

## MAMFT Mission Statement

~~Relationships Matter. MAMFT provides professional support, resources and advocacy to marriage and family therapists while serving as the vital source of relational therapy within the community. MAMFT is a professional organization dedicated to supporting and growing the practice of relational, systemic, justice-oriented healing throughout Minnesota.~~

## MAMFT Vision Statement

- ~~1. To ensure that marriage and family therapy is a viable profession in Minnesota by advancing marriage, couple, family, and relational therapy as an art, a science and a profession through:
  - ~~Legislative advocacy~~
  - ~~Maintaining vendorship~~
  - ~~Appropriate Marketing /Education~~~~
  
- ~~2. To enhance the quality of professional life for marriage and family therapy in Minnesota through:
  - ~~Providing opportunities for training~~
  - ~~Facilitating collaboration and communication among the MFT community~~
  - ~~Recognizing excellence in the field~~
  - ~~Promoting inclusivity amongst all individuals in the MFT community~~
  - ~~Advocating and promoting social and cultural justice~~~~
  
- ~~3. To enhance the quality of life for the families in Minnesota through:
  - ~~Collaborating with other organizations to promote health and well being of Minnesota families~~
  - ~~Providing education/ trainings that reflect the needs of all communities within the state of Minnesota~~
  - ~~Advocating and promoting social and cultural justice~~
  - ~~Providing education and referrals~~~~

MAMFT's vision is to provide a professional home for all Minnesota-based relational healers, at all phases of their professional journey, from student to retirement. We strive to do this through four primary pillars of engagement: Community, Support, Education, and Advocacy.

**Community building inclusive of all relational therapists.** Community building efforts are designed to provide relational therapists and healers the opportunity to connect with each other,

share their experiences, and grow their practice of relational therapy. Community is also focused on creating spaces where relational therapists and healers from marginalized communities and experiences have a place to gather, and have their voices heard.

**Support relational healers.** Supportive efforts are focused on understanding and supporting the needs of our members, as well as any students and relational healers who are committed to the field of relational therapy. MAMFT will strive to respond to the challenges and systemic issues that impact these relational healers with relevant information, services, and support.

**Education rooted in social justice and equity.** Education efforts are designed to ensure current and prospective relational healers have access to quality education on the practice of relational therapy. MAMFT will work to ensure equity and socially just practice principles are foundational in the training and continued education of relational, systemic therapy. MAMFT will also be focused on educating the greater community on the value of working with a relational mental health provider.

**Advocate for the advancement of marriage and family therapy as a profession.** MAMFT will engage in advocacy efforts to ensure that relational therapy is able to flourish as a profession, and ensure that those in need of healing have access to support from relational healers. Specific efforts in this area include legislative advocacy, as well as partnering and advocating with outside stakeholders to the field of relational therapy like educational facilities, licensing boards, and payers.