

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

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UPCOMING EVENT

WALK LIKE MADD
SEPTEMBER 14th
We hope that you will rally with us in Plymouth, MN. Sign up today using the QR code!



OUR TEAM CONTINUES TO GROW!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MADD VICTIM SERVICES SPECIALIST: JULIE RONNING

Hello everyone! My name is Julie Ronning and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Victim Services Specialist for Southern Minnesota. Prior to joining MADD, I had the privilege of working with children and families in the role of child protection, children's mental health case management, child forensic interviewing, and substance abuse



treatment. I also have experience working with children and adults living with various disabilities. My passion for helping others motivates and inspires me daily. I have five adult children and four grandchildren, along with a boxer who is always a source of joy no matter what's going on in life. A fun fact about me is I've lived in multiple states that include Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Texas, Hawaii, and finally Minnesota where I've resided for the past 21 years. I'm thrilled and grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and work with the great people at MADD! I look forward to making an impact in this community by reducing and eliminating drunk and drugged driving in Minnesota.

WELCOME JULIE TO THE TEAM!

Southern Region Minnesota

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100 DEADLIEST DAYS

TEEN DRIVER
FATALITY
CRASH RATE

43%

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Another summer is upon us and as we make plans for vacations and summer fun, we would like to remind parents and guardians that we are entering the **"100 Deadliest Days of Summer."** This may be the time to relax and plan for summer fun but IT IS NOT the time to relax while driving, especially for your teens. Just look at some of the facts:

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens.
- Teens between the ages of 16 and 19 have the highest crash rate of any age group.
- During 2020 about 8 teens died each day and hundreds more were injured in motor vehicle crashes.
- 44% of motor vehicle crash deaths among teens ages 13-19 occurred between 9 pm and 6 am, and 50% occurred on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday in 2020.2
- Among teen drivers and passengers 16-19 years of age who were killed in car crashes in 2020, 56% were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

Helpful Tips for Parents:

- Never serve alcohol or drugs to minors.
- Lead by example - always drive sober and eliminate distractions behind the wheel.
- Urge your teen to call if they are ever in a potentially bad driving situation.
- Be patient and positive while your teen is practicing and learning to drive.
- Empower them to show courage and decline a ride from a friend who has been drinking, taking drugs or tends to drive distracted.

To learn more: <https://wesavelives.org/100-deadliest-days-of-summer-3/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are crucial for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Opportunities range from short-term to long-term commitments, making a significant impact. Roles include providing assistance to the Victim Services team, raising awareness, speaking at Victim Impact Panels, tabling, community outreach and more. If you have any interests or questions on volunteering please feel free to reach out to help prevent drunk driving and support affected individuals.

CLICK HERE



LOST IN THE LEGAL 'LINGO'?

Our Victim Services Team provides support throughout legal procedures, emotional aid, and connections to resources. Remember, you are not alone in this; our team is here to support you at every stage of your journey.

