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2008 OSDPN MEETINGS & RSVP

THE OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK

With over 100 specialized dockets in operation throughout Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Mental Health have recognized the need for interaction among the professionals that staff these courts. In order to provide such a forum, the Ohio Specialized Docket Practitioner Network was created to provide peer support and technical assistance to these programs. The Network is comprised of several sub-networks that meet by discipline. These sub-network meetings allow specialized docket practitioners to discuss the challenges and successes they have faced in their specific role on the specialized docket court team. In addition, the sub-network meetings offer opportunities for specialized docket professionals to provide program updates, discuss program operations, and discover innovative and effective strategies employed by other specialized dockets. If you are a member of a court's specialized docket team and would like to participate in the Network or learn more, then please contact our office at (614) 387-9425.

2008 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

All meetings are 10 – 2 and at the Judicial Center *unless noted otherwise*.

Please note: Please be sure to enter the meeting date in the subject line.

Judges	Nov. 19, 2008 – Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)	Click here to RSVP
Drug Treatment Counselors	Oct. 15	Click here to RSVP

2008 ACMIC MEETING DATES

The 2008 *Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)* meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 27, 2008

All meetings are from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Judicial Education Center at the Ohio Judicial Center. For directions to the Court, please visit our [website](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

2008 Ohio Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network Annual Conference Specialized Dockets: *Collaboration Works!*

Thursday – November 20, 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio
More Details Will Follow!

\$138,000 WORTH OF QUESTIONS

The former chief executive of a government-funded mental-health advocacy group is under investigation after auditors found \$138,000 in questionable expenses. Ohio Advocates for Mental Health, which lobbied for state policies to help the mentally ill and provided training for those who work with the mentally ill, closed this summer because it couldn't pay its bills. [More...](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM PRAISED

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton said Lake County is fortunate to have valuable resources such as a mental health court and elected officials who are willing to work the extra mile to deal with people who have mental illnesses. [More...](#)

TOUGH NEW DUI LAW AWAITS

The most controversial provision requires a person arrested for DUI to submit to a breath, blood or urine test if the person has two or more DUI convictions within the past six years. Police may employ whatever "reasonable means" necessary to ensure that the person submits to a blood test. "Reasonable means" has not been defined. [More...](#)

JUSTICE SEES HIGH COURT POST AS MISSION / STRATTON ADDRESSES AUDIENCE AT UNIVERSITY'S ASHBROOK MAJOR ISSUES LECTURE

Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton of the Ohio Supreme Court grew up the daughter of missionaries in Bangkok, Thailand. She moved to the United States to pursue an education when she was 18 and, with \$500 in hand and a job at McDonald's – she says the restaurant still holds a very special place in her heart – Stratton put herself through college and law school. [More...](#)

CSG JUSTICE CENTER ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF FOUR STATE CHIEF JUSTICES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE/MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

The [Council of State Governments Justice Center](#) has announced that Delaware, Idaho, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin have been selected to participate in the Chief Justices' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative, a national project that assists state supreme court chief justices in improving responses to people with mental illnesses involved in the justice system. An initiative modeled upon the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts and the success of Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton. [More...](#)

**DRIVERS WITH PRIOR DWI CONVICTIONS POSE GREATEST RISK OF FATAL CRASHES
DWI COURTS ARE THE SOLUTION**

Last month the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released its annual traffic safety assessment for 2007. The report shows a remarkable 3.7% decrease in alcohol-impaired driving fatalities since last year but revealed a startling trend among the nation's most dangerous offenders. The encouraging 3.7% drop is owed to a number of factors including the diligence of law enforcement and the effectiveness of our court system in appropriately sanctioning social drinkers arrested for drunk driving. [More...](#)

COST OF FILING FORECLOSURES RISE

Faced with unfunded mandates from state lawmakers, Trumbull County officials have increased the cost of filing foreclosure actions in court. The cost of filing the complaints here jumped from \$165 to \$565 Thursday - the first day House Bill 138 went into effect. Like several other counties raising the costs, Trumbull court officials and department heads held a series of meetings to design a plan to expedite the time it takes from judges granting the foreclosures to transferring the property to new owners. [More...](#)

FUNDING

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/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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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*.

Trainings will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 28, 2008
- Tuesday, November 4, 2008
- 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](#).

**22ND ANNUAL OJACC CONFERENCE: ADDRESSING TRENDS IN CORRECTIONS:
"MAXIMIZING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING"**

Dates: October 9-10, 2008
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel North in Columbus, Ohio
Website: www.ojacc.org

**OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK: "WHAT EVERY LAWYER NEEDS TO KNOW
ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION TRAINING"**

Date: October 17, 2008
Location: Ohio Statehouse Atrium
Website: www.odvn.org

**SAVE THE DATE! ENTRIES AND EXITS: CONTRASTING PATHWAYS TO COMMUNITY
REENTRY**

Date: October 24, 2008
Location: TBA
Website: www.drc.state.oh.us/web/iej-seminars.htm

10TH ANNUAL OHIO HOUSING CONFERENCE, UNITING FOR TOMORROW

Early registration ends : October 1, 2008
Dates: November 5th-7th, 2008

Click [here](#) to register.

Download the Registration Brochure [here](#).

Visit the Ohio Housing Conference website [here](#).

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

THE MOMENT OF CHANGE: INTERVENTION APPROACHES FOR PROFESSIONALS

Dates: September 29 – October 1, 2008

Location: Santa Monica, CA

For more information, go to: www.dualdiagnosis.org/events

UC DAVIS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CONFERENCE

Dates: October 27-29, 2008

Location: Sacramento, CA

For information, go to: www.canconference.com

4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CIT CONFERENCE

Dates: November 4-6, 2008

Location: Atlanta, GA

For more information, visit: www.cit.memphis.edu/2008conf.html

SEXUAL COMPULSIVITY CLINICAL TRAINING

Dates: November 5-7, 2008

Location: Troy, Michigan

For more information, go to: www.themeadows.com

20TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AD/HD

Date: November 12-15, 2008

Location: Anaheim, California

[To read more about this year's upcoming, exciting Annual International Conference, click here.](#)

[To Register Now for the 20th Annual International Conference on AD/HD, click here.](#)

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

JOB OPENINGS

FOR SUPREME COURT OF OHIO AND OTHER AGENCY JOB POSTINGS, GO TO:

http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Employment_Opportunities/default.aspx

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