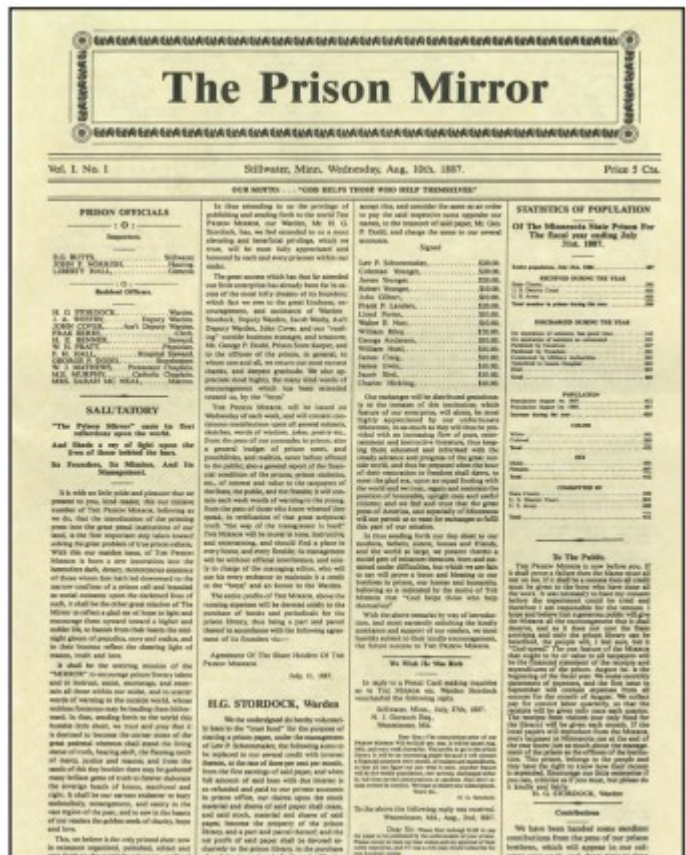
Among those that started the paper were Cole and James Younger of the Frank and Jesse James Gang, and his brothers Bob and Jim. Within one year, it had subscribers in almost every state of the union.

IN 2017 The Prison Mirror turned 130 years old. The offender-run newspaper holds the distinction of being the longest continuously run prison newspaper in the U.S. (and possibly the world).



1889

The first inmates were transferred from the state prison to the new Minnesota State Reformatory for Men at St. Cloud. The facility was described as far superior to what existed at the state prison at Stillwater and the mission was to reform criminals.



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The education and training committee is always looking for suggestions for subjects or speakers for our monthly presentation. Please contact Pat Gerbozy at patricia.gerbozy@state.mn.us or at 507-334-0727 if you have any ideas.

The Education and Training Committee is looking for committee members. We meet via TEAMS/ZOOM ever couple of months to discuss future speakers or topics to present to MCA members. We are also the host to our monthly presenters.

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“Artificial Intelligence in Corrections”

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It is hard to avoid the topic of artificial intelligence (AI) these days. Conversations around AI are happening online, in the news, on the radio, in your favorite Sci-Fi movies, and in your friendly MCA Technology Committee meetings. As of this writing, most corrections professionals (including our Technology Committee members) are left with more questions than answers about the potential use of AI in corrections. Others in our field have chosen to pretend it isn't happening (as change is hard, and the concerns about AI's use are real).

In this installment of the MCA Forum, I want to introduce you to AI and its potential future uses in Corrections. Many of you may have heard about the open-source AI tools:

ChatGPT (<https://chat.openai.com>) or Bard (<https://bard.google.com>)

These are web-based AI tools that are not dissimilar from other online search engines or chatbots you may be more familiar with. Some of you may have already begun using these AI tools as “assistants” of sorts. We won't dive too deep into AI in this month's MCA Forum, but I hope to share enough information to at least make you familiar and possibly even assist some of you right away.

So, let's have some fun. Instead of me telling you about AI, let's let AI tell you about itself. Below, you will find two “prompts” that I typed into Bard (Prompt #1) and ChatGPT (Prompt #2) and their subsequent responses. Each response was instantly generated and completed within 10-15 seconds (much faster than if I had chosen to type something myself).

Prompt #1 (Bard): In two paragraphs, tell me how artificial intelligence may be used in corrections in the future.

Response: *Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to be used in a variety of ways in corrections in the future.*

Here are a few examples:

- *AI-powered risk assessment tools: AI can be used to develop more accurate and personalized risk assessment tools that can help to predict which offenders are at risk of reoffending. This information can be used to make decisions about sentencing, parole, and community supervision.*
- *AI-powered rehabilitation programs: AI can be used to develop personalized rehabilitation programs that are tailored to the individual needs of offenders. These programs can be used to address the underlying factors that contribute to criminal behavior, such as substance abuse, mental health problems, and lack of education and employment.*
- *AI-powered violence prevention tools: AI can be used to monitor inmates for signs of violence and to intervene early. This can help to prevent violence and protect inmates and staff.*
- *AI-powered staff safety tools: AI can be used to monitor correctional facilities for security threats. This can help to keep staff and inmates safe.*
- *AI-powered administrative tools: AI can be used to automate administrative tasks, such as scheduling appointments and managing case files. This can free up staff time to focus on other activities.*

The use of AI in corrections is still in its early stages, but it has the potential to revolutionize the way we think about and address crime. As AI technology continues to develop, it is likely that we will see even more innovative and effective ways to use AI in corrections.

“Artificial Intelligence in Corrections” - Continued

Here are some of the potential benefits of using AI in corrections:

- *Increased accuracy and efficiency: AI can be used to develop more accurate and efficient tools for risk assessment, rehabilitation, and violence prevention.*
- *Personalized treatment: AI can be used to develop personalized treatment plans that are tailored to the individual needs of offenders.*
- *Increased safety: AI can be used to monitor inmates and facilities for security threats, which can help to keep everyone safe.*
- *Reduced costs: AI can be used to automate administrative tasks, which can free up staff time and resources.*

However, there are also some potential risks associated with the use of AI in corrections:

- *Bias: AI systems can be biased, which could lead to unfair treatment of offenders.*
- *Discrimination: AI systems could be used to discriminate against certain groups of offenders.*
- *Privacy concerns: AI systems could collect and store large amounts of personal data about offenders, which could raise privacy concerns.*

It is important to carefully consider these risks before deploying AI in corrections. However, the potential benefits of using AI in corrections are significant, and it is likely that we will see more widespread use of AI in corrections in the future.

Prompt #2 (ChatGPT): Please type a brief email to members of the Minnesota Corrections Association inviting them to join us for the 90th Annual Training Institute in Duluth, MN. Make it fun and encouraging. The dates are October 24, 2023, to October 27, 2023.

Response: *Dear MCA Members,*

We hope this message finds you well and thriving. We are thrilled to extend an enthusiastic invitation to you for the upcoming 90th Annual Training Institute of the Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA), happening in the picturesque city of Duluth!

📅 Event Details 📅 Dates: October 24, 2023 - October 27, 2023, Location: Duluth, MN

Can you believe it's already the 90th year of our Annual Training Institute? This calls for a celebration that's bigger and better than ever before. We're packing our bags and heading to Duluth to combine education, camaraderie, and a dash of fun.

Why should you join us? Picture this: Engaging workshops, enlightening discussions, and top-notch speakers. But that's not all! There will be opportunities to connect with fellow members from across the state, sharing experiences and insights that can only come from those who truly understand the corrections landscape.

Oh, and did we mention the breathtaking views of Lake Superior? Imagine learning, growing, and being inspired while surrounded by the beauty of Duluth. It's an experience you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars, book your stay, and get ready for an unforgettable time at the 90th Annual Training Institute. Let's come together to learn, laugh, and commemorate this incredible milestone in the history of MCA.

*Stay tuned for more details and registration information, coming your way soon. We can't wait to see you in Duluth!
Warm regards, [Your Name] [Your Title] Minnesota Corrections Association*

“Artificial Intelligence in Corrections” - Continued

As you can see with two simple examples, with AI, you can enter any type of prompt or question and end up with a quality product or answer in seconds. You could prompt AI to type you up interview questions, an email to send to the court about someone’s progress, or a policy on how to conduct searches. The prompts, responses, and potentials are endless.

Thank you for reading this MCA Forum article on AI with an open mind. How AI is used and where may one day be one of your job duties. Until then, hopefully, you have at least found this article informative and thought-provoking. If you would like to continue the exploration of AI, consider attending our session “*Emerging technology and digital tools in corrections*” at the forthcoming MCA Annual Training Institute. We will have a panel of corrections and technology professionals talking about all thing’s technology, including, of course, AI!

The MCA Technology Committee welcomes feedback on this write-up or any of our efforts. Please email MCA Technology Committee Chair Jason Mereness at jason.mereness@co.ramsey.mn.us.

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WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA

- 33.9% of Minnesota women and 25.1% of Minnesota men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes.¹
- On one day in 2019, 74% of domestic violence programs in Minnesota served 1,975 adult and child survivors. Another 352 requests for services went unmet due to lack of resources.²
- 53% of women experiencing homelessness in Minnesota in 2018 had stayed in a relationship, because they did not have any alternative housing available.³
- In 2018, at least 14 people in Minnesota were murdered in domestic violence homicides.⁴
- In 2018, 1/3 of Minnesota domestic violence homicides were committed with firearms.⁵
- As of December 31, 2019, Minnesota had submitted 83 domestic violence misdemeanor and 36 active protective order records to the NICS Index.⁶
- Between 2006 and 2015, there were 22,760 active protection orders in the National Crime Information Center for Minnesota. 4,180 of them had a disqualifying Brady Indicator.⁷

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.⁸
- On a typical day, local domestic violence hotlines receive approximately 19,159 calls, approximately 13 calls every minute.⁹
- In 2018, domestic violence accounted for 20% of all violent crime.¹⁰
- Abusers' access to firearms increases the risk of intimate partner femicide at least five-fold. When firearms have been used in the most severe abuse incident, the risk increases 41-fold.¹¹
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.¹²

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED FIREARMS LAWS IN MINNESOTA

- Domestic violence misdemeanants in Minnesota are prohibited from possessing firearms.¹³ Upon conviction, abusers must surrender any firearms in their possession.¹⁴ If a court believes a victim/survivor is in immediate danger, it can send law enforcement to the abuser's home to remove any firearms.¹⁵
- Dating violence misdemeanants in Minnesota are prohibited from possessing firearms for three years, unless a firearm was used in the abuse, in which case they are permanently prohibited.¹⁶
- Stalking misdemeanants are prohibited from possessing firearms for three years after conviction.¹⁷
- Abusers subject to final domestic violence protective orders, including dating partners, are prohibited from possessing firearms for the duration of the order¹⁸ and must surrender any firearms in their possession.¹⁹ If a court believes a victim/survivor is in immediate danger, it can send law enforcement to the abuser's home to remove any firearms.²⁰

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED FIREARMS LAWS IN MINNESOTA (Cont.)

- Abusers convicted of violating protective orders are prohibited from possessing handguns for three years to life, as determined by the court.²¹
- Although Minnesota statute does not explicitly prohibit abusers subject to ex parte protective orders from possessing firearms, judges are authorized to order whatever measures they deem necessary to protect petitioners. This may include prohibiting possession of firearms and requiring surrender.²²
- Child abusers subject to protective orders are prohibited from possessing firearms.²³
- Minnesota laws could be strengthened by:
 - Prohibiting abusers subject to ex parte orders from possessing firearms and requiring surrender thereof when so prohibited;
 - Requiring background checks before all gun sales; and
 - If requested by the survivor, requiring law enforcement to recover all firearms and ammunition when responding to domestic violence calls.



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Gov. Jesse Ventura (center) toured the Minnesota Correctional Facility-St. Cloud in 1999 with Warden Patt Adair (left) and Commissioner of Corrections Sheryl Ramstad Hvass (right)

1999

Sheryl Ramstad Hvass was appointed first female commissioner of corrections.

Sara Jane Olson was arrested in St. Paul for her role in the kidnapping of Patty Hearst.

Katie Poirier was abducted and killed in Moose Lake. Donald Blom was arrested and is serving a life sentence without parole for first-degree murder.

In 2000, The legislature passed "Katie's Bill" regarding sex offender supervision. By September, ten enhanced sex offender agents were employed with the DOC.

The State Board
of Parole
was established
in 1911



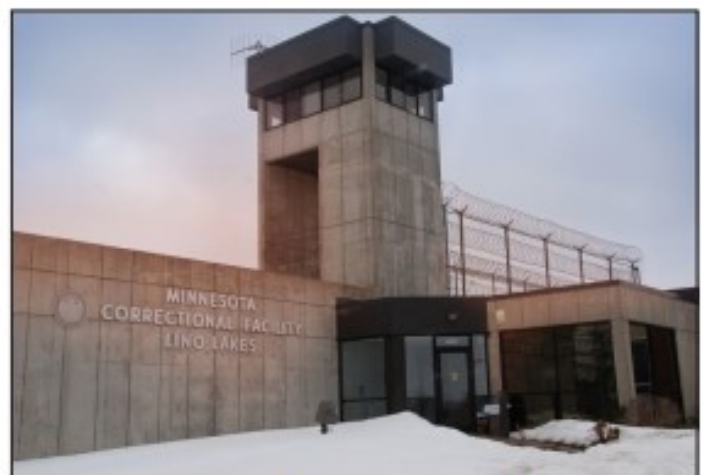
The Stillwater State Prison in 1912

2008

A tunnel was discovered in a basement area at MCF-Stillwater. Commissioner Joan Fabian described the tunnel as "well-hidden and sophisticated." The tunnel was about 50 feet from the prison wall.

The prison population was 9,270. Of the inmates, 18 percent were convicted of sex offenses, 14 percent homicides, 10 percent assaults, 20 percent drug offenses, 7 percent burglaries and 8 percent traffic/ accidents.

The Fall Institute was in Duluth; the theme



MCF-Lino Lakes turned 50 years old in 2013



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90th Anniversary MCA Timeline

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MCA has played a role in the development and support of corrections programs in Minnesota for the last 90 years and has served as a forum for correctional issues.



MCA is creating a timeline for the 90th Anniversary and could use your help. Since our last timeline for our 85th Anniversary five years ago, a lot has happened in corrections!

If you want to contribute events for possible inclusion in the upcoming 90th Anniversary Timeline, please reach out to our timeline editor / coordinator:

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