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NEWS

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

More than 300 professionals involved in specialized dockets in courts across Ohio met Thursday for training sessions and to learn innovative and effective strategies from each other. The fifth annual conference of the Ohio Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network included national speakers and workshops on topics such as evaluating the effectiveness of drug court, jail services for mentally ill offenders and mental health services for veterans. Supreme Court of Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer and Director Angela Cornelius Dawson of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) welcomed the 340 participants, including judges, attorneys, law enforcement personnel, treatment providers and counselors. [More...](#)

OHIO COMMITS \$6.4 MILLION FOR NEW BREATHALYZERS THAT FACE LAWSUITS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

State officials on Monday agreed to spend \$6.4 million on a controversial brand of portable breathalyzer machines that have resulted in hundreds of drunken driving cases across the country being dropped. In fact, the president of the company that makes the Intoxilyzer 8000, faces a contempt hearing next week in Arizona for not complying with a judge's order to reveal the machines software to prove whether it produces reliable blood-alcohol readings. [More...](#)

CLEVELAND MAYOR FRANK JACKSON'S POLICY ON DRUG ABUSERS MAKES SENSE BUT NOT BY ITSELF

Dialing down the felony charges against drug abusers in Cleveland caught with tiny amounts of illegal substances in a pipe or a syringe is a fine idea. But Mayor Frank Jackson's proposal is hardly cutting edge. All other large cities in Ohio already charge first-time drug paraphernalia cases as misdemeanors. And the mayor's new policy won't radically change a legal system rife with inequities from charging to sentencing. [More...](#)

MARIJUANA PROGRAM COUNSELS OFFENDERS

Judge S. Dwight Osterud of Perrysburg Municipal Court likes the new option he has of allowing an individual charged with possession of marijuana to undergo an intensive weekend of counseling and education at their expense. [More...](#)

CLEVELAND MAYOR FRANK JACKSON'S CHANGE ON DRUG PARAPHERNALIA CASES DRAWS PRAISE

Community and church leaders applauded Mayor Frank Jackson's decision to lower charges for drug-paraphernalia cases from felonies to misdemeanors. About two dozen supporters of the plan

gathered Tuesday on the steps of City Hall to urge other politicians to find money for more drug treatment programs. [More...](#)

COURT DOCKET HELPS FREE SPACE BY KEEPING MENTALLY ILL OUT OF JAIL

A court docket implementing a program to keep mentally ill criminal offenders out of jail will open up more spots for prisoners who should be there and save taxpayers money, too, said Municipal Court Judge Teresa Ballinger. [More...](#)

EARLY PRISON RELEASE POSSIBLE FOR 256 CRACK DEALERS

The federal probation office has determined that 256 crack-cocaine dealers in the Southern District of Ohio are probably eligible for early release from prison under a change in federal sentencing guidelines. The court district covers the southern half of Ohio, including Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati. "That number is pretty close to being reliable. ... We looked at well over 3,000 cases," said Pat Crowley, chief U.S. probation officer for the district. [More...](#)

SCHOOL OPENS FOR UNRULY STUDENTS

The new Mahoning County High School will get its first students Monday. There will be only four or five of them, as the school for students facing expulsion and/or incarceration for misbehavior in their home districts opens its doors. The idea is to start out slowly, said Judge Theresa Dellick of the Mahoning County Juvenile Justice Center. She has been the driving force behind development of the school. [More...](#)

NEW DRUG COURT THE SITE OF MANY SUCCESSES

The Scioto County Drug Court has seen a number of successes in its three years of existence. The court is operated by volunteers from various agencies that have seen it work in other cities and want to make sure it works in Scioto County. Judge William Marshall was a former Portsmouth City prosecutor for 13 years. "My philosophy when I was prosecutor, when it came to drug addicts, was to lock them up and throw away the key. That's what I kept going for. When I became Municipal Court Judge, within a year or two Daniel Cassity appeared at my door," Marshall said. [More...](#)

SEAN LEVERT'S DEATH MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IN COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AREA JAILS

If Sean Levert had been jailed in March in either of Ohio's two other major urban-county jails instead of Cuyahoga County's, he might still be alive. Officials at the Franklin and Hamilton county jails both said their facilities have policies that would not have denied R&B singer Levert his doctor-prescribed anxiety medication, as jail staff at the Cuyahoga County Jail did during Levert's last six days of life.

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PROGRAM TELLS DISABLED VETERANS OF OPTIONS

"We have found that there are many veterans who are not aware of the benefits that are available to them," said Lori K. Elliott, managing attorney at the Legal Aid office in Hamilton.

"We hope that by doing these kinds of presentations to veterans and those who work with them, more will take advantage of the benefits." [More...](#)

VETS SUE OVER DISABILITY CLAIMS

Hundreds of thousands of veterans are having to wait up to four years for the government to process their disability claims, delays that are contributing to economic devastation, the break up of families and even suicide for returning warriors, a lawsuit filed Monday, Nov. 10, asserts. [More...](#)

NEW OHIO DRIVER LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Effective November 3, 2008, Ohio implemented a new format for state driver license (DL) and identification (ID) cards. On November 3, 2008, the BMV began issuing the DL's and ID's to the public. Various establishments, grocery stores, convenience stores, law enforcement and security will begin to see the new DL's and ID's around the state.

http://bmv.ohio.gov/pdf_files/NewDLFactSheet11072008.pdf

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ADULT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCE DRUG COURT GRANTS

Deadline: January 29, 2009

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html>

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that the Adult Implementation and Enhancement Drug Court Fiscal Year 2009 application will open November 24, 2008 and close January 29, 2009.

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Deadline: January 15, 2009

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&coppId=42956>

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families (CMHI). The purpose of this program is to support children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care. Grantees will be expected to develop, implement, expand and disseminate broad, innovative system changes which improve outcomes for children, youth and families and create long-term positive transformation of services and supports. Eligibility for this program is statutorily limited to public entities such as state governments, Indian or tribal organizations, governmental units within political subdivisions of a State, such as a county, city or town, District of Columbia government and others areas. Contact: Gwendolyn Simpson, Office of Program Services, Division of Grants Management, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1085, Rockville, Maryland 20857 (240) 276-1408 or gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.macfound.org/site/c.1kLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic_Grantmaking

The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development will focus its grant-making strategies on community change and juvenile justice. The Juvenile Justice effort maintains a national scope and promotes an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, is acknowledged to play a critical role in the community and is held accountable for public safety as well as the rehabilitation of young offenders. Grant award funding levels vary. Eligible applicants for the Juvenile Justice program include a variety of organizations in the United States.

PUBLIC WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Deadline: Open and rolling

Website: www.publicwelfare.org

The Public Welfare Foundation (PWF) offers \$1.5 million in grants for its Criminal Justice Program competition. Funds promote a fair and humane criminal justice system and violence prevention that includes alternatives to incarceration, effective legal representation and the reintegration of offenders as productive citizens. Proposals are welcomed from a wide range of organizations and can include both governmental and independent advocacy groups.

MCCORMICK TRIBUNE FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANTS

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.mccormicktribune.org/programs.aspx

The McCormick Tribune Foundation Communities Program supports efforts to stimulate local philanthropy and improve community life through collaborative partnerships in communities nationwide. The foundation helps to support projects that address basic human needs, children and youth at risk, and community strengthening efforts.

OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT'S FEDERAL GRANTS RESOURCE CENTER

Website: <http://www.obm.ohio.gov/grants/>

Description: A center for federal grant information and data, and related information, and to facilitate state agencies and other public and non-profit entities in identifying and competing for federal project grants.

SAMHSA CONFERENCE GRANTS

Website: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/conference/PA_06_001_Conference.aspx

Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) anticipates funding the following discretionary grant programs in FY 2008, based on the President's FY 2008 budget request.

OFFICE DEPOT TAKING CARE OF KIDS AND SCHOOLS GRANTS

Website: www.community.officedepot.com/local.asp.

Description: Office Depot supports local nonprofit organizations that directly affect the health, education and welfare of children. Office Depot is accepting applications for its Taking Care of Kids & Schools Grants Program. Funds should be used to directly provide services.

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON FAMILY FUND GRANTS

Website: www.jnj.com/community/contributions/index.htm

Description: Johnson and Johnson Family Fund Grants support a wide range of giving programs focused on women's and children's health, homelessness, community responsibility and disaster relief, access to care, advancing healthcare knowledge, and global public health.

WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH IN PREGNANCY AND THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-081.html>

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits research project grant applications on the topic of women's mental health in relation to pregnancy and the postpartum period.

REDUCTION AND PREVENTION OF SUICIDALITY

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-079.html>

Description: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite grant applications for research that will reduce the burden of suicidality (deaths, attempts, and ideation).

EFFECTIVENESS, PRACTICE, AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES' COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES SERVICE SITES.

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-091.html>

Description: The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites research grant applications on services delivered to children, adolescents, and their families through the Center for Mental Health Services' (CMHS) Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program initiative (hereafter referred to as the "Children's Services Program").

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

NEW WEBSITE: <http://www.econempowerment.org/>

Description: The Allstate Foundation is taking a stand. It provides resources and programs that support survivors of domestic abuse and their advocates – by addressing the issues of financial security and economic empowerment.

FAITH-BASED GRANTS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Website: <http://www.fbciohio.gov/funding.asp>

Description: The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives offers several grant opportunities in the areas of addiction, at-risk youth, children and family, crime victims, ex-offenders, homelessness and housing, and more.

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FREE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JAIL AND COURT PERSONNEL

A core part of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) mission is to provide free training to dispel the myths about mental illness and to promote understanding. NAMI Ohio provides free one-day training for jail and court personnel who regularly encounter individuals with mental illness. Participants include parole, probation, corrections officers, public defenders, prosecutors, bailiffs, school personnel, and program coordinators who work with court involved youth. Attendees will learn to identify major mental illnesses and their typical characteristics; techniques to manage individuals with mental illness; how to better prevent crisis situations and how to handle them when they do occur; how to identify risk factors for suicide in correctional settings; about opportunities to expand court based jail diversion programs for individuals with mental illness. Attendees will also benefit from a presentation by an officer trained in Crisis Intervention Team training (a 40 hour academy providing de-escalation training for first responders). Ultimately, it is the goal of this training for participants to come away with a better understanding of what it might be like to have a mental illness. For more information on this free training, please contact Betsy Johnson at betsy@amiohio.org

GRANT WRITING

OCJS will be hosting **free** Grant Writing Seminars in 2008. OCJS' grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals will be discussed. Attendees will also receive the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services' publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*.

Training will take place on the following date:

· Tuesday, December 2, 2008

These trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor.

Training is Free! To download and print a training/event registration form, click [OCJS Event Registration Form](#).

IMPACTING ATTITUDES ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN APPALACHIA

Date: December 4, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Counseling Center of Columbiana County – Lisbon, Ohio
Website: www.maccinc.net

RISK/NEED ASSESSMENTS AND INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAM PLANNING

Date: December 3, 2008
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Training and Education Center, London, Ohio
Website: <http://www.occaonline.org/index.asp>

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

To view the 2008 ODVN training brochure, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: "BACK TO BASICS" OCCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 1-3, 2009

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Website: <http://www.occaonline.org/index.asp>

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NATIONAL TRAININGS

ENHANCING YOUR JUVENILE DRUG COURT

Dates: January 20-23, 2009

Location: Dallas, TX

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1169/315/>

Enhancing Your Juvenile Drug Court

Dates: February 2-5, 2009

Location: Louisville, KY

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1170/315/>

39TH NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 6-9, 2009

Location: San Antonio, TX

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/2009_overview

PROCESS ADDICTIONS

Dates: April 22-24, 2009

Location: The Palms in Las Vegas

www.dualdiagnosis.org/events

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

RESEARCH

CO-OCCURRENCE OF SUBSTANCE USE BEHAVIORS IN YOUTH

Examines the prevalence and overlap of substance-related behaviors among youth, making comparisons based on age group, gender, and race/ethnicity. Findings reported in this Bulletin are drawn from the first two stages of the 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, which gathered self-reports from a nationally representative sample of youth ages 12–17 in 1997 and 1998. The data are derived from questions survey participants answered regarding their alcohol and drug use during the previous 30 days, including the frequency of their consumption, the types of drugs used, and whether they had sold drugs. The central finding was that, given one substance-related behavior, other substance-related behaviors became much more likely.

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JOB OPENINGS

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