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March 6, 2009

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

For directions, visit [www.ohiojudicialcenter.gov](http://www.ohiojudicialcenter.gov)

## 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 – 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

### **JUVENILE-JUSTICE GAPS**

Ohio is on the road to addressing two related problems that have persisted in its juvenile-justice system: First, Ohio law has no standard for determining whether a defendant younger than 18 is competent to stand trial, and second, once a judge determines that a child is incompetent, the state has few options for that child. [More...](#)

### **WANTED: FULL-TIME HOUSING COURT**

For six years, lackadaisical landlords and errant property owners have spent their Friday mornings answering to a judge about why they failed to keep their properties in good shape. They are properties coated in lead-tainted paint, have yards littered with junk or are vacant and dilapidated. Fifty to eighty cases a week are heard in Hamilton County's one-day-a-week housing court, where some of the county's worst property owners have been forced to clean up. [More...](#)

### **SUICIDE: END THE SILENCE, STIGMA**

That's the briefest and best advice for how to prevent teen suicides. Peggy O'Farrell's Forum cover story today gives parents, teachers, pediatricians and teens permission to put out on the table a topic that is usually taboo. The seeds of suicide are sown in silence, distance, isolation and denial. They're uprooted by open discussion, mental health services, concern and support. [More...](#)

### **LIVING IN SUICIDE'S SHADOW**

16-year-old Sycamore High School student hanged himself while vacationing with his family overseas. Six days later, another Sycamore High student, 18, hanged herself at home after attending the other teen's funeral. She had just graduated from Sycamore, a 1,900-student school serving three affluent communities. The first death was "tough on everyone," said Sycamore junior Rashmi Borah, 16. The second was a punch in the gut. [More...](#)

## **DATING ABUSE BILL GAINING SUPPORT**

State and local elected leaders support legislation named for a local woman murdered in 1992 that would teach teens about the danger of abusive relationships. Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray announced his support of Rep. Sandra Stabile Harwood's bill, dubbed "Tina's Law," that would require that school districts adopt a dating abuse policy and include dating violence education in health education classes. The state Board of Education would be charged with creating a model policy. [More...](#)

## **BILL WOULD MAKE COLLECTING URINE WITHOUT PERMISSION ILLEGAL**

A bill that would make collecting a person's bodily fluids without their permission against the law has been reintroduced by lawmakers, 10TV News reported on Thursday. The bill was originally introduced last year after the arrest of Alan Patton, a man who has been accused repeatedly of trying to collect young boys' urine from public restrooms. [More...](#)

## **STATE PLAN AIMS TO GET YOUTHS OUT OF PRISONS**

Almost as soon as youths arrive in detention, the state would begin discussing the best way to release some of them, according to a plan announced yesterday to overhaul the juvenile system. The plan filed in federal court shifts the approach of releasing a child away from rigid sentencing requirements to a process that follows a youth's progress while in detention. The goal: to make sure decisions about releases are fair and consistent, and that youths aren't being held longer than needed. [More...](#)

## **BILL WOULD FORCE SEX OFFENDERS NEAR SCHOOLS TO MOVE**

Sex offenders would have to move from established residences that are within 1,000 feet of schools, under legislation introduced in the Ohio Senate. Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) said his Senate Bill 42 would ensure earlier legislation related to where sex offenders live is applied retroactively, regardless of when they were convicted of their crimes. The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that the residency restriction cannot be applied retroactively, because the law was too vague, Schaffer said. [More...](#)

## **2 OHIO BILLS ADDRESS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

Two years ago, Johanna Orozco was raped at knife-point by a former boyfriend. The now-20-year-old Cleveland woman reported the incident to police, and her attacker was arrested — only to be released from juvenile detention a few days later. Orozco contacted police again after receiving threatening phone calls and being stalked by the rapist, hoping to get a restraining order. But law enforcement told her that wasn't possible, because the perpetrator was a juvenile. [More...](#)

## **CORDRAY BACKS BILLS ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

Attorney General Richard Cordray threw his support behind two bills yesterday that are supposed to protect teenagers from abusive relationships. Cordray backed a proposal by Rep. Sandra Stabile Harwood, D-Niles, that would mandate education on dating violence in health classes. [More...](#)

## **FAMILY WANTS INDEPENDENT LOOK AT TASER CASE**

The family of Gregory Dillard is requesting an independent investigation into his being shot with a Taser at the Summit County Jail last weekend. Dillard, 21, who was an inmate in the jail's mental health unit, charged two deputies and was shot with the weapon, authorities have said. Sheriff's detectives are looking into the incident. [More...](#)

### **DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE GUN BAN APPLIES IN ALL STATES**

The Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the use of a federal law barring people convicted of domestic violence from owning guns. The court, in a 7-2 decision, said state laws against battery need not specifically mention domestic violence to fall under the domestic-violence gun ban enacted in 1996. It is enough, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in the majority opinion, that the victim of such a crime be involved in a domestic relationship with the attacker. [More...](#)

### **SHRIVER RECOGNIZED FOR JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE**

“I am surprised, humbled, and honored at receiving this award,” said Judge Shriver, who has served as a Clermont Municipal Court Judge for 14 years. In bestowing the award, the state organization recognized Judge Shriver’s work for the Ohio Judicial Conference, his efforts to establish the first DUI Court in Ohio, and his work on modifications to new drunk driving laws. “The DUI Court is changing the lives of individuals,” said Shriver. “The program addresses addiction and public safety for multiple drunk driving offenders. Since the DUI Court began in June 2005, 114 participants have come into the program and 68 have graduated.” [More...](#)

### **SUMMIT JAIL INMATE GREGORY DILLARD'S HEART STOPPED AFTER STUNGUN USED, OFFICIALS SAY**

Akron- An inmate who attacked Summit County jailers over the weekend was shocked with a stun gun, causing his heart to stop beating, officials said. Gregory Dillard, 21, of Akron, was revived and taken to Akron General Hospital on Saturday, where he was in the intensive care unit. [More...](#)

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**NEW AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANTS**

Information is now available at [www.serveohio.org](http://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.

**EASING THE TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO COMMUNITY**

**Deadline:** March 9, 2009

**Website:** [Click here](#)

The National Institute of Corrections is soliciting proposals for its Transition From Prison to Community initiative. This grant provides technical assistance to six states over a 3-year period. The goal of the initiative is to increase the success of inmates leaving prison by improving assessment, programming, planning, collaboration, and community support. (NIC)

**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](mailto: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.

## **ADULT DRUG COURT RESEARCH TO PRACTICE INITIATIVE**

**Deadline:** March 26, 2009

**Website:** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09DrugCourtResearchSol.pdf>

Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher learning.

## **ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

**Deadline:** March 30, 2009

**Website:** <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000864.pdf>

The Research and Evaluation on Sexual Violence and Teen Dating Violence solicitation seeks to increase women's safety and improve the justice system and related responses to sexual violence and teen dating violence. Research is sought on the criminal justice system's response to sexual violence; characteristics of abusive teen relationships; and evaluation of teen dating violence programs, policies, and legislation. (NIJ)

## **DRUG COURT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS NEEDED**

**Deadline:** March 31, 2009

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

BJA is seeking technical assistance providers to aid in planning, implementing, managing, and evaluating state and local drug court programs for the Adult Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative. (BJA)

## **CRIME AND JUSTICE RESEARCH FUNDING AVAILABLE**

**Deadline:** April 6, 2009

**Website:** <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000869.pdf>

NIJ is seeking applicants for its Crime and Justice Research solicitation. This grant provides funding for social and behavioral research on, and evaluations related to, crime and justice topics relevant to state and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice.

## **SECOND CHANCE ACT PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE FY 2009 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Deadline:** April 20, 2009

**Website:** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09SecondChanceReentrySol.pdf>

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding of demonstration projects under the Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative. This program furthers the Department's commitment to providing services and programs to facilitate inmates' successful reintegration into society.

## **HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Website:** [www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic\\_Grantmaking](http://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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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](http://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 six 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:

- 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](mailto:betsy@amiohio.org).

## OHIO COALITION FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND STATE SUPPORT TEAM (SST) 11

**Date:** March 11, 2009

**Location:** Franklin County Children's Services - Columbus

[Register Online](#)

## CREATING TRAUMA INFORMED SYSTEMS OF CARE IN HUMAN SERVICES SETTINGS

**Dates:** March 13, 2009

**Location:** Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio.

**Cost of Training:** Free

For further information or details, contact: Christine Bumgardner, APRN 614-752-0333 ext 5024

[BumgardnerC@mh.state.oh.us](mailto:BumgardnerC@mh.state.oh.us)

## **CLANDESTINE DRUG LAB SAFETY AND AWARENESS**

**Dates:** Wednesday, March 18, 2009 - Cambridge, OH  
Thursday, March 19, 2009 - Wadsworth, OH  
Thursday, March 26, 2009 - Fairborn, OH

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services, is offering a specialized training on *Clandestine Drug Lab Safety and Awareness* presented by Lee Hawks, a detective with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office in Lancaster. **Registration ends March 13, 2009 or when capacity is reached. [Register now](#)**

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](#)

**39<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** April 6-9, 2009

**Location:** San Antonio, TX

[http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/2009\\_overview](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](http://www.dualdiagnosis.org/events)

**INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION**

**Dates:** April 29 – May 1, 2009

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

[www.ccafv.org/conference](http://www.ccafv.org/conference)

**BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER**

**Dates:** May 12 - 15, 2009

**Location:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

[www.bridgingperspectives.org](http://www.bridgingperspectives.org)

**A CALL TO MEN**

**Dates:** May 21-22, 2009

**Location:** New York, New York

[www.acalltomen.org](http://www.acalltomen.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](mailto: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

### NATIONAL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS RELEASE REPORT CARD ON OHIO'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

In "Evaluating Juvenile Justice in Ohio: A Report Card," the [Office of the Ohio Public Defender](#), [Children's Law Center](#), [ACLU of Ohio](#), and [ACLU Racial Justice Program](#) find that the Ohio juvenile justice system is failing the state's children. Ohio has resisted the burgeoning national trend of prohibiting the shackling of children. Furthermore, in 24 out of Ohio's 88 counties, 90% of juveniles do not receive legal representation. The report also reveals that the Ohio juvenile justice system does not abide by the [American Bar Association](#)'s recommendation that judges have the responsibility of determining whether a child should be tried in adult court. Ohio mandates that children charged with certain offenses be tried as adults, regardless of whether a child may be capable of rehabilitation. Click "Read more" to read the report card.

[\[Read more\]](#)

For more information, visit: [http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/pdfs/cjjr\\_ch\\_final.pdf](http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/pdfs/cjjr_ch_final.pdf)

## JOB OPENINGS

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

[http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Employment\\_Opportunities/default.aspx](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Employment_Opportunities/default.aspx)

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