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2012 OSDPN MEETINGS TBA

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. The 2012 meeting dates will be announced in late January/early February of 2012. 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.

2012 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES ANNOUNCED

The 2012 *Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

January 27, 2012
March 9, 2012

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.](#)

VA ANNOUNCES \$100M FOR VETERAN FAMILIES

Department of Veterans Affairs announced \$100 million in funding available for Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) grants. The SSVF program provides grants to nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives that coordinate or provide services for very low-income Veteran families currently experiencing homelessness, transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing, or who are residing in permanent housing as well as organizations that prevent at-risk Veterans from becoming homeless.

Grant applications are due to the SSVF program office by 4pm Eastern Time on February 15, 2012. This funding is available for both initial and renewal funding for a one-year period.

The SSVF website has information for applicants for both initial and renewal funding, the full NOFA, and a list of workshops being held from December to February on the grant application process.

- [Learn more about the SSVF program and application process](#)

NAMI OHIO CALLS FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH STANDARDS FOR OHIO'S JAILS

Last month, NAMI Ohio had the opportunity to sit down with Gary Mohr, Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and discuss our concerns about several issues. It was a very positive meeting and we came away with the sense that the Director has a keen understanding of the needs of inmates with serious mental illness. One of the issues we raised during the meeting was the need to establish and monitor minimum medical and mental health jail standards. Several years ago, ODRC and the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services undertook an in depth review of Ohio's jails for the purpose of reducing and updating the state's 288 jail standards. This review included hundreds of hours of research, including surveys of inmates, jail staff and others. Once completed, the plan was to develop a list of approximately 50 standards, making it easier for jails to come into compliance with the standards and for the Department to monitor compliance. Unfortunately, due to a lack of resources and staff time, ODRC pulled the plug on the project in January. Recognizing that many of those in Ohio's jails are individuals who, either because of lack of access to mental health services or lack insight into their own illness and do not seek treatment, wind up in jail because of their behavior, NAMI Ohio was very excited about this initiative. For years, we have heard complaints from former inmates and family members about the lack of access to medications and treatment while in jail. Oftentimes, this lack of access has resulted in additional charges due to the inmate's inability to control their behavior. We believed then, as we do now, that improving access to treatment and medications in jail will save lives, reduce injuries, and result in a safer environment for all. NAMI Ohio supports Portage County Sheriff David Doak's request for a state review of his jail in response to the three suicides that have occurred in his jail over the past 18 months. (Follow link below for the article). We also suggest that the state review Licking County's jail, which also has had three suicides in the past year, as well as all the other jails that have experienced suicides over the past

year. Better yet, perhaps the state should finish what it already started (and nearly completed) and review all the jails so we can move forward once and for all with new standards. If we cannot update and monitor all of the standards, then consideration should be given to looking exclusively at the mental health standards until such time as the state can afford to move forward in the other areas. Families, who have come to rely on our state's jail system when the mental health system fails, need to know that their loved ones will be safe from themselves and others. When jail becomes the safety net, the least we can do is make sure it is indeed safe.

http://mobile.cleveland.com/advcleve/db_96779/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pja4obdX

WEBINARS

THE TALE OF TWO BRAINS: RESEARCH VS. MYTH

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST (4:00 p.m. EST, 2:00 p.m. MST, 1:00 p.m. PST)

Guest speaker: Judy Weber

How do we put an end to myths about how the brain learns? "Old school" methodology for teaching and learning may have worked in the past, but technology and science provide us with new methodologies that enable us to be more effective teachers. Join us as we unravel the myths about how the brain learns and discover how learning actually occurs. To register, click [here](#).

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>

FUNDING

NATIONAL BULLYING PROGRAM AWARDS

Apply Now to Have Your Program Nationally Recognized

Deadline: Nominations due by January 10, 2012

Each day an estimated 160,000 students in the United States refuse to go to school because they fear physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the isolation that comes from being the target of rumors and cyber-bullying. Many more attend school in a state of anxiety and depression. Do you know a community, school, or private anti bullying program or initiative doing extraordinary work to prevent bullying? Are you involved in or know of an anti bullying effort that deserves national recognition? If you answer yes to either of these questions nominate them for the National Anti-Bullying Awards sponsored by the School Safety Advocacy Council and presented at the 2012 National Conference on Bullying, February 15-17, 2012 at the DoubleTree Sea World Resort Orlando in Orlando, Florida. Nominations due by January 10, 2012. For questions regarding awards please email us at resourcer@aol.com or www.schoolsafety911.org

2012 JMATE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please go to www.jmate.org/jmate2012/Register.aspx to complete your free registration to attend the 2012 JMATE conference. We are asking for all grantees and key stakeholders in the field of adolescent treatment to register between now and February 15, 2012.

2012 JMATE Recognition Awards

The 2012 JMATE Awards nominations are currently being accepted! Recognition awards may be submitted between now and January 13, 2012. To learn more please visit the Awards page on the JMATE Website at:

www.jmate.org/jmate2012/Content.aspx?id=MjE%3d.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

Evidence-Based Practice Community Leader Awards

Evidence-Based Practice Program Award

Government Facilitation of Evidence-Based Practice Award

Research to Evidence-Based Practice Award

2012 JMATE Memorial Tributes

During the awards presentation, 2012 JMATE will make a special tribute to the fallen heroes and “she-roes” that the behavioral health field has lost this year. If you would like to recognize someone that made a contribution and that passed away this year please complete the following:

- (1) Name of the Individual
- (2) Name, e-mail and phone number of primary contact person for this submission
- (3) A Short (250 word) narrative describing the individual and his/her contribution
- (4) Please send a photo in electronic format (e.g., jpeg)
- (5) Will his/her family be in attendance for the award session?

Please submit the information via email to jmate-info@jbsinternational.com by February 15, 2012. Thank you for taking time to recognize our field's great contributors!

CALL FOR FILMS NOW OPEN!

The 2012 JMATE Cinema Films about Youth Substance Use, Treatment, and Recovery is now open for submission. NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals is sponsoring the 2012 JMATE Cinema (www.naadac.org/). The purpose of JMATE Cinema is to show films that highlight solutions and hope for successful treatment and sustained recovery for youth and families. We welcome submissions of films to be screened at JMATE that are either:

- (1) Films produced by youth/family members or people interested in advocating for youth with substance use disorder, or
- (2) Films that have been found helpful by practitioners, for use in recovery sessions, but may not have been produced by the practitioners.

Review Process

Film submissions will be accepted from December 1, 2011 – January 15, 2012 with acceptance/rejection notifications occurring before March 2012.

Submission Details

To complete your film submission, please visit the homepage of the JMATE Website at www.jmate.org. Entries should be submitted via regular mail to the address indicated on the film submission form (page 3).

If you have any questions or additional information needs, please contact us at JMATE-info@jbsinternational.com.

\$1 BILLION TO BE AWARDED FOR HEALTH CARE IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of Health and Human Services announced today that up to \$1 billion dollars will be awarded to innovative projects across the country that test creative ways to deliver high quality medical care and save money. The Health Care Innovation Challenge will also give preference to projects that rapidly hire, train and deploy health care workers. Funded by the Affordable Care Act, the Health Care Innovation Challenge will award grants in March to applicants who will implement the most compelling new ideas to deliver better health, improved care and lower costs to people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, particularly those with the highest health care needs. Proposals are encouraged to focus on high cost/high-risk groups including those populations with multiple chronic diseases and/or mental health or substance abuse issues, poor health status due to socio-economic and environmental factors, multiple medical conditions, high cost individuals, or the elderly.

Important deadlines:

Letter of Intent: December 19, 2011

Application Due Date: January 27, 2012

Anticipated Award Date: March 30, 2012

For more information, including a [fact sheet](#) and the [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#), please see the Health Care Innovation Challenge initiative web site at: www.innovation.cms.gov.

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

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 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

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").

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Deadline: Varies by Program

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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](#).

NATIONAL TRAININGS

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.

RESEARCH & RESOURCES

THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS AT 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. [Download SITREP 003-11](#)

THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

A resource for those working with youth and on youth development strategies. <http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu/publications/Youth%20Leadership%20Toolkit/All>

JOB OPENINGS

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