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SAVE THE DATE!

2010 OSDPN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 18, 2010
Location: Doubletree Hotel – Worthington

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.

2010 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

- February 1
- April 26
- July 26
- October 25

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.](#)

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

More than 350 professionals involved in specialized dockets in courts across Ohio met Thursday in Worthington for training sessions and to learn innovative and effective strategies from each other. The sixth annual conference of the Ohio Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network included national speakers and 22 workshops on a variety of topics such as mental health services for veterans, domestic violence offender accountability, adult and juvenile re-entry issues, and medication assistance for opioid treatment. [More...](#)

CITY POISED TO GO AFTER OPEN AIR DRUG MARKETS

In an effort to cleaning up some neighborhoods through eliminating known open air drug markets and drug related crime in Middletown, the city will implement a drug market intervention strategy in the next few weeks. According to Doug Adkins, the city's community revitalization director and former city prosecutor, said the community drug intervention programs was pioneered in High Point, N.C. in 2004. [More...](#)

JUSTICE SUMMIT

One would think with last week's sales tax victory, Hancock County officials, judges included, would be in a good mood. But that didn't appear to be the case at Thursday's summit at Owens Community College, where Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph Niemeyer painted a rather gloomy picture of the criminal justice system. With 10 percent budget cuts ahead in 2010 and heroin creeping into the community, Niemeyer urged those in attendance, and those who weren't, to engage in discussions about how to deal with a rising crime rate. [More...](#)

JUDGE: HEROIN USE ON THE RISE

Heroin use is on the rise in Hancock County, according to a county common pleas court judge. "This community has now graduated from marijuana to cocaine to crack cocaine to methamphetamines and now kids, juveniles and young adults are putting heroin into their bodies through injection," said Hancock County Common Pleas Judge Joseph Niemeyer. [More...](#)

COUNTY TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO KEEP OFFENDERS OUT OF JAIL

Licking County Adult Court Services will receive \$92,500 in additional state funding to keep Licking County offenders out of jail and prison. Court services will receive a \$60,000 boost to its \$213,589 appropriation for prison diversion and a \$32,500 increase to its \$50,590 for jail diversion, chief probation officer Kelly Miller said. Current appropriations fund 4 1/2 positions. [More...](#)

GRANTS AWARDED

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) has been awarded nine grants totaling more than \$3.3 million from the U.S. Department of Justice to carry out projects related to court performance and organization as well as court response to issues like domestic violence and elder abuse. The majority of the funding, which came from various offices and bureaus with the Department of Justice, is for fiscal 2010. "In order for our nation's courts to continue serving the public effectively and efficiently, they must have access to tools, information, and expert technical assistance," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "The funding that the National Center has received will assist us in providing those elements, along with leadership and service, to state courts." The projects will be implemented by the National Center's Research Division with assistance from NCSC's educational arm, the Institute for Court Management. On several of the projects, the National Center will collaborate with other justice organizations, including the Conference of Chief Justices, Conference of State Court Administrators, the Center for Court Innovation, and SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. The grant names, amounts, and awarding bureaus or offices are as follows:

- **Translating Drug Court Research into Practice** — \$499,536
Bureau of Justice Assistance

- **A Curriculum to Promote High-Performing Courts** — \$450,000
Bureau of Justice Assistance
- **A Comprehensive Evaluation of the Red Hook Community Court** — \$438,065
National Institute of Justice
- **Court Statistics Project 2009** — \$414,962
Bureau of Justice Statistics
- **National Leadership Summit on State Court Responses to Domestic Violence** —
\$399,963
Office on Violence Against Women
- **National Instant Criminal Background Check System State Records Estimates
Development and Validation Project** — \$399,694
Bureau of Justice Statistics
- **State Court Organization 2009** — \$375,559
Bureau of Justice Statistics
- **Risk and Needs Assessment Instruments: A Guide to Courts** — \$264,747
Bureau of Justice Assistance
- **Elder Abuse Toolkit for the Courts** — \$149,555
Bureau of Justice Assistance

The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit court reform organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. The National Center, founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, provides education, training, and technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.

FUNDING

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

SAMHSA WILL PROVIDE \$39.6 MILLION TO SUPPORT JUVENILE AND ADULT REENTRY AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Deadline: January 19, 2010

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is currently accepting [applications](#) for the Offender Reentry Program. The purpose of the program is to expand or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses. Programs should help those who have been incarcerated make a stable transition back to the community, provide treatment for drug and alcohol abusers, and reduce future offending. Grants will be awarded through SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, for fiscal year 2010. The deadline for submitting applications is January 19. The full [grant announcement](#) is available online.

Resources:

Read the full grant announcement online at www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-006.aspx.

For more information about SAMHSA, go to www.samhsa.gov.

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

INTERNATIONAL CIT CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

The First International CIT Conference will be held in San Antonio, TX June 1-3 2010. The conference is formerly known as the National CIT Conference. To see the Save the Date announcement, visit the [NAMI website](#). To learn more about submitting a proposal to present at the conference, please see the [Call for Papers](#). The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010. For more information, contact: ICITCallforpapers@chcsbc.org or (210) 358-6919.

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

OHIO SUICIDE PREVENTION - 6TH ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION CONFERENCE

Date: December 2, 2009
Location: Holiday Inn Hotel - Columbus/Worthington
Website: <http://www.ohiospf.org/node/377>

ODVN TRAINING: TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM SETTING

Date: December 3-4, 2009
Location: Delaware, Ohio
Website: [www.odvn.org/PDFs/Trauma and Mental Health Nov 2009.pdf](http://www.odvn.org/PDFs/Trauma%20and%20Mental%20Health%20Nov%202009.pdf)

This two day training focuses on skill building for advocates, students, and other professionals and volunteers who are or will be working in a domestic violence program setting. Day one focuses on using trauma as a lens when working with domestic violence survivors, understanding trauma and how survivors react to many situations. Day two introduces advocates to basic information about mental health. Participants will be encouraged and challenged to shed some of their preconceived notions about mental health and enhance their advocacy skills in a fun and supportive environment.

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.

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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."

FREE WEBINAR: MASCULINITY, SEX, AND HIP-HOP

Date: Monday, December 7, 2009
Time: This ninety-minute session will start at 11 AM Pacific Standard Time
Website: <http://www.preventconnect.org>

Join author [Shira Tarrant](#) and filmmaker [Byron Hurt](#) for a discussion about masculinity, sexuality, pop culture, and men's crucial role in the prevention of sexual violence and abuse. Shira Tarrant is author of *Men and Feminism* (Seal Press) and editor of *Men Speak Out: Views on Gender, Sex and Power* (Routledge). Byron Hurt is director of the award-winning film *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* and contributing author to several anthologies, including *Men Speak Out*.

CHILDREN 2010: LEADING A NEW ERA

Date: January 25–27, 2010
Location: Washington, DC
Website: www.cwla.org/conferences

Child welfare professionals will offer sessions on a variety of topics, including foster care, adoption, juvenile justice, crime prevention, early intervention, and mental health. The conference also provides interactive workshops and technology demonstrations to educate the child welfare community.

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

The National Center for DWI Courts is proud to announce the publication of the latest edition of [*The DWI Court Reporter*](#), a newsletter dedicated solely to DWI Courts. This publication is not only for those active in DWI courts, but anyone interested in DWI Courts or considering starting one. Please feel free to forward this link to anyone you feel might be interested.

[Click here to view The DWI Court Reporter](#)

CSG JUSTICE CENTER UNVEILS FEDERAL ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVING RESPONSES TO CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center announced at a Capitol Hill briefing today the release of *Children of Incarcerated Parents: An Action Plan for Federal Policymakers*. The plan outlines promising practices and 70-plus recommendations for improving outcomes for the more than 1.7 million children of incarcerated parents. Supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Open Society Institute, the publication reflects the work of an advisory board of criminal justice and child welfare experts, representatives of community-based organizations, and a bipartisan group of state and local government officials. “When parents are incarcerated, the impact on their children can be devastating,” said advisory board co-chair and Michigan State Senator Alan Cropsey. “There is so much we can do—from arrest to reentry—that can reduce the trauma for children and help ensure that their needs, and those of their caregivers, are being met. At last, that information is captured in this plan.”

Among the federal action plan's recommendations are those that urge policymakers to

- create federal interagency task forces and develop cross-system collaborations that address the risk factors of children of incarcerated parents and better link them to services;
- support new policies and practices in the criminal justice system that address trauma associated with a parent's arrest and their incarceration, which is often many miles from where a child is living;
- encourage measures that facilitate visitation when in the best interests of the child and promote permanence that takes into account siblings and other important relationships;
- address federal and state measures that make it more difficult for caregivers to obtain benefits and support for these children.

“Corrections, child welfare, and other agencies that encounter children of incarcerated parents can better coordinate their efforts to provide the care and services they need,” said advisory board co-chair Robin Arnold-Williams, Director, Executive Policy Office of Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire. “The Justice Center partnered with leaders in the field to ensure the action plan guides policymakers on the best strategies to ensure that these children are safe and secure. It is one of the most comprehensive summaries of key policy changes needed for this vulnerable population.”

Copies of the plan can be downloaded for free at

http://www.reentrypolicy.org/jc_publications/federa_action_plan_version_id=55173&return_url=/admin/jc_publications/36506%3Fversion_id=55173

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