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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	October 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Judges	Nov. 18 – Doubletree Suites (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us

For directions, visit our [website](#)

2009 OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2009 OSDPN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 19, 2009
Location: Doubletree Hotel – Worthington
Deadline: November 4, 2009

The 2009 Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network annual conference offers national speakers and several breakout sessions on a wide-range of topics relevant to specialized docket programs. This annual event attracts more than 300 attendees from throughout the state, providing participants access to open communication and promoting relationships among professionals across county lines. Registration is limited to the first 300 registrants. Priority will be given to active Ohio Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network participants.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Registrations are limited to *five* team members from each docket/agency.

Participants may register by completing the [online registration form](#).

2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

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

RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS BOARD DISCUSSES BUDGET WOES

From Richland County Common Pleas Judge James DeWeese to Sheriff Steve Sheldon to mental health director Joe Trolan, those in attendance talked about how the recession has affected their departments. Sheldon said he is down 32 employees, including eight corrections officers. "We still have a wing of the jail closed," he added. Sheldon said he would like to see the Community Alternative Center, a 70-bed facility for nonviolent offenders, utilized more. In a recent News Journal story, CAC program director Tom Trittschuh said about half of the beds are usually empty. [More...](#)

WORKING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD

Dave Bill spent seven years in and out of county jail and prison because of drug and alcohol issues. "I was sleeping on gas station floors — I was totally homeless and stealing food to eat," said Bill, a 44-year-old Painesville Township resident. Bill eventually got off the drugs and alcohol and became a residential counselor at Teen Challenge, a Christian-based ministry in Perry Township for people with substance abuse problems. [More...](#)

COUNTY ASSESSES COST OF MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The county budget may be squeezed tight, but discussions on starting a mental health court continue and a contingent of county officials plan to meet with a judge in Butler County later this month to talk about how his mental health docket functions. Last year, at the urging of Ohio

Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, the county began looking into creating a system of evaluations and diversionary sentencing for people whose mental illness may have contributed to their crimes. [More...](#)

'OUR VIEW' EDITORIAL: MENTAL HEALTH COURT CAN HELP MENTALLY ILL, NOT JUST JAIL THEM

A mental health court would not only save money for Lorain County, more importantly it could save lives. Currently, 40 percent of the inmates in the Lorain County Jail suffer from mental illness, A mental health court, a special docket to be set up in the existing court system, would allow such prisoners to receive proper treatment and follow-up support so they can be released from the county's dangerously overcrowded jail. The new docket would not cost the county additional funds, Money would be saved from the jail having fewer inmates. [More...](#)

HAMILTON CO. MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY WINS \$9M GRANT

The Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board has received a \$9 million grant to serve youth ages 14-21 with serious emotional disturbances. The six-year grant comes from the federal Center for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. It will fund a new project called Journey to Successful Living, meant to build upon a partnership between the mental health and substance abuse system, child welfare system, juvenile justice system and mental retardation and developmental disability system. [More...](#)

NEW LEVY TO HELP ADDICTS, PROSTITUTES

Hamilton County voters will see something new on the ballot this fall: a levy for programs helping drug addicts, prostitutes, drunk drivers, and others in the criminal justice system. You won't see any of those words on the ballot, though: it's described there as a levy for "family health and hospitalization services and treatment programs," or Issue 4. County leaders call it the "Family Services and Treatment Levy." [More...](#)

RE-ENTRY COURT GETS WELCOME BOOST

Judge Brown made that comment to The Rep as we reported on the progress of Stark County's re-entry court. Brown and the Rev. Walter Arrington had organized the effort in 2005 to give ex-convicts a second chance at a productive life in society. This is no soft-on-crime program. Those who enter it have to work with their parole officer, the court and representatives of social service agencies. They have to try to get a job — and keep it. They have to stay clean and sober. [More...](#)

STARK COURT RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT

The federal government is pouring \$125,000 into a Stark County Common Pleas Court program that helps former prisoners return to society. Re-entry Court started in 2006 with hopes of reducing the number of local felons who go back to prison. The program coordinates parole officers, social services, community agencies and churches in addressing the needs of former prisoners who often have trouble getting a job or finding a home, struggle with substance abuse and lack education. [More...](#)

SHRIVER NAMED RECIPIENT OF C.J. MCLIN AWARD

Clermont County Municipal Court Administrative Judge James Shriver is the recipient of the 2009 C.J. McLin Award, presented by the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC). The award is named after the late Ohio Representative C.J. McLin, Jr., who worked tirelessly in the General Assembly to improve community corrections through funding and legislative change. Judge Shriver was recognized for establishing and presiding over Ohio's first OVI (Operating a Vehicle Impaired) Court. He was nominated for the award, "as a result of his demonstrated commitment and leadership in the judicial field and his willingness to help and renew an interest in problem-solving courts." The award was presented during the 2009 annual OJACC conference in Columbus on Thursday, October 1, 2009. Past recipients of the McLin Award include Ohio Supreme Court Chief

Justice Thomas Moyer and Justice Evelyn Stratton. [More...](#)

INSULTS LED MRDD TO CHANGE NAME

The widespread use of “retard” as a put-down has led the state and county agencies that serve people with mental retardation to drop the terminology from their names. As of today, Oct. 6, the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities is no more, and henceforth will be called the Department of Developmental Disabilities. The change was permitted by a state law passed in July. [More...](#)

OHIO COURTS TO WORK WITH THE JUSTICE CENTER ON MENTAL HEALTH COURT DATA COLLECTION

The Specialized Docket Section of the Ohio State Supreme Court is proud to announce its partnership with the [Council of State Governments Justice Center](#) to pilot test a new mental health court data collection tool in four Ohio mental health courts. The courts participating in this project are: Columbiana County Municipal Court, Delaware County Mental Health Court Programs, Fairfield Municipal Court, and the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas. The data collection tool was developed by the Justice Center in partnership with Ohio's Supreme Court and mental health courts, with financial support from the [Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati](#) and the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#). The tool will facilitate mental health court case management, as well as the preparation of program performance reports. Staff from the Justice Center and the Ohio State Supreme Court will be working directly with professionals at each of these courts to implement and utilize this new database. The program will formally begin with a kick-off meeting and training session in Columbus on October 26, 2009. For more information about this program, please contact Corey Schaal at Corey.Schaal@sc.ohio.gov.

MANY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO AFTER PRISON

For a decade, numerous inmates released from Ohio prisons have had nowhere to go and no one to answer to. That has posed problems for communities and, sometimes, the offenders. The issue of housing former inmates came up in August, when Martina Taylor appeared at a City Council meeting opposing a request by Town & Country Co-op Inc. to rezone several parcels. Taylor did not want the residential area to be zoned industrial because she owns homes on Lily Street and wanted to use them as transitional housing for inmates released from Mansfield's two prisons. [More...](#)

OHIO RECEIVES SAMHSA AWARD FOR JAIL DIVERSION AND TRAUMA RECOVERY WITH PRIORITY TO VETERANS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the award of six grants totaling more than \$10 million over five years to support local and statewide expansion of jail diversion programs for people with post traumatic stress and other trauma-related disorders. A priority for this program is to provide needed services to veterans returning from Iraq/Afghanistan. The Office of the Governor of Ohio will receive \$394,000 for the first year of the grant. The program will include prevention, diversion, recovery and support for military personnel and their families and anticipates serving 350 veterans. [More...](#)

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS HARSH PENALTIES FOR REPEAT DRUNKEN DRIVERS WHO REFUSE BREATH TEST

Ohioans with a previous DUI who refuse a drunken driving breath test – a course advocated by some attorneys are subject to harsher penalties, a 4-3 Ohio Supreme Court ruled this morning. In a Union County case, justices upheld the constitutionality of a state law that imposes 10 additional days of mandatory jail time on a driver with a prior DUI conviction if that person refuses to take a breath test after being arrested for a subsequent DUI violation. The extra 10 days comes on top of a mandatory minimum jail term of 10 days for a repeat DUI offender. [More...](#)

COURT PROGRAM HELPS TRAUMATIZED YOUTH

Russell Mottice balanced his baby daughter on his lap, feeding her from a bottle. A kids' show played on the TV in the apartment he and his girlfriend share in Louisville. Mottice works two jobs and

plans to go to technical school. A few years ago, this isn't how his life was shaping up. Mottice was in deep trouble. [More...](#)

FUNDING

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Deadline: November 17, 2009

The Mary Byron Foundation is seeking applications from local programs that break the cycle of violence in an innovative way. Eligibility is limited to nonprofit organizations and government agencies. There will be four awards at around \$10,000 each.

Information: <http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html>

WHEN GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER RELATIVES SERVE AS PARENTS

Deadline: December 3, 2009

The Brookdale Foundation is seeking to develop or expand services for grandparents or other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting when the biological parents are unable to do so. Up to thirty (30) local and regional programs will be selected and receive a mini-grant of \$10,000. Eligibility is limited to non-profits.

Information:

www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/Local%20and%20RegionalRFPGuidelines2010.DOC

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 & ARTICLES

2010 CMHS NATIONAL GAINS CENTER CONFERENCE

Dates: March 17-19, 2010
Location: Orlando, FL
Extended deadline: Friday, October 16, 2009

To view the *Call for Presentations*, go to <http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov>.

The conference is presented by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare in conjunction with the GAINS Center.

CONVENTION CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2010 NATIONAL SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CONVENTION

Dates: June 16-19, 2010
Location: Arlington, VA at the Marriott Crystal Gateway
On-Line Submission Deadline: October 23, 2009

The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care seeks expertise, promising, best, and evidence-based practices, resources, and tools on a myriad of interdisciplinary topics for the 2010 national school-based health care convention, June 16-19, 2010, to be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, Arlington, VA.

OJJDP SEEKS INFORMATION ON DSO PROMISING PRACTICES

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks information on initiatives that help states achieve or maintain the deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO). To that end, OJJDP invites state agencies and others to [nominate](#) programs and strategies that have shown promise in keeping status offenders out of jail or removing status offenders from juvenile or adult detention, regardless of funding source.

Nominated programs will be reviewed for inclusion in a database of promising DSO initiatives. To be eligible for nomination, programs and strategies must have been in operation for at least 2 years and data documenting their impact must show improvement over one or more periods of time.

Resources:

The DSO Promising Practices Nomination Form may be accessed at ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/DSOpromisingpractices2009.pdf

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 one last 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. Training will take place on the following dates:

- 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](#).

OHIO FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUMMIT

Dates: October 27-28, 2009

Location: Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark

Anthem Foundation and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network will present the Summit on October 27-28 at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark. The two-day Summit and premiere training event aims to advance Ohio's capacity to deliver quality family violence prevention services. The event will offer nationally recognized experts from the field while also showcasing Ohio-based prevention examples and resources. The event is unique in that it will provide a collective forum for stakeholders in child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse to join together to address preventing perpetration before it may occur.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.odvn.org>

OHIO YOUTH ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TRAININGS

The Department of Youth Services is pleased to announce the completion of the Ohio Youth Assessment System. Over the past three years, DYS has partnered with University of Cincinnati (UC) to develop a risk, needs and responsivity assessment specific to Ohio's youth. With the help of the pilot counties and facilities UC was able to collect and analyze data in order to develop a system of assessments that expand as a youth moves deeper into the system. The OYAS is made up of five instruments (Diversion, Detention, Disposition, Residential and Reentry) which will assist juvenile justice professionals in making the best decisions for youth and creating a common language across systems.

2010

Richland County January 19 – 20
Lucas County February 16 – 17

Registration is available online at www.dys.ohio.gov by clicking on Ohio Youth Assessment System Registration, under the Featured Links section. You can access the registration form by clicking on **"To access the OYAS registration page click here."** Fill out the form and select the training you wish to attend from the drop down list. Make sure to click "Submit Registration Request."

WORKING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Date: November 6, 2009

Location: Quest Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240

Website: www.awcc.info

This training will educate participants on mental health disorders that they are likely to encounter when working in the criminal justice system. Participants will develop a greater understanding of the experiences of this population and how their illnesses impact activities of daily life. Intervention strategies for community forensic monitoring, diversion alternatives, hospital and community services, and reentry services will be discussed. For more information, please contact Lisa Bates at lbates@awcc.info.

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY: ETHICS CAN BE EXCITING!

Date: November 10, 2009
Location: Columbus Metropolitan Library, Downtown
Time: 12:30 pm Registration / 1pm-4:45 program
Cost: \$45 - Before October 26 / \$50 AFTER October 26
CEUs: This will fulfill the 3 hour CEU ethics requirement for mental health professionals in Ohio.
To register, [click here](#).

11th ANNUAL OHIO HOUSING CONFERENCE

Dates: November 16-17, 2009
Location: The Greater Columbus Convention Center
Website: <http://www.ohiohome.org/09conf/default.html>

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.

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](#).

NADCP: FREE ONLINE TRAINING COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

What if your Drug Court team could receive training on the fundamentals? What if the training was free, required no travel and provided a certificate of completion? Look no further. The National Drug Court Institute (NDCI), the professional services branch of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), is offering a **free self-paced online training course designed to teach the core knowledge and skills necessary to properly plan, implement and operate a Drug Court**. Developed in collaboration with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, for the Adult Drug Court field, the course modules contain video presentations illustrated with PowerPoint and a self-assessment exercise addressing unit competencies. There are various resources provided for each module that include suggested readings, along with critical questions to consider. All of these resources are intended to support you – the individual learner – as you progress through the course. This eLearning course provides 24/7 access for 60 days from the date of registration. Technical support is available for participants through phone or email, and each course contains helpful hints that make access easy.

[Click here to register!](#)

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. Click [here](#) for more information.

TREATING AND SUPERVISING METHAMPHETAMINE ADDICTS IN YOUR DRUG COURT

This one day training will teach effective techniques for treating and supervising methamphetamine addicts. Your Drug Court team will learn to identify and understand the unique challenges of working with methamphetamine addicts and apply science-based methods to effectively treat and supervise them.

Who should attend: This workshop is designed for advanced Drug Court practitioners with fundamental knowledge of the Drug Court model and Drug Court practices. This training is geared toward Drug Court police officers, probation officers, case managers, treatment counselors and others who provide direct supervision.

This training program is FREE!!! There is no registration fee! However, your court will be responsible for incidentals, hotel costs, and transportation. Take advantage of this wonderful training opportunity to better serve Drug Court participants! **Trainings are filling up fast! Register now!**

These trainings will be held:

November 10, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska

November 13, 2009 in Huntsville, Alabama

November 17, 2009 in Lexington, Kentucky

Don't wait! To register, [please visit our website here](#) or [download a registration form here](#) 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.

CSMH: SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Dates: November 2-4, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Register today for the 14th Annual Conference, November 2-4, 2009, at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel in Minneapolis, MN, sponsored by the Center for School Mental Health (CSMH), University of Maryland School of Medicine, in conjunction with The IDEA Partnership funded by the Office of Special Educations Programs, sponsored by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education. This year's conference theme is School Mental Health: Promoting Success for All Students.

****CSMH is going green**** As much as possible, we will not be printing materials. The preliminary program booklet and program brochure, as well as registration information is located on our Center's homepage, at <http://csmh.umaryland.edu>.

As a participant of the CSMH conference, you will gain knowledge about the latest best practices, resources, and tools. You will be able to learn from and network with key stakeholders in the school mental health field (e.g., students, families, educators, mental health providers, health providers, advocates, administrators, policy makers).

The CSMH has applied for 19.5 professional contact hours, and is awaiting the final approval for the following professionals: Counselors, Health Educators, Physicians, Psychologists, Nurses, and Social Workers.

There are still sleeping rooms available at a special room rate of \$189 per night. Call 1-888-933-5363; 1-612-376-2000, www.minneapolis.hilton.com and reserve your room. Reservations must be received by September 30, 2009, to ensure a room at this special rate. State that you will be attending the 14th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Toshia Bruster, from the Meeting Management Services, 202-624-1743 or the main CSMH number, 410-706-0980.

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

Dates & Locations: November 12-13, 2009 - New Orleans, LA.

To register, please visit our website at

<http://www.ndci.org/sites/default/files/ndci/IncentivesSanctionsBrochure.PDF>

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.

THE 14TH ANNUAL BISC-MI FALL 2009 CONFERENCE

Dates: November 4th, 5th, 6th, 2009

Location: Battle Creek, Michigan

<http://www.biscmi.org/jod/>

NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE "OPERATIONAL TUNE-UP"

Locations & Dates: November 5-6, 2009 (White Plains, NY)

Cost: Free

Don't wait! To register, please visit our website at

<http://www.ndci.org/sites/default/files/ndci/Operational%20Tune-Up.PDF>

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.

**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

**SAVE THE DATE - FIRST INTERNATIONAL CIT CONFERENCE (FORMERLY THE NATIONAL
CIT CONFERENCE)**

Dates: June 1 - 3, 2010

Location: San Antonio, TX

On-site registration May 31, 2010

WEBSITE FEATURES TOOLS TO ASSIST IN OFFENDER REENTRY

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) Director Terry J. Collins will chair the next quarterly meeting of the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition. The Coalition, formed after the signing of HB130 by Governor Ted Strickland, is comprised of both [statutory](#) and [at-large](#) members. At the meeting, Director Collins will spotlight www.ReentryCoalition.Ohio.gov, the new website for the coalition. The site is designed to enhance communication by providing open access to current and useful information about offender reentry in Ohio and throughout the country. The site will provide electronic access to public reentry forums and events. In addition, the site will offer timely updates about the Coalition's activities, including its operating procedures and by-laws, meeting schedule, minutes, published reports, committee work, and other-related news items. The site will also feature information about local reentry coalition efforts across the state. "The target audience for this website will be ex-offenders and their families, as well as the many state and local partners who are involved with the issues and challenges associated with the reentry transition," stated DRC Director Terry J. Collins. "These external partners will be able to utilize the many tools available on this site to ease the barriers faced by those returning from prison." For more information about the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition, please visit our website at www.ReentryCoalition.Ohio.gov, or contact the DRC Public Information Office at (614)752-1150.

CSG JUSTICE CENTER LAUNCHES NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER

The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center announced today its launch of the National Reentry Resource Center—an unprecedented initiative to advance the safe and successful return of individuals from prisons and jails to their communities. Among those served by the resource center will be states, tribes, territories, local governments, service providers, nonprofit organizations and adult and juvenile corrections institutions.

The CSG Justice Center was selected through a competitive grant process by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, to develop and direct the resource center in collaboration with the Urban Institute, American Probation and Parole Association, Association of State Correctional Administrators, and the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University, and an advisory board of 25 national organizations serving the reentry field. Authorized by the Second Chance Act of 2007 (P. L. 110-199), the resource center will provide communities across the country with the best thinking on complex reentry issues, comprehensive resources and myriad forms of support that can help reduce recidivism and strengthen neighborhoods and families. It will provide needed training and technical assistance to Second Chance Act grant recipients and provide a single point of contact for the many individuals and organizations that are committed to reentry issues.

"There are 2.3 million people serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all prisoners will eventually be released to our communities and we all have a stake in making sure they are successful," said New York Assemblyman and Justice Center board chairman Jeffrion Aubry. "The Justice Center is pleased to continue its work with all key stakeholders through the National Reentry Resource Center to develop data-driven, consensus-based reentry policies that reduce criminal activity and best use taxpayer dollars."

The National Reentry Resource Center will continue the CSG Justice Center's commitment to collaboration and will draw on the experience and expertise of its many valued partner organizations, as well as its own work in the field. Among CSG's past contributions is the 2005 landmark report of its Reentry Policy Council—the result of work by 100 of the most respected workforce, health, housing, public safety, family, community, and victim experts in the country. The Justice Center has also made available to the field online tools, a range of publications on prisoner reentry, a newsletter with the

latest news and information, and research and resources that guide policy reform and innovative practices.

For more information, visit the resource center's Website at www.nationalreentryresourcecenter.org, where reentry research, publications and tools will be continually added and updated. To learn more about the Second Chance Act grants, see the U.S. Justice Department release at <http://www.ojp.gov/newsroom/newsroom.htm>.

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE COMMUNITY: EXPLORING THE ROLE OF EDUCATION DURING INCARCERATION AND REENTRY

From the Classroom to the Community: Exploring the Role of Education during Incarceration and Reentry synthesizes and documents the timely opportunity with which we were provided to examine the current state of education during incarceration and reentry and identify promising programmatic and policy directions. As you know, the Roundtable, sponsored by the Achelis and Bodman Foundations, the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Justice of the United States Department of Justice, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education of the United States Department of Education, Louis and Susan Reese, and Jim Grenon, brought together leaders such as yourselves who are experts in the fields of education and corrections.

From the Classroom to the Community is the first resource to comprehensively address correctional education through the prisoner reentry lens. It includes:

- Recent statistics on the state of correctional education in the United States;
- A summary of research findings on the effects education has on the incarceration and reentry experience; and
- A discussion on the various challenges and opportunities associated with providing education to this population, during and after incarceration.

Access the full report is available

here: http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/extra/pri_pdfs/Roundtable_Monograph.pdf.

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