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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	Sept. 10, 2008 – Dublin Embassy Suites (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Nov. 19, 2008 – Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Click here to RSVP
Drug Treatment Counselors	July 10, Oct. 15	Click here to RSVP
Program Coordinators	July 15, September 16	Click here to RSVP
Mental Health Clinicians	September 5	Click here to RSVP
Probation Officers	July 18, September 26	Click here to RSVP
Case Managers	September 23	Click here to RSVP
Defense Attorneys	July 25	Click here to RSVP
Children Services	July 31	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, July 28, 2008
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
Thursday – November 20, 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio
More Details Will Follow!

HANDBOOK GUIDES JUDGES IN CREATING MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The Supreme Court of Ohio today released a reference guide for judges considering starting mental health court dockets. The mental health docket handbook offers guidance for judges on assessing the need for the docket, determining which type of docket works best, identifying personnel and resource issues and evaluating the program. "We need to find new ways to change the lives of persons with mental illness so that they can have a chance to recover and live a life of meaning that we all want," said Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, who chairs the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts. "We have recognized that jails and prisons have become the de facto mental health hospitals of our day. Through initiatives such as mental health courts we seek to shatter the revolving door that has developed."

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OHIO SUPREME COURT HEARS CHALLENGE TO REMOVAL OF CHILDREN

The Ohio Supreme Court yesterday stepped into a battle between Lucas County child protection officials and a family with a diagnosed pedophile living in its midst. But while the father of two young children served prison time 17 years ago for abusing young boys, it's never been shown that he has harmed his own children. That has raised the question of whether the county overstepped its authority when it permanently removed the kids from the home after the mother refused to divorce or separate from the father. [More...](#)

COURT TRIES TO CUT NUMBER OF YOUTHS SENT TO PRISON

For the fourth year in a row, Franklin County will take a deep cut in state funds because an increasing number of the county's youths are spending time in juvenile prison. The more days Franklin County teens are in a youth prison, the less the county receives to treat juveniles outside prison. [More...](#)

TRAINING HELPS POLICE HANDLE THE MENTALLY ILL

Officer Jim Gilbert was two weeks removed from a 40-hour course on dealing with mentally ill people when he responded to a call about a teenage boy wandering in traffic. "I picked up indicators that the kid was trying to commit suicide," Gilbert recalled. The Columbus officer was able to subdue the 15-year-old and handcuff him but didn't take him to the Juvenile Detention Center. Gilbert took the boy to Netcare, a mental-health intervention service, and no charges were filed. "His family was ecstatic," said Gilbert, now a sergeant and the head of the local police union. "Before I had the training, I would have taken him to jail for pedestrian in the roadway, interfering with official business and resisting arrest." [More...](#)

AMBER ALERTS TO BE EXPANDED

Forty-one people older than 65 in Ohio have been reported missing and remain unaccounted for, the state Emergency Management Agency says. Yesterday, the agency said it is expanding the state's Amber Alert system to include the elderly and people with mental impairments. Ohio launched its Amber Alert program in 2003. Named for a 9-year-old Texas girl who was abducted and later killed in 1996, the Amber Alert system is supposed to quickly notify the public of missing children and provide descriptions of the children and their captors when available.

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JUSTICES LIMIT MENTALLY ILL IN COURT

Mentally ill criminal defendants don't have the same constitutional rights as everyone else, the Supreme Court said Thursday in carving out an exception to the right to represent yourself. The justices said mentally ill defendants can be judged competent to stand trial, yet incapable of acting as their own lawyer. The 7-2 decision said states can give a trial judge discretion to force

someone to accept an attorney to represent him if the judge is concerned that the trial could turn into a farce. [More...](#)

ATHENS CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM RANKED BEST IN STATE

The Athens Crisis Intervention Team program was honored as Ohio's best on May 9 by the Ohio Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program teaches law enforcement officers how to handle situations with people who have mental health disorders, said Betsy Johnson, associate executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Ohio. [More...](#)

SHERIFF'S STANCE ON SHOOTING CRITICIZED

Franklin County Sheriff James A. Karnes "still hasn't gotten the message," said an attorney who won a \$500,000 settlement that will force changes in how deputies deal with the mentally ill. Frederick M. Gittes said yesterday he is shocked that Karnes has defended his deputies for shooting a man they were to take in for mental-health treatment. [More...](#)

COUNTY TO PAY \$500,000 IN SOMALI'S DEATH

The family of a Somali immigrant, shot dead by deputies when he pulled a knife, is settling with Franklin County for \$500,000 and a written promise to beef up crisis and mental-health training. "This case began with a tragedy, not caused by the deputies failing to follow policy," U.S. District Court Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. said. "Instead, training procedures have improved in cases involving the mentally ill, and this tragedy has begotten new training to give deputies more tools in dealing with the mentally ill." [More...](#)

HOSPITAL CALLS COPS AND FEELS THE STING

When the emergency room staff at Northfield City Hospital thought an obviously disturbed patient was about to turn violent, they did what many hospitals do in that situation: They called the police. In this instance, officers used a Taser to shock the man. The patient dropped to the floor, was injected with medications and transferred to the psychiatric unit at another hospital, according to an official report about the February incident. [More...](#)

DRUG COURT REHAB

More than a decade after voting down a drug court, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas judges finally did the right thing and approved it last week. They don't yet know where the money is going to come to pay for it. Court Administrator and former Common Pleas Judge Tom Porkorny says the financing could come from state and federal grants. But what the judges do know - drawing from the experience of Cleveland's drug court - is that this kind of program works. Almost 700 people have graduated from the city's drug court. Doing so takes persistence and a true commitment to get clean. [More...](#)

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FUNDING

JUVENILE DRUG COURT TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Deadline: July 3, 2008

OJJDP is seeking a training and technical assistance provider to deliver training and technical assistance to juvenile drug courts and family drug courts that are interested in learning about and implementing Brief Interventions and Referrals to Treatment.

Funding Link(s)

Program Announcement [PDF](#)

Performance Measures Web Site [HTML](#)

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, August 26, 2008
- Wednesday, October 1, 2008
- 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](#).

JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM DRAFT STANDARDS: PREPARING FOR OHIO CERTIFICATION REGIONAL TRAININGS

As the Ohio Department of Youth Services prepares for certification of programs that provide treatment services to youth who have been adjudicated for sex offenses, eight regional trainings will help to clarify the draft standards and answer questions related to the pending certification process. "*Safe and Effective Intervention and Management Approaches for Juvenile Sex Offenders and Youth with Sexually Abusive Behavior*" will be the main tool as a team of professional trainers leads participants through the content and a review of the Comprehensive Assessment Protocol for a jurisdiction's juvenile sex offender management policies and practices. The trainings are suggested for representatives from sex offender treatment programs, juvenile courts, and other social service agencies that serve adjudicated youth. Trainings are free and six credit hours have been requested for CLEs, CEUs, and RCHs.

For dates, locations, and to register, contact thollett@oacbha.org.

CRISIS DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

Date: July 21, 2008

Location: Columbus, Ohio

The Ohio Community Corrections Association will be sponsoring the training on July 21 at the Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 W. Broad St., in Columbus. The presenter, Michael Simpson, has broad residential and outpatient experience in direct service and management with both adults and children and currently works at Talbert House Turtle Creek in Lebanon.

Objectives include: gaining knowledge about brain development, client thinking/behavior and de-escalation; identifying triggers and predictive factors to assess a crisis; learning the significance of using the appropriate level of intervention; creating a consistent milieu for intervention; practicing verbal competency in de-escalation techniques; and many others. For more information or to register, contact Jene' Turner at 614-252-8417x15 or visit: www.occaonline.org

THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE (ACE) SYMPOSIUM

Date: July 24, 2008

Location: Cleveland, Ohio at the Trinity Cathedral

The ACE Study is perhaps the largest scientific research study of its kind, analyzing the relationship between multiple categories of childhood trauma and health and behavioral outcomes later in life. This conference is coordinated by the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health and includes individuals from the ACE Study. Many leaders in the mental health and medical field from all over Ohio will speak at this dynamic conference. The featured guest speaker for the day is Dr. Vincent Felitti, a noted physician and researcher on the negative impacts of adverse childhood experiences on adults. Dr. Felitti is one of the principal investigators of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. For more information, **contact: Louis Weigele at 216 707-3466.**

COLLABORATIVE GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY EFFORTS – CREATING A TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR OHIO

Date: July 24, 2008
Location: The Health Foundation Conference Facility
Deadline: July 17, 2008
Cost: \$20.00

Instructor: Jonas Thom, The Ohio Coordinating Center for ACT. Learning Objectives: Describe the process for stakeholder consensus building; understand the current fiscal and policy barriers to "transforming" the mental health system; identify resources for evaluation of mental health policy effectiveness; identify the current mechanisms for mental health policy collaboration

To register: <http://register.healthfoundation.org>

** Special cancellation fee of \$300 applies; click [here](#) for details.**

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

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

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NATIONAL TRAININGS

CMHS'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE: *DARE TO TRANSFORM*, REVOLUTIONIZING MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dates: July 9-10, 2008

Location: Washington, DC

For more information, go to: <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/nctic/>

2008 NACM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: July 13-17, 2008

Location: Anaheim, CA

For more information, go to: www.nacmnet.org

NCADV'S 13TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: *BUILDING GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE*

Dates: July 18-23, 2008

Location: Washington, DC

For more information and to register, go to: www.ncadv.org

2008 NATIONAL FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONFERENCE

Date: August 3-5, 2008

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

[The National Criminal Justice Association](#) and the [IJIS Institute](#) in conjunction with the Bureau of Justice Assistance are pleased to offer you this unique opportunity to explore partnerships in a neutral setting to share ideas about multi-dimensional prevention strategies to reduce the impact of violent crime in our communities.

.For more information about the National Forum including registration information and an agenda, [click here](#).

NDCI: DRUG COURT DEFENSE COUNSEL TRAINING

Dates: August 5-8, 2008

Location: Annapolis, MD

For additional information, contact Bobbie Taylor at 703-575-9400, ext. 16 or btaylor@ndci.org.

BISC-MI'S 13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: September 17-19, 2008

Location: Michigan

Website: <http://www.biscmi.org/stp/>

Register will be open soon.

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

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RESEARCH

RISK OF DEATH FROM CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES

An expert panel of medical professionals found no decisive evidence of a high risk of death or serious injury from the direct effects of Tasers and other Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs). The panel's interim report said the risk of a death or serious injury is low when police use Tasers against healthy adults. Certain groups of people may be at much higher risk of injury or death from Tasers. These groups include children, the elderly, pregnant women and people who have heart disease. Police officers should avoid the use of Tasers against these populations unless the situation excludes other choices. The Justice Department is aware of more than 300 cases of Americans dying after Tasers were used against them. Some were normal, healthy adults. Others had medical conditions such as heart disease, mental illness or chemical dependencies.

[Review a summary and background information related to the report.](#)

Read the full interim report, [Deaths Following Electro-Muscular Disruption \(pdf, 21 pages\)](#).

The panel expects to release a final report in 2009.

JOB OPENINGS

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

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