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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	September 15	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 AGENCY HONORS SHERIFF, JUDGE

Two Lake County law enforcement officials were recently honored for their contributions to mental health services. Mentor Municipal Court Judge John Trebets and Sheriff Daniel A. Dunlap were recognized as "Community Champions" by Neighboring, a mental health services agency based in Mentor. [More...](#)

DUI TESTS FOCUS OF BILL

A bill introduced in the Ohio Senate would allow emergency medical workers to draw blood from drunken-driving suspects. The goal, according to Sen. Timothy Grendell, who added the provision to Senate Bill 58, is to help remove repeat drunken drivers from the road. The State Board of Emergency Medical Services opposes the idea. [More...](#)

OFFICIAL: MENTAL HEALTH CUTS COULD BE DIRE

Richland County mental health director Joe Trolan is concerned more people will die — from suicide or murder — if Gov. Ted Strickland's proposed cuts in state funding are enacted. Local communities would have less money to spend on emergency hotlines, crisis counseling, housing and short hospital stays for severely affected people who need to get stabilized, he said. [More...](#)

OHIO'S SHIFT OF MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS AWAY FROM CUYAHOGA IS OUTRAGEOUS – EDITORIAL

Gov. Ted Strickland's latest beat-down on Cuyahoga County is inexcusable. Having neglected key infrastructure improvements here, he now has his sights set on our most vulnerable citizens. Over the last year, the Ohio Department of Mental Health has been shopping for a formula that tracks poverty and population movements, rather than urban minorities or other groups in need. [More...](#)

BUDGET PROTESTS TURN TO HEALTH

Last week brought a double dose of bad news to Donna Thielman. First, the 80-year-old Dayton woman found out she has cancer. Then, she learned that the group home where her mentally ill son, Tom, has lived for a decade might be closed because of Gov. Ted Strickland's proposed budget cuts. [More...](#)

BILL TO REDUCE TEEN VIOLENCE GETS OK

The Ohio House yesterday unanimously approved a bill to give juvenile court judges greater power to intervene to prevent teen violence. Named for Shynerra Grant, a 17-year-old Toledo girl who was murdered in 2005 by a former boyfriend, the bill would allow juvenile court judges to issue protection orders now largely the province of adult courts. [More...](#)

VETERAN PROBATION OFFICER IS FIRED

A Columbus probation officer whose job was to help people beat addictions and stay out of trouble has been fired for smoking pot and having sex with one of his probationers. Lawrence Gomez, 46, lost his job last month after Angela Cottrell was stopped for driving drunk and told a Franklin County deputy sheriff that her probation officer had performed oral sex and smoked marijuana with her.

[More...](#)

SCHOOLS TAKING RULING IN STRIDE

Ohio educators don't expect much to come from a U.S. Supreme Court ruling reaffirming that parents can send special-needs students to private school on a public school's dime. Parents still will have to appeal to the state to force unwilling school districts to cover private-education costs, state officials said. [More...](#)

RECESSION BRINGS RISE IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES

Times are tough and getting tougher for Ohio's victims of domestic abuse. Across the state, domestic violence shelters and programs have seen an 82 percent increase in demand for services over the past two years, a study by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network has found. [More...](#)

U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING ON SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS LIKELY TO HAVE LIMITED EFFECT IN OHIO

Despite the fears of some public school officials, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling probably won't lead to an avalanche of demands for them to pay private school tuition for special education students. That's the prediction of many Ohio observers, following Monday's decision in the case of an Oregon student. The boy's public school determined he didn't qualify for special education, but after his parents put him in a private residential school, he was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other disabilities. [More...](#)

FUNDING

REVISED GRANTS CALENDAR FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS)
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Programs: The normal JAG and VAWA allocation request for proposals will be released August 1 and due to OCJS August 31. To see the revised calendar, please visit: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsCalendar.pdf

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) accepts applications twice a year for Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants to support sharing information on best practices and the integration of that knowledge into real world practice.

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.

CALL FOR PAPERS

16TH NADCP ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Location: Boston, MA
Dates: June 2-5, 2010

Call for proposals for workshops presentations, poster sessions, and videos.

The submission deadline is *August 28, 2009*

To submit a proposal contact: jlubold@nadcp.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE 40TH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CONFERENCE

Dates: March 15-17, 2010
Location: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort – Orlando, Florida

Call for proposals for workshops presentations, poster sessions, and videos.

The submission deadline is *September 15, 2009*.

To submit a proposal: www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/boston/call_for_papers

Workshops: Presentations are 90 minutes long, with no more than a maximum of THREE presenters.

Posters: Highlight your promising programs during our poster session.

Videos: 10 to 30 minute documentaries or independent film projects that illustrate key issues in the delivery of appropriate and comprehensive behavioral health services.

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 two 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, 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](#).

WEBINAR: COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS

On July 15, 2009, the National Institute of Corrections will host "[The Mentally Ill in Jail: Whose Problem Is It Anyway?](#)" This live, 3-hour satellite/Internet broadcast will provide an overview of opportunities that can help your organization prepare to work with persons suffering from mental illness in jails. (NIC)

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.

REENTRY RESOURCES: BUILDING BRIDGES, A SUMMIT ON REENTRY INITIATIVES IN OHIO

Date: October 8, 2009

Location: Embassy Suites - Dublin, Ohio 43017

Join us for a day of programming that will feature best practices, examples of community collaboration and speakers who share an interest in supporting communities and reentering citizens.

Contact Beth Gillespie at bgillespie@osbf.net to be added to the mailing list or visit www.osbf.net

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.

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

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.

UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL & STATE FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Location: Teleconference

Time: July 30th, 2009 1:30 – 2:30 EDT

To register please visit the Battered Women's Justice project website via the following link:

<http://conferences.bwjp.org/Conferences.aspx>, then click on the audio/webinar tab. OVW GTEAP grantees please register using your grant number. If you are not an Arrest grantee, please use the following number to register for the webinar: 2007-WEAX-1801.

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>

2009 NATIONAL FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Dates: August 9-11, 2009

Location: Bellevue, Washington

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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

17TH ANNUAL ICCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dates: September 13-16, 2009

Location: Caribe Royale Resort & Conference Center – Orlando, Florida

Go to: www.iccaweb.org

UC DAVIS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CONFERENCE

Dates: September 21-23, 2009

Location: Hyatt Regency, Sacramento

Go to: www.canconference.com

16TH NATIONAL TASC CONFERENCE ON DRUGS & CRIME

Date: September 23-25, 2009

Location: North Carolina

For more information, go to: www.NationalTASC.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>

PATHWAYS TO CHANGE: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES

Date: October 26-27, 2009

Location: Westin San Francisco Airport

For more details, including where to make reservations, please visit the [Centerforce website](#).

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S 40TH NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CONFERENCE & EXPO

Dates: March 15-17, 2010

Location: Walt Disney World Resort – Orlando, FL

[Registration](#) and **[hotel reservations](#)** for 2010 are already open.

2010 NATIONAL GAINS CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!

Dates: March 17-19, 2010

Location: Orlando, Florida

RESEARCH & RESOURCES

2008 OHIO COURTS STATISTICAL REPORT

The 2008 Ohio Courts Statistical Report includes the 2008 caseload statistics for all courts of Ohio.

[More...](#)

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESEARCH: FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES

Practical Implications of Current Domestic Violence Research: For Law Enforcement, Prosecutors and Judges describes for practitioners what the research tells us about domestic violence, including its perpetrators and victims, the impact of current responses to it and, more particularly, the implications of that research for day-to-day, real-world responses to domestic violence by law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges. [More...](#)

ARREST-RELATED DEATH STATISTICAL TABLES RELEASED

Deaths in Custody Statistical Tables - State and local law enforcement arrest-related deaths, 2003-2006 provides tables with detailed data from the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP), a series of individual-level data collections on arrest-related deaths involving state and local law enforcement agencies. [More...](#)

CREATIVE PARENTING BLOG

CHADD is happy to announce the launch of two new blogs. Creative Parenting, a new blog written by Nadine Taylor-Barnes, will begin appearing on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Nadine is the mother of Blake Taylor, the author of *ADHD & Me*. In addition, Nancy Ratey has begun her blog, Coach Nancy, which will provide coaching tips to those affected by AD/HD. Nancy, a former member of the CHADD professional advisory board, is a nationally recognized expert on coaching. Coach Nancy's blog will appear on the second Tuesday of every month. [More...](#)

JOB OPENINGS

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