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October 30, 2009

2009 OSDPN MEETINGS & RSVP

2009 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

Please note: Please be sure to enter the meeting date in the subject line.

Judges

Nov. 18 – Doubletree Suites
Worthington
(5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Send your RSVP to:
Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov

2010 ACMIC MEETING DATES

The 2010 *Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)* meetings are scheduled as follows:

February 1, 2010
April 26, 2010
July 26, 2010
October 25, 2010

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](#).

SUMMIT BOARD TO HONOR FOUR ADVOCATES IN MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION SERVICES

The Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board will honor four advocates at its annual appreciation luncheon on Wednesday. Those receiving awards are county Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio, Barbara Medlock, Georgette Kistner and Dr. Andrew DiBartolomeo. The board established awards in 2007 in honor of individuals who are recognized as being trailblazers and advocates in the mental health and addiction services field. [More...](#)

MEDICAL MARIJUANA ADVOCATES' HOPE RENEWED

The federal government's recent decision to ease up on prosecuting patients using medical marijuana has brought hope to activists in Ohio seeking a medical marijuana law. But getting lawmakers here to approve therapeutic marijuana use promises to be an uphill battle. [More...](#)

SIX PEOPLE GET STAR TREATMENT FROM JUDGE

Six people who have been charged through the county Municipal Court pledged Friday to take charge of their mental illnesses and responsibility for their actions. The second class of the Successful Treatment And Recovery (STAR) program, which was enacted in January 2007 by Judge Carol Robb, graduated Friday, each giving personal testimony of how the program has changed him or her for the better. Defendants who complete the intense probation program's requirements must then go on non-reporting probation for one year but otherwise have their fines and jail sentences excused. A total of 38 defendants have entered the program and, as of Friday, 10 have completed it. [More...](#)

JUDGE WEIGHS REDUCED SECURITY FOR COP KILLER WHO IS MENTALLY ILL

A judge must determine whether to grant more freedom to a Cleveland cop killer whose psychosis has been under control with medication for the 32 years he has spent in state hospitals. Dozens of police officers packed the courtroom of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge David Matia on Friday morning, in opposition of Anthony Roden's permanent transfer from Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare to a residential treatment facility. [More...](#)

UNION COUNTY SEEKING A MENTAL-HEALTH LEVY

When the state budget ripped about \$600,000 from Union County mental-health programs, local officials had only a few weeks to decide whether to ask voters for help. For Mike Witzky, director of the Union County Mental Health and Recovery Board, there was no choice. So he crunched the numbers and was able to secure the backing of the Union County commissioners to get a tax issue on the ballot. [More...](#)

SOBER POLICY ON POT

Jittery medical marijuana users can stop looking over their shoulders. The Obama Administration has, finally, instructed federal authorities to stop arresting folks for medical consumption of pot. During the Bush years, Americans suffering various maladies in 13 states with medical marijuana laws on the books had good reason to be paranoid. Federal agents were zealous about enforcing federal anti-marijuana laws even when state governments from California to Rhode Island approved its limited and controlled use. [More...](#)

WRONG-WAY DUI DRIVER ORDERED INTO DRUG REHAB

A judge ordered drug treatment instead of prison time for a woman who drove drunk the wrong way on I-71 on New Year's Day with her toddler in the back seat. Lindsey J. Thompson, 24, of Columbus, pleaded guilty on Friday to one count of cocaine possession at the time of the arrest. Delaware County Common Pleas Judge W. Duncan Whitney said he will drop the felony drug charge if she completes a drug-treatment program. [More...](#)

QUESTIONS LINGER IN INMATE'S HANGING DEATH

One year after he was found dead in a Newton Falls holding cell, Zackary Dunn's mother said she still is not satisfied with the investigation that ruled Dunn's death a suicide that could not have been prevented. Traci Martinez of Florida said she wants the investigation into her son's death reopened, saying that her son could not have hanged himself if he was found with wrists and ankles bound, as the coroner reported. [More...](#)

JUDGE'S DAUGHTER FACES DRUG CHARGE

Union County Common Pleas Judge Don Fraser has watched many an accused drug user pass through his court, and he's tried to levy justice and help them. Since taking office in February, Fraser has spoken often about how heroin in particular has a stranglehold on his community, and how local officials have been right to organize a task force to tackle it. But now, the drug problem has reached Fraser's own home. [More...](#)

ATTORNEY GENERAL ENDORSES VA HOSPITAL PROPOSAL

Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray has asked the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to transform the former Doctors Hospital in Perry Township into a full service veterans hospital. "By incorporating the Doctors Hospital facility, you would make available an additional option for veterans on the east side of the state who now must drive to Ohio's northern border to receive care in Cleveland," Cordray wrote in an Oct. 19 letter to VA Secretary Eric Shinseki. [More...](#)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS: HELP IS AVAILABLE

Debra Fears is an advocate to those suffering from domestic violence and even serves on the board of an agency offering help to domestic-violence victims. But a mere three years ago, the advocate was the victim. With October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, domestic-violence counselors and local police want the public to hear similar stories and know that there is help for the abused.

[More...](#)

TEEN MOM RECLAIMS HER FUTURE WITH HELP OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROGRAM

Lakeisha Piner stood before a small auditorium full of people Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, with a dozen roses in her right arm and her 9-month-old son, Kei-Von perched on her left hip. "Thanks everybody for helping me see a brighter future," an emotional Piner told the applauding crowd. Piner certainly needed help when she entered the juvenile court system as a teen. [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>

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (GOFBCI) ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF THE TOGETHER OHIO FAMILY SUPPORT FUND REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (RFGA)

Deadline: November 24, 2009

Through this RFGA, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), on behalf of GOFBCI, is soliciting proposals from qualified organizations who will implement innovative and effective anti-poverty programs aimed at reducing the incidence of poverty by leveraging the informal supports of families and community members. These programs will support local efforts that work with low-income and middle-class families to build relationships across socioeconomic class lines in order to realize more positive outcomes for families living in poverty. By bridging the gap between middle-class Ohioans and families living in poverty, middle-class Ohioans develop a deeper understanding of the realities of living in poverty while low-income families gain access to wider networks of support as they work to move out of poverty.

Click here to view the full RFGA:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/R1011218028.stm>

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.jkLXJ8MQKrH/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

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/>

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>

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 responsibility 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."

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.

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 Education 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.

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 14TH ANNUAL BISC-MI FALL 2009 CONFERENCE

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

Location: Battle Creek, Michigan

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

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.

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 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

SAVE THE DATE - 18TH ANNUAL ICCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dates: October 31-1, 2010

Location: Louisville, KY

<http://www.iccaweb.org>

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – OHIO EMPOWERMENT COALITION

Experience as Chief Executive Officer or equivalent in providing effective, progressive management in nonprofit environments. Proven ability to manage and direct all activities of the Ohio Empowerment Coalition. Previous personal experience in the mental health system preferred. Candidate must be a voice for Ohioans labeled with a mental illness. Be willing to work with affiliates and consumer operated services in all 88 counties. Promote and demonstrate recovery, resiliency and advocacy. Develop a shared vision for a statewide consumer advocacy organization. Bilingual is a plus. Competitive salary and benefits based on experience and qualifications. FT based in Columbus. Resume may be submitted to oecc@themainplace.org Applications accepted from 10/25/09 to 11/09/09. Due to technical error this is a duplicate ad and anyone who previously submitted a resume should do so again. EOE. This listing brought to you by The Columbus Dispatch and www.columbusjobs.com/monster.

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