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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	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!

DRUG PLAN MIGHT COST MILLIONS

A Strickland administration initiative designed to reduce Medicaid spending on costly psychotropic drugs could actually cost the state money in the long run, a new study concludes. The administration touted savings up to \$47 million by requiring pre-authorization for a handful of specialized drugs used primarily to treat bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia and other serious mental-health conditions. Even before the plan was implemented, however, the savings estimate was lowered to \$20 million. And by the time state Budget Director Pari Sabety appeared before a legislative budget committee on Feb. 26, the savings estimate had been eliminated altogether.

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FUNDING

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.**

SAVE THE DATE: EMERGE MODEL FOR WORKING WITH ABUSERS

Date: September 18-19, 2008

Location: Columbus, Ohio. **The location of this training was originally Concourse Hotel but has been moved to **Hilton Garden Inn Columbus Airport***

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Susan Cayouette, EdD, Co-Director, and Ted German, PhD, Director of Training, of Emerge. Emerge is known as the first BIP in the country and has been providing training and assistance to professionals around the world. The fee for this two-day training will be \$160 for ODVN members and \$195 for non-members. The registration material will be available in mid to late July and will be posted on our website. Stay Tuned!

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

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

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NATIONAL TRAININGS

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.

9TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADDICTION & CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

Dates: September 28 – October 1, 2008

Location: Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront – St. Louis, Missouri

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

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.](#)

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RESEARCH

MEDICATION KEY TO ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT SUCCESS, STUDY SUGGESTS

Alcohol-dependent individuals who consistently took prescribed medications to prevent withdrawal symptoms and craving had better treatment outcomes than those who didn't take their medication, even among patients receiving behavioral counseling, researchers say. [HealthDay News](#) reported June 20 that data from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's Combine study found that those patients who adhered to the medication regimen for naltrexone or acamprosate as well as taking part in medical-management (MM) or combined behavioral intervention (CBI) programs had more abstinent days and avoided heavy drinking more successfully than those who didn't take their prescribed drugs as ordered. "High medication adherents fared better than low medication adherents across all combinations of behavioral and pharmacological treatment conditions," said researcher Allen Zweben of Columbia University. The researchers also reported that CBI seemed to help even patients who took a placebo, but did not appear to affect relapse rates among naltrexone patients who didn't take their medications.

"Both of these behavioral treatments (CBI and MM) performed equally as well with regard to treatment adherence and medication adherence rates," Zweben said, adding that the low-intensity MM combined with naltrexone could be used to help a large percentage of patients with alcohol dependency. The study was published online in the journal [Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research](#) and will appear in the September 2008 print issue.

JOB OPENINGS

NHTSA JUDICIAL FELLOW

NHTSA, in cooperation with the American Bar Association - Judicial Division, is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the positions of Judicial Fellow. NHTSA offers two Judicial Fellowships, one for the Specialized Courts Judges (criminal side) and the other for Administrative Law Judges (ALJ).

Purpose

The purpose of the fellowship program is to provide a mutually beneficial working relationship between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and a sitting judge whose jurisdiction currently involves the adjudication of motor vehicle and pedestrian-related offenses. The judicial fellows will function as an active liaison between the American Bar Association's Judicial Division, the National Judicial College (NJC), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and judges and their representative organizations throughout our nation. The judicial fellows will strive to promote understanding, communication, cooperation, education, and collegiality between the entities aforementioned. NHTSA has undertaken concerted efforts to reach out to judges and to the public through its Enforcement and Justice Services Division. Judges, particularly those who serve in the limited jurisdiction or administrative courts of our states, counties and municipalities, are often overlooked in education and communication opportunities. They frequently lack the ability to gain and to share the knowledge needed to resolve the legal and evidentiary issues that challenge them daily in adjudicating impaired driving and other motor vehicle-related cases. The mission of the judicial fellows will be to serve as a conduit to deliver resources, research and educational opportunities available through NHTSA and its cooperative partners to judges and citizens in their jurisdictions and where possible, promote NHTSA's priorities. The purpose of the fellowship is not to advance a particular adjudication agenda or enforcement bias. It is to improve the delivery of justice and improve highway and pedestrian safety through education, collegiality, communication, and community outreach activities.

Duties of the Judicial Fellows

Duties of the judicial fellows will include being a teacher, writer, community outreach activist, consultant, liaison, reporter, and spokesperson. The judicial fellows will be required to accomplish certain specified "milestones" as agreed upon by the ABA and NHTSA and to file monthly reports detailing activities undertaken in pursuit of the milestones and other assigned duties.

A more detailed job description and application for these positions are available by contacting **Gena Taylor**, ABA Project Coordinator, at TaylorE@staff.abanet.org or (312) 988-6716.

The Deadline for applications is **July 31, 2008** and the applications have the submission information. For questions or more information please contact Gena Taylor.

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

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