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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	July 30 October 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Judges	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	August 18 October 13	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Program Coordinators	July 21 September 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Mental Health Clinicians	August 26	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Probation Officers	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

For directions, visit our [website](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

2009 OSDPN Annual Conference

November 19, 2009

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. David Mee-Lee

Doubletree Suites – Worthington

2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

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 CUTS CARRY HEFTY PRICE, ADVOCATES WARN

With another budget hole looming, advocates for behavioral health care laid it on the line yesterday to state officials: pay now or pay a lot more later. An unusual cast of characters – a county commissioner, hospital emergency room director, judge, police chief and school superintendent – agreed that cutting mental-health and addiction funding will ring up a much bigger bill later in terms of arrests, incarceration, hospitalization and deaths. [More...](#)

EX-JUDGE WANTS TO PRACTICE LAW AGAIN

Former Mason Municipal Court Judge George Parker has been cleared by his doctor to practice law again. Parker, who was suspended from practicing law in October 2007, filed a request with the Ohio Supreme Court, Tuesday, April 28, to have his law license reinstated. [More...](#)

SUPPORT GROWS FOR ENDING SENTENCING DISPARITY BETWEEN CRACK, POWDER COCAINE

President Barack Obama wants to stop punishing crack cocaine offenders more harshly than those caught with powder cocaine. It's a notion that has had growing support among judges and lawmakers, but is only now being championed by the White House. [More...](#)

SUPREME COURT HEARS DEATH PENALTY CASE

The Supreme Court appeared likely Monday to give the state of Ohio another chance to sentence a convicted killer to death, despite a previous factual finding that the man is mentally retarded. The justices heard arguments in the case of Michael Bies, who was convicted in 1992 of killing a 10-year-old boy in Cincinnati and sentenced to death after a jury found his mental state did not outweigh the heinous nature of the murder. [More...](#)

CAPITAL CASE AWAITS RULING

Trumbull County Prosecutor Dennis Watkins was keeping close tabs Monday on arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court concerning a Cincinnati murder case that parallels that of death row inmate Danny Lee Hill. [More...](#)

MENTAL HEALTH COURTS INCREASE DESPITE DEBATE

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton took a leading role in expanding that state's mental health courts — there are 40 either operational or being planned — and has worked to do the same nationwide. Stratton said the courts really are just a docket management tool, and that judges have inherent authority to control their own dockets. She said putting it in law could do more harm than good. "All this is so new that to legislate it now when we're still experimenting and growing and trying to invent the wheel would just not be productive," she said. [More...](#)

OHIO: CONDEMNED KILLER MUST PROVE DISABILITY AGAIN

The state is fighting to reinstate the death sentence of a convicted killer, arguing he must prove again that he is mentally disabled under U.S. Supreme Court standards. Ohio says the mental state of Michael Bies has never received a proper hearing because state court findings came six years before the Supreme Court in 2002 barred the execution of the mentally disabled. [More...](#)

COURT HELPS OVI OFFENDERS MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES

The Hamilton woman, who agreed to speak without using her full name, is more confident, and her life is back on track after her second charge of Operating a Vehicle while Impaired in December. However, Fairfield Municipal Court Judge Joyce Campbell is helping Rhonya, and a few other multiple OVI offenders, reclaim their lives. [More...](#)

'FRONTLINE' FOLLOWS MENTALLY ILL INMATES AS THEY GAIN FREEDOM

Keith Williams was just about to get out of prison after a two-year sentence for burglary. Suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, he had no family with which to reunite but said he would return to Toledo to be "with my people." [More...](#)

JUSTICE STRATTON SPEAKS AT CHILD ABUSE SEMINAR

Evelyn Stratton, Ohio Supreme Court Justice, helped kick-off the event by providing the audience members some details about policies, grants and taxable refunds available for services and families. In addition to talking about Bridges out of Poverty and helpful links on the Supreme Court Web site, Stratton discussed the Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) which aids low and moderate-income citizens in Ohio with access to tax credits and public benefits and other assistance in life. [More...](#)

LOCAL COURTS CONNECTING TO OHIO COURTS NETWORK

Sixteen local courts connected to a statewide justice information exchange system now have the capability to cast a wider net in searching backgrounds of those appearing in court. Developed by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Courts Network (OCN) serves as a centralized warehouse of case-related data, enabling courts and justice system partners to share information and to support functions such as criminal history reviews, warrant and protection order searches, pre-sentencing investigations, background checks, handgun pre-purchase reviews and pre-custody reviews. [More...](#)

A RACIAL SHIFT IN DRUG-CRIME PRISONERS

For the first time since crack cocaine sparked a war on drugs 20 years ago, the number of black Americans in state prisons for drug offenses has fallen sharply, while the number of white prisoners convicted for drug crimes has increased, according to a report released yesterday. [More...](#)

FUNDING

APPLY NOW FOR LOCAL JUSTICE FUNDING

Application deadline: May 18, 2009

BJA is seeking applicants for the **Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation**. Funding will be awarded to eligible units of local government in their efforts to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, combat violence against women, and support youth mentoring, among other activities.

OJJDP FY 09 FAMILY DRUG COURTS PROGRAM

Application deadline: June 15, 2009

Website: [Click here](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is seeking applications for funding under its FY 209 Family Drug Courts Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by building the capacity of states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and establish drug courts for substance-abusing adults who are involved with the family court as a result of child abuse and neglect issues.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP GIVING PROGRAMS TO FUND CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS; APPLICATION DEADLINE VARIES

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. awards Children's Health & Wellness Champ-A-Champion Fur Kids grants twice annually to provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness. Grantees include childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs. Application deadlines are at the end of April, July, and October. Grant applications can be submitted through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation at <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants>. Organizations seeking unrestricted support for children are also encouraged to apply for grants through the nonprofit Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation. The foundation reviews grant applications on a rolling basis. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 each. For more information, please visit <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutUs/community/BabwFoundation.aspx>

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic_Grantmaking

The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development will focus its grant-making strategies on community change and juvenile justice. The Juvenile Justice effort maintains a national scope and promotes an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, is acknowledged to play a critical role in the community and is held accountable for public safety as well as the rehabilitation of young offenders. Grant award funding levels vary. Eligible applicants for the Juvenile Justice program include a variety of organizations in the United States.

PUBLIC WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Deadline: Open and rolling

Website: www.publicwelfare.org

The Public Welfare Foundation (PWF) offers \$1.5 million in grants for its Criminal Justice Program competition. Funds promote a fair and humane criminal justice system and violence prevention that includes alternatives to incarceration, effective legal representation and the reintegration of offenders as productive citizens. Proposals are welcomed from a wide range of organizations and can include both governmental and independent advocacy groups.

MCCORMICK TRIBUNE FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANTS

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.mccormicktribune.org/programs.aspx

The McCormick Tribune Foundation Communities Program supports efforts to stimulate local philanthropy and improve community life through collaborative partnerships in communities nationwide. The foundation helps to support projects that address basic human needs, children and youth at risk, and community strengthening efforts.

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.

2009 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

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

BUILDING CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN HEALTH CARE

May 15, United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, Dayton

May 29, Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare, Toledo

June 12, 14th Street Community Center, Portsmouth

Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) is sponsoring CARE training sessions that will help health care and human services professionals, as well as others who are interested in learning more about how to better serve the needs of our community's diverse populations, increase their knowledge and understanding about the impact of cultural practices and beliefs on the patient/client – provider relationship, and provide opportunities for developing strategies to strengthen your cross-cultural skills. All sessions take place on Fridays, and will be offered twice each day for scheduling convenience: 9:00 am – 12 noon, and 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Additional information can be obtained by calling MACC-614-221-7841 or going to:

http://www.maccinc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=34

2009 GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

OCJS will be hosting four free Grant Writing Seminars in the remainder of 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, 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](#).

THE 7TH ANNUAL CSD OF OHIO MENTAL HEALTH & DEAFNESS CONFERENCE

Date: May 15, 2009

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Contact for more information, Stephen Rute at srute@c-s-d.org or 877-781-6670

ICCA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Date: June 15 - 16, 2009

Location: Cleveland, OH

Website: www.iccaweb.org/documents/ICCARegionalConferencePDF.pdf

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) is hosting an international regional conference in Cleveland for Ontario, Canada and neighboring states in the U.S. and will focus on treating mental illness within the community correctional population.

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.

NATIONAL TRAININGS

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](#)

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

A CALL TO MEN

Dates: May 21-22, 2009

Location: New York, New York

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>

2009 NATIONAL SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CONVENTION

Dates: June 25-27, 2009

Location: Hollywood, Florida 33019

<http://www.nasbhc.org/site/c.jsJPKWPFJrH/b.2708163/?auid=4633952>

PROSECUTORS AND DRUG COURTS: REDUCE RECIDIVISM, REDUCE DRUG USE, IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Dates: July 21 - 24, 2009

Location: Annapolis, Maryland

To register, please visit our website at www.nadcp.org and download a registration form

FREE! BJA TRAININGS - RETHINKING COURT RESPONSES TO CLIENT BEHAVIOR: INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS

Dates & Locations: July 23-24, 2009 - Anaheim, CA
August 27-28, 2009 - Denver, CO
September 17-18, 2009 - Chicago, IL
November 12-13, 2009 - New Orleans, LA.

To register, please visit our website at www.ndci.org/advanced_training.html and download a registration form and fax it to 703-575-9402. If you have any questions, please contact Training Coordinator, Kelly Curtis at kcurtis@ndci.org or at 703-575-9400 ext 18.

NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE “OPERATIONAL TUNE-UP

Locations & Dates: July 30-31, 2009 (**Indianapolis, IN**);
August 13-14, 2009 (**Minneapolis, MN**)
October 8-9, 2009 (**San Diego, CA**)
November 5-6, 2009 (**White Plains, NY**)

Cost: Free

Don't wait! To register, please visit our website at www.nadcp.org and download a registration form and fax it to 703-575-9402. If you have any questions, please contact Jannise Randall at jrandall@ndci.org or at 703-575-9400 ext. 20.

FINDING THE PATH

Dates: August 3 – 4, 2009
Location: Long Beach, California
<http://www.dvinstitute.org/healing/index.html>

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>

2010 NATIONAL GAINS CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!

Dates: March 17-19, 2009
Location: Orlando, Florida

RESEARCH & RESOURCES

NIDA ANNOUNCES DRUGPUBS — A NEW RESEARCH DISSEMINATION CENTER

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announces DrugPubs, a new Research Dissemination Center. Research dissemination is a key part of NIDA's mission. The new Research Dissemination Center is designed to distribute FREE materials to NIDA's target community, including: drug abuse researchers, health professionals, teachers, advocacy groups, youth, and the general public.

Anyone interested in receiving the latest scientific information about drug abuse and addiction can order via:

- **Drug Pubs online:** <http://drugpubs.drugabuse.gov/>
- **New DrugPubs phone number:** 1-877-NIDA-NIH (1-877-643-2644) or 1-240-645-0228 (TDD)
- **DrugPubs e-mail:** drugpubs@nida.nih.gov
- **Fax:** 240-645-0227

NIDA formerly distributed its research information and science education materials via the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI). Callers to the NCADI clearinghouse who are requesting information relating to the science of drug abuse and addiction will now be referred to the new NIDA DrugPubs phone number. As always, the public is welcome to browse our web site, which is filled with educational materials for all audiences.

JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICE IN NJ JUST UPLOADED THEIR NEW PUBLICATION, "VISTA: A PROGRAM FOR WOMEN WHO USE FORCE - CURRICULUM GUIDE." HERE'S THE LINK FOR THE PDF CURRICULUM

http://jbws.org/pdf/vista_curriculum.pdf

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