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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	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](#)

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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:

July 27, 2009

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

2 NEW COURTS INTEND TO HEAL

Two new Franklin County courts will specialize in sentencing criminals – prostitutes and drug addicts – whose first victims are themselves. "I was in and out of jail, wanting to change. I'd burned my bridges with my family," said Kay, a former prostitute who did not want to give her last name because she has changed her life after undergoing treatment. "I'm 60 days clean and sober," Kay said. "There's other people like me who need this kind of support but can't see the light at the end of the tunnel." [More...](#)

NO LAWSUITS YET AGAINST BREATH-ALCOHOL TESTER

Contrary to predictions, a new breath-alcohol tester that state troopers have been using in Clermont County hasn't drawn a legal challenge, state officials said. Troopers have about 700 of the Intoxilyzer 8000 devices to gauge intoxication in the field. Previously, suspected drunken drivers had to be taken to police posts to get legally admissible test results. [More...](#)

STATES SEEK LESS COSTLY SUBSTITUTES FOR PRISON

Cash-strapped states are increasingly turning to alternative sentencing methods and to streamlined probation and parole as a way to keep low-level offenders out of prison and in their communities. The alternative sentencing methods have been in limited use for years, often with little funding and less publicity. But recently they have gained in popularity across the country and have attracted interest from lawmakers. The measures include drug courts, which allow low-level drug offenders to avoid prison time through treatment and intense, personal, weekly intervention by a judge, and at least 500 courts for people arrested for driving while intoxicated. [More...](#)

HURTFUL TERM NIXED FROM AGENCY NAMES

Just hours after Gov. Ted Strickland signed a law that gives agencies until Oct. 7 to delete the words *mental retardation* from their names, Franklin County's agency rolled out its new name, logo and letterhead. The programs that serve 14,000 individuals and families are "MRDD" no more: Now they are delivered by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. [More...](#)

FAIRFIELD COUNTY'S DRUG COURT PROGRAMS REGARDED NATIONWIDE

Several drug recovery officials from around the nation attended a recent conference in California, and all eyes were on Fairfield County and its drug court program. Officials from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and Municipal Court attended the four-day seminar hosted by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in Anaheim, Calif. [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

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:

- October 27
- 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](#).

WHAT WORKS IN THERAPY AND TREATMENT: TRANSLATING 40 YEARS OF OUTCOME RESEARCH INTO EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES

Dates: Sept. 2, 2009 - Worthington, OH

Who should attend: Specialized Dockets Personnel.
No vendors or vendor personnel are permitted to attend.

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 *What Works in Therapy and Treatment: Translating 40 Years of Outcome Research into Effective Strategies* presented by Scott D. Miller, Ph.D., co-founder of the Center for Clinical Excellence, an international consortium of clinicians, researchers and educators dedicated to promoting excellence in behavior health.

[Register now](#) (Deadline: Aug. 11, 2009)

[View the brochure](#)

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.

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](#)

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 fo llowing 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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GETTING OUT, OR COMING HOME?

Date: August 19, 2009
Location: Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance
Free 1-Day Conference
[Click here for more information](#)

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

NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT KENDRA'S LAW IN NEW YORK STATE IS A SUCCESS FOR TREATING MENTAL ILLNESS

Long-term benefits of providing assisted outpatient treatment were found by a comprehensive independent evaluation conducted for the state by Duke University Medical School. Kendra's Law is effective in a wide-range of measures, and provides long-lasting benefits the longer someone with a mental illness is in the program. The 107-page study indicates the positive outcome of assisted outpatient treatment extends after the person is taken off the order, with the largest long-term improvement coming from people in AOT for 12 months or longer.

Key findings of the report include:

- Hospitalizations were reduced by more than one-half among people receiving 12 months or more of assisted outpatient treatment.
- The likelihood of arrest in any given month was reduced from 3.7 to 1.9 percent for AOT participants as compared to before they were in the program.
- Suicide or other attempts of people on assisted outpatient treatment to harm themselves decreased by more than half.
- Non-adherence to medications among participants decreased from 47% to 33% after six months of AOT.

A summary of the study and the full report can be accessed at:

www.omh.state.ny.us/omhweb/resources/publications/aot_program_evaluation/#foreword

EFFECTS OF FAMILY TREATMENT DRUG COURTS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES

This paper presents results from the first large-scale outcome study of American Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDCs) - specialised courts designed to work with substance-abusing parents involved with the child welfare system. The paper examines whether court, child welfare and treatment outcomes differed for 301 families served through three FTDCs as compared to a matched sample of 1,220 families with substance abuse issues who received traditional child welfare services. Propensity score weights were used to account for measured differences between the FTDC and comparison groups. Child welfare outcomes were analysed using analytical techniques that controlled for these inherently nested data (i.e. children within a family). Overall, the study found that FTDC mothers had more positive treatment outcomes than similar mothers who were not served by the FTDC. FTDC mothers were more likely to enter substance abuse treatment services than were non-FTDC mothers, entered treatment more quickly after their initial court petition than did non-FTDC mothers, spent twice as much time in treatment than did non-FTDC mothers and were twice as likely to complete at least one treatment episode than non-FTDC mothers. In addition, data from the study indicate that FTDCs influence a key child welfare variable of interest: FTDC children were significantly more likely to be reunified with their mothers than were unserved children. Copyright © 2008 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. [More...](#)

INTRODUCING WWW.ALLRISE.ORG

This is a historic and exciting time for Drug Courts and other Problem-Solving Courts! As the national organization representing 25,000 professionals, NADCP is proud to launch our new website www.AllRise.org. This robust and interactive website is designed to enhance our ability to meet your needs and to engage the public at large to rise and help “put Drug Court within reach of every American in Need.”

Highlights include:

- The first nationwide map of Drug Courts providing contact information at the click of a button

- Learn about “All Rise” and watch new national Public Service Announcements
- Videos, pictures and testimonials from around the nation
- New opportunities to get involved and make a difference
- The latest news from Capitol Hill

The new website also brings together the National Drug Court Institute (www.NDCI.org) and the National Center for DWI Courts (www.DWICourts.org) together in one location while maintaining their individual message and mission. Professionals will be able to:

- Receive the latest information on training opportunities for your court
- Obtain the publications you need to ensure fidelity to the Drug Court model
- Learn about advances in the field
- And much, much more!

**OHIO REPORTS ON RECENT DRUG TRENDS:
COCAINE AND METH USE DOWN, PRESCRIPTION DRUG USE UP, HEROIN USE HIGH BUT UNCHANGED**

Prescription drug abuse continues to be more entrenched in communities across Ohio, while cocaine and methamphetamine use has waned slightly. Those findings and more are encapsulated in the latest 80-page “Surveillance of Drug Trends in the State of Ohio” report generated by the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network – a research partnership among the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), Ohio’s state government authority for the prevention and treatment of drug addiction, Wright State University and the University of Akron. OSAM provides timely information on emerging drug trends across the state of Ohio largely by interviewing active and recovering drug users, treatment professionals, law enforcement officers and crime lab personnel, and providing treatment community and policy makers with the information necessary to plan for addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services. OSAM’s findings are published twice yearly in comprehensive reports and are available on the ODADA website: (<http://www.odadas.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODADAS/ODADASPrimary.aspx?page=4&TopicRelationID=98&Content=5342>) to read the full text of the latest OSAM-O-GRAM or to view the OSAM archive. OSAM-O-GRAMS can be found under “News.”

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