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2009 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.

2009 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.

Children Services	March 25 July 30 October 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Judges	April 24– Ohio Judicial Center (10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Sept. 16 – Dublin Embassy Suites (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Nov. 18 – Doubletree Suites (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Drug Treatment Counselors	April 8 August 18 October 13	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Program Coordinators	April 21 July 21 September 29	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Mental Health Clinicians	May 6 August 26	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Probation Officers	April 17 July 17 September 25	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Case Managers	May 12 September 15	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Prosecutors	June 19	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Defense Attorneys	June 26	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us

Visit www.ohiojudicialcenter.gov for directions

SAVE THE DATE!

2009 OSDPN Annual Conference
November 19, 2009
Doubletree Suites – Worthington

2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

The 2009 *Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)* meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday – February 9, 2009

Monday – April 27, 2009

Monday – July 27, 2009

Monday – October 26, 2009

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](#).

NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities gave out leadership awards during a meeting in Columbus, naming state Rep. Jennifer Garrison, a Democrat from Marietta, as legislator of the year. The association also recognized: Terre Garner, executive director of the Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health, CEO Award for Distinguished Leadership; Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, President's Partnering for Success Award. [More...](#)

MAN KILLED HIS FAMILY, THEN SHOVELED DRIVEWAY

A Whitehall man found dead along with his wife and two children Wednesday already had shot his family when neighbors saw him shoveling his driveway that morning, police said. "I saw him around 11 a.m. and he seemed fine," neighbor Stephanie Grunkemeyer, 37, said. "I'm shocked. They're just your normal family. We didn't hear anything until the police arrived." [More...](#)

NEW BUSINESS-SPECIFIC COURT EXPECTED TO FAST TRACK COMMERCIAL CASES

At the turn of the year, two judges for the Franklin County Common Pleas Court began specializing in commercial or business cases, called a "commercial docket." Courts in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo also are participating in this pilot project of the Ohio Supreme Court. Why create a specialized court? The Ohio Supreme Court expressed the purpose of benefiting business litigants and the business community by streamlining civil lawsuits involving business disputes. Generally speaking, businesses prefer a legal system that is efficient, timely and predictable. Often, business lawsuits can take long periods of time for resolution due to discovery disputes and motions relating to a host of issues. [More...](#)

WOMAN ACCUSED OF STALKING JUDGE

Kinsman woman pleaded no contest to charges accusing her of going to the Hartford home of Trumbull Common Pleas Judge John Stuard and confronting him about her claims that two of her children were stolen from her at birth. Norann Wellen, 51, 6598 Beach Smith Road, Kinsman, is facing charges of menacing by stalking and criminal trespass after the September incident at Stuard's home. A Trumbull Prosecutor's Office official said he expects Wellen to undergo a mental evaluation before being sentenced. "I didn't go in to hurt no one," Wellen said Friday. "I just went to offer my motherly love." Wellen said she had triplets in 1993 and was told one girl and one boy died at birth.

She said she believes the two children were stolen from her and were adopted by local families.

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MENTAL-ILLNESS ADVOCATES FEAR BUDGET CUTS

There may be relief for Ohio prisons in Gov. Ted Strickland's State of the State speech today, but advocates for Ohioans suffering from mental illness fear there will just be more pain. Details of the Democratic governor's third speech to a joint session of the General Assembly and other state officials were a closely guarded secret yesterday. [More...](#)

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FUNDING

NEW AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANTS

Information is now available at www.serveohio.org regarding the grant application process for 2009 AmeriCorps Planning Grants. Click on the heading under Funding Announcement or Hot Topics for more information and to review the relevant documents. AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other critical needs. AmeriCorps planning grants provide organizations a year to create administrative and programmatic systems; establish/solidify partnerships and service sites; build community support; develop evaluation plans; and plan for program sustainability.

FAMILY DRUG COURT TRAINING SOLICITATION

Deadline: February 24, 2009

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applicants for its [Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) solicitation. This program is designed to help build the capacity to develop, maintain, and enhance drug courts for substance-abusing adults who are involved with the family court due to child abuse and neglect issues.

2009 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness (MI) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (COD) who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking joint justice and mental health applications from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program.

Deadline: March 12, 2009.

Eligibility: State, local, and tribal units of government.

Funds: Category I: planning – up to \$50,000. Project period: 12 months.

Category II: planning and implementation – up to \$250,000. Project period: 30 months.

Category III: expansion – up to \$200,000. Project period: 24 months.

For more information: For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Rebecca Rose, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-514-0726 or rebecca.rose@usdoj.gov. For the full announcement: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09JMHCPsol.pdf>.

2009 DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM REQUEST

Deadline: March 20, 2009

Website: <http://www.ondcp.gov/dfc/>

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), has released the FY2009 Drug Free Communities Support Program Request for Applications (RFA). In addition, a series of applicant workshops will be held between January 29 and February 19, 2009. Presentation materials, audio files and accompanying transcripts will be posted to the ONDCP Web site in late February to accommodate those applicants who are unable to join us in person, or who need additional support in completing the application. Go to the [Drug Free Communities](#) section of the ONDCP Web site to find more information and to register.

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: [www.macfound.org/site/c.kLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic Grantmaking](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.kLXJ8MQKrH/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.

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.

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2009 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

For complete listing of current trainings for 2009, go to: <http://www.odvn.org/>

2009 GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

OCJS will be hosting eight free Grant Writing Seminars in 2009. 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 OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. Trainings will take place on the following dates:

- Friday, February 27
- Tuesday, April 28
- Tuesday, May 26
- Tuesday, July 28
- Tuesday, August 25
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, November 24

All 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.

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

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 will come to your site to provide a free one-day training for jail and court personnel who regularly encounter individuals (adults and/or juveniles) with mental illness. Participants can include judges, magistrates, probation officers, corrections officers, parole officers, public defenders, prosecutors, bailiffs, program coordinators, etc... 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; and 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 (CIT) 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.

OCJS: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Date: March 31, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

This training session will cover information on strategic planning as it relates to infrastructure development and planning that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies.

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

Dates: April 1-3, 2009

Location: Columbus, Ohio

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

OCJS: LOGIC MODEL

Date: June 30, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

This training session will discuss and present information on logic-model development as it relates to program planning and development that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies.

OCJS: INCORPORATING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

Date: September 29, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

This training session will focus on strengthening the linkage between research knowledge and practice. It will address the biggest challenges for practitioners in implementing a new program or practice.

OCJS: DESIGNING AND EFFECTIVE EVALUATION STRATEGY

Date: December 29, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

In today's environment of increased accountability, designing and implementing an effective evaluation strategy is a critical component of an organization's ability to secure funding. This training session will discuss and present information on development of an effective evaluation plan and why it is important for program planning and sustainability.

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2009 COMPREHENSIVE DRUG COURT PRACTITIONER TRAINING SERIES

The NDCI Comprehensive Drug Court Practitioner Training Series consists of a weeklong, intensive training program designed to educate the new or transitioning drug court practitioner, with a focus on those skills specific to each individual discipline. With critical support from the **Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President**, NDCI provides this training series each year allowing for lateral learning based in the latest science and best practices related to each drug court discipline. Once practitioners complete this tier of training, they become more adept at their respective roles and are prepared to return to their drug court as a drug court team member.

[2009 Practitioner Training Dates](#)

2009 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COURT MANAGEMENT MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

Dates: March 8-10, 2009

Location: Portland, OR

<http://www.securewebcc.com/sites/S105/index.php?p=1156>

39TH NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 6-9, 2009

Location: San Antonio, TX

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

MEN AND WOMEN AS ALLIES: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Dates: April 14-15, 2009

Location: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

<http://mencanstoprape.org/conference/>

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

NATIONAL RURAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Dates: May 31 - June 4, 2009

Location: University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin

<http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/nri/index.htm>

A NEW DIRECTION FOR A SAFER TOMORROW: A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE

Dates: September 3-4, 2009

Location: Omni San Diego Hotel – San Diego, CA

For more information, please contact: Michele Robinson at 775-784-6427 or mrobinson@ncjfcj.org

THE MOMENT OF CHANGE—INTERVENTION-APPROACHES FOR PROFESSIONALS

Dates: September 28-30, 2009

Location: The Breakers Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Florida

Website: **<http://dualdiagnosis.org/events/moment-of-change-2009/conference-description>**

RESEARCH

THE SENTENCING PROJECT

At least 17 states enacted sentencing or corrections reforms measures last year, according to The State of Sentencing 2008: Developments in Policy and Practice a report issued this month by the Sentencing Project, a Washington, D.C., based advocacy group. The Sentencing Project urged states to reconsider sentencing policies that result in lengthy incarceration, invest in strategies proved to reduce recidivism, and expand diversion and treatment programs beyond first-time and non-violent offenders. To read the release regarding this newly issued report, go to The Sentencing Project.

The report may be accessed at the following link:

<http://sentencingproject.org/Admin/Documents/publications/>

OJJDP BULLETIN PORTRAYS DOMESTIC ASSAULTS BY JUVENILES

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) (OJJDP) has published "[Domestic Assaults by Juvenile Offenders](#)." Prepared by the [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#), this 8-page bulletin analyzes data reported to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System by law enforcement agencies. The bulletin provides a detailed portrait of the attributes of domestic assaults by juveniles known to law enforcement, including their locations, times of day, and the weapons involved. Resources:

"Domestic Assaults by Juvenile Offenders" is available online at

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=240971>.

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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