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### 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	<b>Nov. 16 – Worthington Doubletree Suites</b> (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	<b>*Send your RSVP to:</b> <a href="mailto:Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov">Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov</a>
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### 2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

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

**November 30, 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](#).

### THE NEW SPECIALIZED DOCKETS STANDARDS

#### SUPREME COURT ADOPTS SPECIALIZED DOCKETS STANDARDS

The Supreme Court of Ohio has adopted a new rule that allows local courts to receive Supreme Court certification of a specialized docket. The rule takes effect on Jan. 1, 2013. The rule allows a court operating or establishing a particular session of court to apply for certification of the session from the Supreme Court. The session must offer a therapeutically oriented judicial approach to providing court supervision and appropriate treatment to individuals placed in it. Upon receipt of Supreme Court certification, the session may be referred to as a “specialized docket.” Since the establishment of the Hamilton County Drug Court in 1995, Ohio has been recognized as a national leader in the implementation of specialized dockets. In 2001, the Supreme Court created the Specialized Dockets Section to assist and support local courts in developing specialized programs uniquely tailored to helping specific populations within the court system. Today, there are nearly 150 specialized dockets operating in Ohio including drug courts, mental health courts, re-entry courts, OVI courts, veterans courts, sex offender courts, felony non-support courts and domestic violence courts. The 12 standards included in the newly adopted Rule 36.02 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio are intended to create a minimum level of uniform practices while still allowing courts to tailor operations to meet their local needs. The standards spell out the procedure for certification. They require courts to engage in a planning process for their specialized docket programs, use a non-adversarial approach, hold regular treatment team meetings, and conduct regular status review hearings for individuals placed in the programs. The standards specifically exempt commercial dockets, housing dockets and environmental dockets from the requirements of the rule. [View the complete language of the rule.](#)

### SUMMIT COUNTY DEBUTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FELONY COURT

The state's first court devoted specifically to felonies stemming from domestic violence issues has opened in northeast Ohio. The court in Akron, funded mostly by grants, will handle cases of repeat violent felonies between spouses, former spouses and other couples throughout Summit County. Among charges the court might handle are aggravated arson, rape, aggravated assault, felony menacing by stalking and kidnapping. The court had 15 cases as it opened Oct. 3, Common Pleas Judge Paul Gallagher told the Akron Legal News. Gallagher, who will preside over the court, said he expects to handle at least 350 cases a year. [More...](#)

### MIDDLETOWN COURT WORKING ON HELPING VETERANS

Middletown Municipal Court Judge Mark Wall served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He began his tour with the United States Army south of Saigon, where night fighting and the fear of booby traps were facts of life. Wall is now overseeing a new veterans court in the works as part of Middletown Municipal Court. Officials hope to have the docket certified with the state of Ohio next year. Certification will open the court up to grant funding. [More...](#)

## WEBINARS

### DRUG COURT TREATMENT: APPLYING RESEARCH FINDINGS TO PRACTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2011

**Time:** 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. ET

While an essential premise underlying the 10 Key Components of Adult Drug Courts, the elements constituting effective substance abuse treatment are not widely understood by many drug court practitioners, regardless of their professional discipline. This webinar is designed to provide a basic framework for all drug court practitioners, regardless of discipline as well as policymakers to understand the core elements of evidence-based treatment for substance addiction and their application to drug court program services and practice.

**Presenters:** Caroline Cooper, Associate Director of the Justice Programs Office of the School of Public Affairs at American University

Hon. Stephen V. Manley, Superior Court Judge, Drug Treatment Court and Mental Health Drug Treatment Court, Santa Clara County (San Jose), California

Dr. Roger Peters, Professor, University of South Florida, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy

**Registering for the Webinar:** You must **register to attend the webinar by visiting and completing the registration form**. Upon completion, you will be mailed registration information outlining how to login to the webinar. Registrations will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. It is recommended that you sign-up soon to secure a place.

### NATIONAL TA CENTER WEBINAR SERIES

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health conducts monthly webinars through our National TA Webinar Series. These webinars generally occur on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 PM E.T.

Participation in the webinar series requires that you register using the online registration form below. There are no registration fees to listen to or participate in these webinars.

<http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2011calls.html>

**SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS**

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.

**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](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 15<sup>th</sup> largest private foundation in the United States, with assets of more than \$3 billion, and ranks 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation for charitable giving.

**Website:** [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org)

**BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP HAS SEVERAL FOUNDATIONS AND GIVING PROGRAMS TO FUND CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS; APPLICATION DEADLINE VARIES**

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. awards grants to provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness through several foundations, including the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700016>

**HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Website:** [www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic\\_Grantmaking](http://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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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

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### 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:

#### 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](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](#).

### COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: IDENTIFYING FUNDING RESOURCES

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 - Columbus, OH

**Who should attend:** Personnel from courts operating Specialized Dockets

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio is offering a specialized training on *Cost Benefit Analysis: Identifying Funding Resources* presented by Sharon Schnelle, PH.D. Schnelle works in the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Policy and Research Section, directly overseeing the grant review process, and has worked closely on developing the scoring matrix used by OCJS to score their competitive grant applications.

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[View the brochure](#)

For more information on this event, please contact [Charlsia Brown](#).

### INSIGHT FOR ADVOCATES: THE SCOOP ON NEW ALTERNATIVES IN CPS

**Date:** October 28, 2011

**Location:** Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio

This one day conference is for directors and staff who are expected to lead collaboration and coordination efforts with Child Protective Service agencies.

Conference presenters include: David Mandel, David Mandel and Associates, Grace Mattern, Chair-elect, National Network to End Domestic Violence and former Co-Chair of the National Greenbook Policy Advisory Council and Ohio Domestic Violence Network Staff Members. *This event is supported in part through funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice. Points of view expressed in this event are those of the organizers and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice. Additional Funding provided by Care Source Foundation, HealthPath Foundation of Ohio, and the Ohio Dept. of Jobs & Family Services.* Conference registration is located at [www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE - OFFENDER REENTRY - A COMMUNITY PROCESS: "INVEST NOW OR PAY MORE LATER"**

**Date:** Friday, November 4, 2011  
**Location:** Southern State Community College  
*More information coming soon...*

### **DOCUMENTATION AND COURT: WHAT ADVOCATES NEED TO KNOW**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2011  
**Time:** 9:30 am - 4 pm  
**Location:** London, Ohio  
**Cost:** \$25 for members, \$60 for non-members  
**Who should attend:** shelter based advocates, legal advocates, child advocates, counselors, Clinical Directors, Executive Directors, and anyone who is responsible for documenting the needs and services provided to survivors and their children.

This training is designed to help advocates learn what impact their documentation or lack of documentation can have in a case as well as guidelines for offering fact-based and expert testimony. Presenters will also review best practices for responding to subpoenas and filing motions to quash in civil and criminal cases. Participants will have the opportunity to observe and participate in mock cross examination. The training will be highly interactive and engaging. The presenters will include attorneys working in both the civil and criminal justice systems.

You can register to attend at the ODVN website ([www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org)) under the Training tab or use this link [http://www.odvn.org/index.php?option=com\\_registrationpro&view=event&Itemid=12&did=18](http://www.odvn.org/index.php?option=com_registrationpro&view=event&Itemid=12&did=18)

### **18TH ANNUAL CREATING SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 13-15, 2011  
**Location:** Deer Creek State Park  
Feel free to forward this information to colleagues that work with schools to create Safe Learning Environments.

**AGENDA** <http://www.oacp.org/edu/edu11-15-2011ag.pdf>

**FLYER** <http://www.oacp.org/edu/edu11-15-2011.pdf>

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** <http://www.oacp.org/edu/regonlin.html>

### **DWAVE SEXUAL AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 19, 2011  
**Location:** Columbus, Ohio  
[www.DWAVEohio.org](http://www.DWAVEohio.org) for online registration.

### **SAVE THE DATE - 2011 OHIO HOUSING CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 29-December 1, 2011

### **2011 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (NASW) OHIO CHAPTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Date:** December 2, 2011  
**Location:** Ohio Union, Columbus, OH

**Costs:** \$50 for members, \$75 for non-members, \$25 for students- Cost includes parking  
The conference is a great way to meet your licensure requirements, learn new information, and network with social workers from across the state. The theme of this year's conference is Leadership with Vision as it is essential that social workers operate from an ethical foundation. The conference features keynote presenter Ruth Lipschutz who is the Chairperson of the NASW's National Ethics Committee who will be discussing how ethical leadership is built on the code of ethics. Following her presentation a panel presentation will discuss the obstacles to ethical practice in different types of settings: in private practice, in non-profits, in a government entity, and in Universities. During lunch participants will have the opportunity to visit over thirty vendors who represent employers, MSW programs, and businesses. Following lunch there will be two 1.5 hour breakout sessions on a myriad of topics related to ethical social work practice at all levels- micro, mezzo, and macro. After the conference join us for the President's Reception and Awards Banquet. The conference will also feature poster presentations from students, community members, and faculty/staff. For more information and to register for the conference visit [www.naswoh.org](http://www.naswoh.org)

### **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/category.php?id=29](http://www.njcsacertification.org/course/category.php?id=29).

### **WORKING WITH YOUTH: IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED & STRENGTH-CENTERED PRACTICES TO PREVENT & REDUCE OF YOUTH DELINQUENCY & CRIME**

**Date:** October 31 - Nov. 2, 2011

**Location:** The LUXOR Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

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## RESEARCH & RESOURCES

### **THE CRYIN' HOUSE BRINGS TO LIGHT THE EFFECTS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE TO CHILDREN**

According to [aaets.org](http://aaets.org), over 3 million children are at risk of exposure to parental violence every year. Family violence has many adverse and long-term effects on the victim and even the people who witness the abuse. In her book, *The Cryin' House*, author Dr. Julee S. Poole gives voice to the children who grew up in a violent home environment.

*The Cryin' House* is a poignant reading experience that brings to light the experiences of children who live in a violent home. It explores the pain and suffering that these silent victims have to go through and the dynamics of the family. Readers will be gripped by the dismal reality of violence within the family and its effects on children. At the same time, readers will come to realize that there is hope and something can be done to help the child. This eye-opening read is a gateway for children to explore their feelings and an opportunity for adults to provide effective support.

Although presented in the wrappings of a picture book, there are nuggets of truth embedded beneath the storyline. Poignantly written, *The Cryin' House* not only emphasizes the gravity of family violence, it is a helpful tool for adults to discuss this delicate subject to children. For more information, go to [www.ThePathLifeCoaching.com](http://www.ThePathLifeCoaching.com) and click on *The Cryin' House* tab.

### **RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM STAFF**

The Marriage and Family Counseling Collaborative (MFCC) currently consists of more than 100 individuals from DoD agencies, the Services, the Department of Veteran Affairs, other federal agencies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations and community advocates. Members seek to enhance the resilience, recovery and reintegration of military and veteran families in the areas of: counseling/therapy, psychoeducation, and secondary prevention. The Army MEDCOM's Marriage and Family therapy Program developed the MFCC in the spring of 2010 and has the leadership role in facilitating the work group, but it is an equal participation group. The MFCC has already developed two important Resource Guides: this guide- *Resource Guide for Military and Veteran Domestic Violence Program Staff*, and the more general *Resource Guide for Providers Who Work With Military Families*. In 2011, the MFCC plans to establish a web page on a Web site accessible to all military and civilian providers that will be seen as the "go-to" source of information for providers and support staff for all activities and initiatives related to couples, children, and families. **To download the resource guide, go [here](#).**

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