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June 17, 2011

2011 OSDPN MEETINGS & RSVP

THE OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK

With over 140 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.

2011 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

All meetings are 10:00am – 2:00pm and at the [Judicial Center](#) unless noted otherwise.

Judges	Nov. 16 – Worthington Doubletree Suites (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	*Send your RSVP to: Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov
Program Coordinators	June 10 → Rescheduled to June 23 September 22 *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	*Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov
Probation Officers	June 30 October 7 *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov

SAVE THE DATE!

2011 OSDPN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 17, 2011

Location: Doubletree Hotel – Worthington

The 2011 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 350 attendees from throughout the state, providing participants access to open communication and promoting relationships among professionals across county lines.

2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2011 *Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

September 1, 2011

All meetings are from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Ohio Judicial Center.

For directions to the Court, please visit our [website](#).

2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE COURTS MEETING DATES

The 2011 *Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)* meetings are scheduled as follows:

September 26, 2011

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

DRUG COURT SUCCESSES: ADDICTS TURN LIVES AROUND WITH HELP FROM DRUG COURT BOARD

Six people were presented with certificates as they completed the Scioto County Drug Court program Thursday morning in the courtroom of Scioto County Common Pleas Court Judge William T. Marshall. Each new graduate stepped to the podium and told his or her story and thanked the drug court team for their help. As each received their certificate they were cheered by family and friends.

[More....](#)

JUDGES PURSUING 3-YEAR DRUG COURT GRANT

The Ross County Court of Commons Pleas is hoping to receive a three-year grant to start a drug court. Judge Mike Ater went to the Ross County Commissioners Monday looking for support before sending in the federal grant application because the overall \$350,000 grant would require a 25 percent match if received. [More...](#)

A CASE OF COST AND MORAL OBLIGATION

"I sentence the defendant to two years of rape for the crime of . . ." You can be assured you'll never hear a sentence like that delivered from any bench. Ever. And yet, year after year, thousands of men, women and juveniles emerge from America's prisons and jails having served time for their misdeeds — plus a side sentence that never appeared on any document, delivered sometimes by staff, and sometimes by fellow inmates: rape. [More...](#)

YOUTH-LED PREVENTION PSA CONTEST

Do you have a mission and a message that you want your community and the entire State of Ohio to receive about prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) drug abuse prevention? If so, here is your chance to make that happen. The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) Division of Prevention Services has announced the first-annual ODADAS PSA (public service announcement) Contest. The goal is for youth of Ohio to address prescription or over-the-counter drug abuse prevention through PSAs that will educate, motivate and call viewers to action! The PSAs will be uploaded to the ODADAS [Facebook page](#) where they will be voted on by the number of people who "like" the PSA. The PSAs also will be reviewed by the OPEC Planning Committee, which includes representatives from ODADAS and the Ohio Department of Education, who will make the final determination of the winning PSA. The winner will be announced and recognized at the 2011 Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC). The winner will work with the ODADAS Office of Communications to potentially have the winning PSA aired in their local market. It also will be featured on the ODADAS web site, Facebook and YouTube pages. All entries must be submitted by October 7, 2011. For more information about the ODADAS Youth-led Prevention PSA Contest, click [here](#).

SHOULD SENATE PASS REFORMS OF JUVENILE-JUSTICE SYSTEM? YES

Getting tough on crime means being smart on crime, and the Ohio House of Representatives took a giant step forward by approving changes to the state's system of juvenile justice that will give more youths a chance to reclaim their lives, and save taxpayers millions of dollars in the process. Now it is up to the state Senate to embrace the provisions of House Bill 86 and send it on to Gov. John Kasich. It is the right thing to do for youths, for public safety, for communities and for state finances.

[More....](#)

SHOULD SENATE PASS REFORMS OF JUVENILE-JUSTICE SYSTEM? NO

The fundamental purposes of the juvenile-justice system in Ohio are to protect the public, hold juveniles accountable for their criminal conduct, protect victims' rights, rehabilitate the juvenile, if possible, and provide for their protection and care when necessary. [More...](#)

ROLLOUT OF BREATH TESTER HITS LEGAL SNAG

State officials cannot prove that a portable breath tester intended to be the statewide standard for the quick detection and arrest of drunken drivers produces accurate and reliable results, a judge has ruled. [More...](#)

WEBINARS

TUNE IN ON TUESDAYS - WEBINAR SERIES FROM THE NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE (NDCI)

Stay up to date and learn from experts in the field with the Tune in on Tuesdays webinar series. NDCI features an expert led webinar one Tuesday per month at 2:00 p.m. EST. Join them live or feel free to watch one of their recorded presentations at your own leisure. Recorded presentations can be viewed by going to the "[recorded webinars](#)" page and clicking on the link of the webinar you wish to view.

SUSTAINABILITY

Date: June 28, 2011 2:00 pm EST

Presented by: Meghan Wheeler

Sustainability must be the focus of every member of the Drug Court team and it is vital to have a comprehensive funding strategy to ensure long-term survival. This webinar will identify various types of funding available to Drug Courts and identify the range of resources and options to support Drug Courts.

[Click Here to Register](#)

THE EFFECTIVE USE OF URINE CREATININE MEASUREMENTS IN ABSTINENCE MONITORING

Date: July 5, 2011 2:00 pm EST

Presented by: Paul Cary

The most common form of urine specimen tampering in Drug Court is sample dilution. The most effective strategy for combating this tampering technique is testing for urine creatinine. This webinar will focus on the importance of urine creatinine measurements and interpretation of creatinine results. Specific gravity, inadvertent dilutes, high creatinine levels, medical conditions effecting creatinine and creatinine sanctioning options will be discussed.

[Click here to register](#)

FUNDING

SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY PROGRAM FOR ADULT OFFENDERS WITH CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS FY 2011 COMPETITIVE GRANT

DEADLINE: June 23, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

OVERVIEW: The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all offenders incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. The Second Chance Act helps to ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: States, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).

AWARD INFORMATION: Awards will be for a period of 24 months. Contingent upon the availability of funds and the number of adult offenders projected to be served, awards of up to \$600,000 each are expected to be made.

CONTACT: BJA Justice Information Center at (877)-927-5657, JIC@telesishq.com, or by live web chat. The BJA Justice Information Center hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

ANNOUNCEMENT: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11SCACoOccurringDisordersSol.pdf>

SOLICITATION RELEASED FOR SCA JUVENILE PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Deadline: July 11, 2011

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently released the solicitation for Second Chance Act grant applications to state and local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes for juvenile reentry planning and demonstration projects (Section 101 of Public Law 110-199). This funding is available to help jurisdictions plan and implement programs and strategies to reduce recidivism and ensure safe and successful reentry of juveniles released from prisons, jails, and juvenile detention facilities back to the community. The deadline for submitting an application is **July 11, 2011 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. To download the solicitation, click [here](#) To help potential applicants respond to this solicitation, the National Reentry Resource Center will hold a free webinar on Monday, June 20th at 3:00 p.m. ET. Representatives from OJJDP will explain the details of the solicitation and answer questions from applicants. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

FAMILY DRUG COURT GRANT SOLICITATION RELEASED APPLY TODAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Deadline: Applications must be received by June 20, 2011

The U. S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has released the 2011 grant solicitation for Family Drug Courts. The OJJDP Family Drug Courts Program builds the capacity of states, state and local courts, units of local government, and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments to either implement new Drug Courts or enhance pre-existing Drug Courts for individuals with substance abuse disorders or substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders who are involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse, neglect, and other parenting issues.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY](#)
[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

EDUCATION, COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DIVERSITY/FAIRNESS FOCUS

Deadline: Ongoing

The Darden Restaurant Foundation (DRF), affiliated with the company that owns Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants, offers an array of community-based grants for the improvement of K-12 education. Darden makes grants in communities where it has facilities. Because they have operations across the country, chances are good there will be a facility in your back yard. Projects should meet community needs as well as emphasize diversity and fairness. Be aware that foundation board meetings are held quarterly in August, November, February and May. If you have a time sensitive project, it's best to check with DRF to see how much lead time they need for a grant application. Information: Bob McAdam, Senior Vice President, Community Affairs, 407/245-5366; http://www.darden.com/com_overview_mission.asp

GENERAL YOUTH FUNDING

Deadline: Rolling

Summary: Most of the work the Annie E. Casey Foundation supports takes the form of multi-year, multi-site, foundation-based projects. However, the foundation, which focuses on helping vulnerable and at-risk children, youth and their families, does not discourage interested organizations from submitting letter of inquiry when looking for grants. Founded in 1948, the primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of vulnerable children and families. It is the 15th largest private foundation in the United States, with assets of more than \$3 billion, and ranks 20th in the nation for charitable giving.

Website: www.aecf.org

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.

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.

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").

SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Deadline: Varies by Program

The National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund (NNEDVF) teams up with the Allstate Foundation to support NNEDVF grants to aid domestic violence survivors. The program supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose core mission is to serve or represent victims of domestic violence and their children. The effort also provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence (women and their families) to help them achieve their educational and job related goals. Any

survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply; however, the application must be completed by a local domestic violence program or coalition to be accepted. Applications will be assessed based on the need. There are a variety of grants available such as one that works through state coalitions to train advocates and encourage economic independence from abusers. Information: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/domestic-violence-grants.aspx> or 202/543-5566.

OHIO TRAININGS

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

OCJS is hosting several free Grant Writing Seminars. The 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 date:

July 21: Incorporating Evidence-Based Practices

August 18: Grant Writing Seminar

September 22: Grant Writing Seminar

October 12: Designing and Effective Evaluation Strategy

December 14: Understanding Cost Benefit Analysis

All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 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 registration form, visit:

http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_TrainingForm.pdf

CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

The CARE training session(s) will help you increase your knowledge and understanding about the impact of cultural practices and beliefs on the patient/client - provider relationship, and provide opportunities for developing strategies to strengthen your cross-cultural skills. The training is targeted to behavioral/health care and human services professionals, as well as others who are interested in learning more about how to better serve the needs of our community's diverse populations. The cost of the CARE training Level I (3 hour session) is \$35 for MACC members and \$45 for non-members and CARE Level II (8 hours) is \$120 and \$150 accordingly. CEU's are available for RNs/LPNs and LSWs/LISWs; application has been made for CEU's for Counseling and Ohio Chemical Dependency professionals. For more information about CARE trainings [click here](#).

FIRST RESPONDER TO SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAINING

This training will include presentations on interacting with the SANE and victim advocate; conducting victim interviews; processing crime scenes and suspect kits; and utilizing BCI's CHASE information system. This course is presented by: The Ohio Attorney General's Crime Victims Section, The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, and The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Featured Instructor at all locations: Victim Advocate, Cindy Kuhr

Course date(s)	Course number	Location	LE cost	Private security cost	Register
June 24, 2011	53-550-11-01	Richfield	Free	Free	<u>Register</u>
July 13, 2011	03-550-11-01	Regional	Free	Free	<u>Register</u>
August 18, 2011	03-550-11-02	Regional	Free	Free	<u>Register</u>
September 13, 2011	03-550-11-03	Regional	Free	Free	<u>Register</u>

YOUTH TO YOUTH 2011 SUMMER TRAINING CONFERENCE SERIES

Dates: June 18-21, 2011

Location: Columbus, Ohio

For more information, visit: <http://www.youthtoyouth.net/>

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EDUCATION IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Date: June 20 – 23, 2011

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Additional details about the training, trainer bios, and more at: www.tri-c.edu/GIRC

2011 OHIO'S SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PARTNERS LUNCHEON

Date: June 29, 2011

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Columbus, Ohio

To register, click [here](#).

2011 SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION CONFERENCE: STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING YOUTH

Dates: June 29-30, 2011

Location: Dublin, Ohio

This Conference is for ODH funded prevention educators, domestic and sexual violence advocates and prevention educators, intervention specialists, social workers, counselors, healthcare providers, community partners, and allied professionals will find this conference a valuable learning experience. More information to follow at www.oaesv.org

ANNUAL ODVN CONFERENCE

Date: September 22-23, 2011

Location: Mid-Ohio Food Bank in Columbus, Ohio

Turning Points is a nonviolence curriculum for women who have used force in their intimate relationship. The groups help women understand the connection between the violence they experience and the violence they use.

The curriculum consists of:

- Nine segments that provide the focus for group sessions
- Video clips of 11 women who have used force to facilitate discussion
- 15 vignettes that re-enact stories of women who have used force, these vignettes help facilitators break down the violence and identify what needs to be changed
- Group exercises that can be modified to fit experiences of your group members

Training will provide:

- subject content
- education on the facilitator role
- education on relationship between facilitator and group members
- tips on how to use vignettes and themes from women's discussions to facilitate group discussions

· hands on exposure to facilitating groups

Full Curriculum is NOT provided but may be purchased through Turning Points (\$450.00 for first copy and \$350.00 for additional copies).

Registration: June 9, 2011—September 1, 2011 or until full

To register, go to www.odvn.org

Registration confirmation will be sent to you via e-mail within a week of registration.

Questions? Contact Celeste at celestew@odvn.org

**SAVE-THE-DATE: “Informing Cultural Competence through Research and Best Practices—
Eliminating Disparities across Systems”**

Dates: September 28-30, 2011

Location: Embassy Suites, Columbus

A Partnership of the Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence and the National Leadership Council on African American Behavioral Health.

ONLINE COURSES TRAIN JUVENILE JUSTICE MANAGERS

The [National Juvenile Court Services Association](#) has designed an online training curriculum to train juvenile justice managers. Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Professional Juvenile Justice Manager (PJMM) certificate program includes [a series of online courses](#). Students will spend two weeks on each course, working on basic lecture material, specialized readings, and self-assessment questions.

The program is designed to train staff and to provide certification for supervisors currently in the field. Those who successfully complete the program will receive certification from the American Probation and Parole Association. Resources: To access a list of PJMM courses and register online, visit www.njcsacertification.org/course/ca_tegory.php?id=29.

2011 NAMI CONVENTION

Dates: July 6-9, 2011

Location: Chicago

For more information, go [here](#).

NADCP 17TH ANNUAL DRUG COURT TRAINING CONFERENCE:

"All Rise: Carrying the Message of Recovery From Your Court to the Nation's Capital"

Date: July 17-20, 2011

Location: Washington, DC

Choose from over 20 tracks and 175 sessions.

- Participate in the largest ever [Drug Court rally](#) in front of the U.S. Capitol Building.
- Earn CLE/CJE/CEU credits.
- Get the best in Drug Court products and services at the [All Rise Expo](#).
- Learn from world renowned speakers and dignitaries.
- Meet surprise celebrity guests and enjoy world class entertainment.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!](#)

AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION TO HOST TRAINING INSTITUTE IN CHICAGO

Dates: July 24–27, 2011

Location: Chicago, IL

The American Probation and Parole Association will hold [its 36th Annual Training Institute](#), featuring more than 60 workshops for community corrections professionals. Workshops topics include disproportionate minority contact, mentally ill offenders and community corrections, law enforcement traumas, electronic monitoring in domestic violence cases, juvenile reentry, overcoming barriers in management, and more.

Registration is available [online](#).

JOYFIELDS INSTITUTE'S "HUMAN SERVICES" WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE

Dates: July 27 - 29, 2011

Location: San Francisco, CA, USA

[View Details >>](#)

[Reserve your slot >>](#)

Theme focuses on "**Evidence-based & Strength-centered Practices for Effective Case Planning, Management and Services Delivery**". It is designed to equip you and your teams to meet or exceed government requirements, deliver on outcome goals, fund and sustain your program. Join an expert faculty, practitioners and peers

- Full-Day Pre-Conference Workshops, plus
- 2 Conference Days of Top Experts & Practitioner talks
- Current requirements, Trends & skills building

- Tools & Resources
- Earn up to 18 CE Training Hours
- Networking with peers, and much more

Seating is limited. [Reserve your slot now >>](#)

Questions or need assistance, please call 770-409-8780 or send email to yvette@joyfields.org.

SAVE THE DATE! THE 2011 NATIONAL FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Dates: July 31-August 2

Location: Hyatt Regency Jersey City, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The theme of this year's National Forum is "*Vision of the Future of Justice: Better, Smarter, Safer.*" What does the future of criminal justice and public safety look like? In tight budget times, programs and technologies must evolve so better projects and smarter technologies work together to make communities safer. This vision requires cost-effective initiatives with proven results, innovative evidence based programs and strategic collaboration to accomplish the singular goal of keeping our communities safe. [More...](#)

SAVE THE DATE: CIT International Conference

Dates: Sept. 12 - 14, 2011

Location: Virginia Beach, VA

Go to: www.citi2011.com

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR JUVENILE SERVICES TO HIGHLIGHT SYSTEM REFORM

Date: October 16–19, 2011

Location: Indianapolis, IN

The National Partnership for Juvenile Services will host a national symposium on "[Representing America's Youth: System Reformation and Professional Renewal.](#)" Focus groups and policy discussions will highlight topics such as juvenile corrections and detention, educating youth in confinement, community-based care, residential care, mental health care issues in juvenile justice, and more.

Registration is available [online](#).

THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS - A PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS

The military uses SITREPs, or Situation Reports, to keep personnel apprised of what is occurring in and around military units. Justice For Vets uses the same tool to keep you informed of important Veterans Treatment Court news, legislation, media coverage, resources, funding opportunities, special events and more. Visit www.JusticeForVets.org, the National Clearinghouse for Veterans Treatment Courts, anytime for the latest information on Veterans Treatment Courts.

FROM PROTECTION TO PUNISHMENT: POST-CONVICTION BARRIERS TO JUSTICE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR-DEFENDANTS IN NEW YORK STATE

Report Issued by the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School and the Women in Prison Project of the Correctional Association of New York

The Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School and the Women in Prison Project of the Correctional Association of New York announce the release of a new study on the barriers to justice faced by women survivor-defendants in New York State: “[*From Protection to Punishment: Post-Conviction Barriers to Justice for Domestic Violence Survivor-Defendants in New York State.*](#)”

According to Sital Kalantry, Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School, “The report released today provides comprehensive qualitative and quantitative evidence to expose the tragic and little understood reality facing survivor-defendants in their interaction with the criminal justice system in New York.”

“New York State has an obligation under international law to respect the human rights of survivor-defendants by taking their experiences of abuse into account. The reforms recommended by the report would help New York to realize this international law obligation and to ensure that survivors are treated with fairness and dignity,” said Elizabeth Brundige, Associate Director of the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School, Adjunct Professor Law, and co-author of the report.

Key recommendations of the Report include:

- Allowing judges to sentence domestic violence survivors convicted of crimes directly related to abuse to shorter prison terms and, in some cases, to community-based alternatives to incarceration.
- Providing domestic violence survivors currently in prison the opportunity to appeal to the courts for re-sentencing.
- Allocating funds to expand and establish more alternative-to-incarceration, court advocacy and re-entry programs specifically designed to meet the needs of survivor-defendants.
- Allowing individuals incarcerated for violent crimes, including domestic violence survivors, to earn merit time credits and expanding eligibility for temporary work release.
- Allowing individuals incarcerated for violent offenses, including domestic violence survivors, to have parole release decisions about them made not solely on the nature of the offense for which they are incarcerated but with appropriate weight given to their institutional confinement record and actual public safety risk.

The Report also suggests that the DV Survivors Justice Act, a bill pending in the New York state legislature, is an important way to address some of the major challenges facing survivor-defendants in obtaining justice. Today, over 140 people representing more than 100 organizations across the state will travel to Albany to urge legislators to pass the Act. According to Tamar Kraft-Stolar, Director of the Women in Prison Project at the Correctional Association of New York and co-author of the report, “The DV Survivors Justice Act, which allows judges to send survivors who act to protect

themselves to community-based alternative programs instead of prison, will help reverse the state's misguided and unjust practice of doling out harsh punishments to survivor-defendants instead of providing the assistance and support they need and deserve."

Access a full copy of the report and related information at the following link:

<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/womenandjustice/Avon-Global-Center-investigates-failures-to-secure-justice-for-domestic-violence-survivor-defendants-in-New-York-State.cfm>

YOUTH-LED PREVENTION PSA CONTEST

Do you have a mission and a message that you want your community and the entire State of Ohio to receive about prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) drug abuse prevention? If so, here is your chance to make that happen. The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) Division of Prevention Services has announced the first-annual ODADAS PSA (public service announcement) Contest. The goal is for youth of Ohio to address prescription or over-the-counter drug abuse prevention through PSAs that will educate, motivate and call viewers to action! The PSAs will be uploaded to the ODADAS [Facebook page](#) where they will be voted on by the number of people who "like" the PSA. The PSAs also will be reviewed by the OPEC Planning Committee, which includes representatives from ODADAS and the Ohio Department of Education, who will make the final determination of the winning PSA. The winner will be announced and recognized at the 2011 Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC). The winner will work with the ODADAS Office of Communications to potentially have the winning PSA aired in their local market. It also will be featured on the ODADAS web site, Facebook and YouTube pages. All entries must be submitted by October 7, 2011. For more information about the ODADAS Youth-led Prevention PSA Contest, click [here](#).

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