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### 2013 OSDPN SUB-NETWORK MEETINGS

#### 2013 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

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

Judges	<p>Wednesday, November 20— OSU Fawcett Center (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov">Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov</a></p>
Program Coordinators	<p>Tuesday, September 17</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov">Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov</a></p>
Probation Officers	<p>Friday, September 13</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov">Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov</a></p>

## 2013 COMMISSION ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2013 *Commission on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, October 25, 2013  
Friday, December 13, 2013

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](#).

## NEWS

### **VETERANS TREATMENT COURT HOLDS GRADUATION TODAY**

Six U.S. military veterans graduate from Hamilton County Municipal Court Veterans Treatment Program today.

Judge Melissa Powers created the program in 2010 to help veterans who are criminal defendants cope with trauma resulting from warfare. The goal is to provide them with services and support to help them heal and get a second chance. “The outpouring of support from the community to recognize those that served our country inspires our local veterans to overcome the silent wounds of war,” the judge said. “We cannot forget their service to our country and we must provide the means to heal.” [More...](#)

### **ILLICIT DRUGS AND MENTAL ILLNESS TAKE A HUGE GLOBAL TOLL**

Mental disorders and substance abuse are the leading causes of nonfatal illness on the planet, according to an ambitious analysis of data from around the world. A companion report, the first of its kind, documents the global impact of four illicit drugs: heroin and other opiates, amphetamines, cocaine and cannabis. It calls illegal drugs "an important contributor to the global burden of disease." [More...](#)

### **PR. GEORGE’S MENTAL HEALTH COURT AIMS TO TREAT, RATHER THAN JAIL, DEFENDANTS**

The charge was stealing a tow truck. The defendant was a baby-faced 27-year-old in shorts and a Chicago Bulls jersey. His hair was slightly matted, wrists cuffed in front, hands clutching a brown paper bag, demeanor slackened by antipsychotic medications. [More...](#)

### **NEW UNIFORM TRAFFICKING LAW FOCUSES ON ASSISTING SURVIVORS IN THEIR PURSUIT OF JUSTICE**

The 13th Amendment to the Constitution states that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within the United States — yet human trafficking is present in every state, and few laws or systems are in place to stop it. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy weighed in during a discussion at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting on the potential adoption of the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking. [More...](#)

## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS APPLAUDS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SMART ON CRIME INITIATIVE; CALLS FOR FEDERAL DRUG COURT EXPANSION**

Today, Attorney General Eric Holder outlined new Justice Department initiatives aimed at reducing the U.S. Prison population, including easing federal mandatory minimums for some drug offenders. With federal prisons operating at nearly 40 percent above capacity, the Drug Court model offers a proven solution for diverting non-violent, non-drug dealing, and seriously addicted offenders into treatment instead of putting them behind bars. [More...](#)

## **MASSACHUSETTS' SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR PREVENTING DOMESTIC HOMICIDE**

In theory, domestic homicide should be easy to prevent, since men who kill their wives or girlfriends (85 percent of victims are female) generally give us lots of warning by beating, stalking, and even raping their victims, usually for years before they finally kill. In reality, it's surprisingly hard to stop someone who really wants to murder you, especially if he has easy access to a gun. Restraining orders don't create a magic force field around the victim. [More...](#)

## **WEBINARS**

### **EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FOR VETERAN COURT MENTOR PROGRAMS**

**Date & Time:** September 12, 2013; 1:00 - 2:30 CDT

A rising increase of Veterans with serious needs in our criminal justice system has led to the growth of Veteran Courts to help address these issues. As Veteran Courts are established throughout the country, sharing effective practices for establishing and managing Veteran Mentor Programs can help build a network of resources and models of best practice.

Please join this Army OneSource Resource Center webinar to learn about:

*Recruiting, screening, supervising and training Veteran Mentors*

*Mentor training for women*

*Tapping into resources for program effectiveness*

*Making the case for support*

*Guidelines for incentives and sanctions*

**Please note: Participants do not need to have served in the Army to participate, but must create a free account.** To register, click [here](#).

### **WOMEN AT THE CROSSROADS: DV SURVIVORS WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, PARTS 1 & 2**

**Part 1:** September 12, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern

**Part 2:** September 23, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:** This webinar is open FVPSA grantees, OVW Grants to Encourage Arrest (GTEA) Grantees, LAV grantees, other OVW grantees, and to the general public.

*They are free of charge (but you will have to pay for the phone call if you dial in).*

[Click Here to Register for Part 1](#)

[Click Here to Register for Part 2](#)

**TREATING INVISIBLE WOUNDS: THE RISE OF VETERAN TREATMENT COURTS**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Judicial College

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2013

**Time:** 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET

To register, complete this [form](#) and fax it to Pat Long at 216-707-7647. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Hannon 314-894-6648 ext. 63309.

**THE CHANGING RACIAL DYNAMICS OF WOMEN'S INCARCERATION**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013

**Time:** 2:00pm - 3:30pm (Central Time)

[Click here to register](#)

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROTECTION ORDERS AND THE ROLE OF PROBATION/PAROLE**

**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2013

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:30pm (Central Time)

[Click here to register](#)

**INSTITUTIONAL BETRAYAL - HIGHER EDUCATION, THE MILITARY, AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

**Date:** Friday, September 27, 2013

**Time:** 1:00 - 2:30pm (Central Time)

[Click here to register](#)

**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://guchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2011calls.html>

## FUNDING

### AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION INVITES CLINICIANS TO APPLY FOR PEARSON EARLY CAREER GRANT

The [American Psychological Foundation's](#) Pearson Early Career Grant program is designed to encourage early-career clinicians to work in an area of critical societal need. The program's goals are to support psychology's efforts to improve areas of critical need in society, including but not limited to scientifically based clinical work on serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, incarcerated and homeless individuals, children with serious emotional disturbance, and adults with serious mental illness. The aim of the program is to encourage early-career psychologists to devote their careers to underserved populations. Applicants should be psychologists with an Ed.D., Psy.D., or Ph.D. from an accredited university and be no more than seven years postdoctoral.

One grant of \$12,000 will be awarded. The recipient may use grant monies for direct administrative costs of his or her proposed project. APF does not allow grant monies to be used for indirect institutional or overhead costs. Complete program guidelines and application procedures are available at the APF Web site. Contact: [Link to Complete RFP](#)

### THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Office on Violence Against Women recently released the Fiscal Year 2013 solicitation for its Court Training and Improvements Program. The solicitation offers two types of funding: (1) a 36-month development grant, to develop a specialized domestic violence/sexual assault docket or to enhance an existing docket/project; and (2) a 24-month supplemental training grant for judicial and/or staff education. Every grantee is required to seek technical assistance from one of the OVW-Designated Judicial Technical Assistance Providers for the Courts Program. They are listed in Appendix B, beginning on page 43 of the solicitation. The National Center for State Courts is one of them. The application packet is available at: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/courts-program-solicitation-final-for-release.pdf>

### 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

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

### **SPECIALIZED DOCKETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROUNDTABLE MEETING (FOR ALL JURISDICTIONS)**

**Date:** ~~September 13, 2013~~ **Correction: September 11, 2013**

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center – Columbus, Ohio

This technical assistance roundtable is specifically designed for specialized docket certification applicants that have completed drafts of the following:

- 1.) **Certification application**
- 2.) **Local Rule or Administrative Order**
- 3.) **Program Description**
- 4.) **Participant Handbook**
- 5.) **Participant Agreement**

Specialized Docket Section staff will be available to answer your questions regarding the drafted materials listed above before the meeting. You will not benefit from this roundtable unless you have drafted your materials.

**Please note:**

- Attendees should bring hard copy drafts of certification materials. For a complete listing of the certification material guidelines, please [click here](#).
- This meeting is for **all** jurisdictions: common pleas, municipal, and juvenile courts
- These roundtables are free and a box lunch will be provided.
- Initial Certification under Sup. R. 36.24 cannot be guaranteed for materials submitted after October 1, 2013.

To RSVP for this meeting, please send an email to Kevin Lottes ([Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov)) no later than **Friday, September 6, 2013**.

### **CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC OF HEALTH & GREATER CLEVELAND DRUG COURT & COLLABORATIVE AGENCIES**

#### **1ST ANNUAL “CELEBRATING RECOVERY” WALK /RUN (5K)**

**Saturday, September 14, 2013 @ 8: 00 A.M.**

September is National Recovery month, in an effort to raise awareness about addiction and to support those recovering from addiction. Cleveland Department of Public Health, Greater Cleveland Drug Court and its collaborative partners are sponsoring “Celebrating Recovery Walk/Run (5K)”. This walk/run seeks to highlight the achievements of the consumers and agencies who have collaboratively worked to promote sobriety. This initiative seeks to bring the community together to celebrate and support consumers, families, communities and agencies.

Register online TODAY at [CMCOH.ORG](http://CMCOH.ORG)

### **EVIDENCE BEHAVIORAL PRACTICES TO COMPLIMENT MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT**

**Dates:** Friday, September 20, 2013 - Mt. Sterling, OH

or  
Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - Wadsworth, OH

**Who should attend:** Specialized Docket personnel

The Specialized Dockets Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio is offering a specialized training Evidence Behavioral Practices to Compliment Medication-Assisted Treatment presented by Dr. Gregory Brigham

[Register now](#)

[View the brochure](#)

For more information on this event, please contact [Kevin Lottes](#).

## **THE JUDICIAL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ITS 2013 COURSE CALENDAR**

[Court Personnel Course Schedule 2013](#)

### **2013 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS**

All of ODVN's training opportunities are posted online under the "training" tab at [www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org). The trainings listed below, as well as additional trainings that get scheduled will be there, so check the website regularly! Dates for June-December 2013 are being confirmed and will be available shortly.

#### **HOMICIDE PREVENTION: NON-FATAL STRANGULATION TRAINING**

**Date:** September 30, 2013

**Location:** Aultman Hospital

**For more information, contact:** [melissap@dvp.org](mailto:melissap@dvp.org)

#### **27TH ANNUAL OJACC CONFERENCE: REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND PROMOTING RECOVERY**

**Date:** October 10 - 11, 2013

**Location:** Crown Plaza Columbus North

**To register, contact Cheryl Taylor at (740) 420-6444; [tctaylor@mac.com](mailto:tctaylor@mac.com)**

#### **OHIO HEALTHY MASCULINITY SUMMIT**

**Date:** October 17, 2013

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

Join the Ohio Men's Action Network (OHMAN) and its allies in a day of exploration, story telling, and conversation about creating an Ohio that welcomes men to express their manhood and masculinity in ways that are caring, compassionate, inclusive, promote gender equity, peace, and non-violent behavior.

To register, copy and paste this link into your

browser: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013\\_OH\\_Healthy\\_Masculinity\\_Summit\\_Registration\\_Link](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013_OH_Healthy_Masculinity_Summit_Registration_Link)

Early registration through August 26 is only \$100.00. Through October 7 registration fees are \$125.00. Register early, space is limited!

To become an OH Healthy Masculinity Summit Partner Agency, contact India Harris-Jones at [indiahj@odvn.org](mailto:indiahj@odvn.org)

#### **SAVE THE DATE! OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKET PRACTITIONER NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 21, 2013

**Location:** OSU Fawcett Center

The Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network 9th 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.

#### **CANS ASSESSMENT TOOL TRAINING**

**Date:** December 11 & 12, 2013 - Columbus, OH

**Location:** Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240

Trainer: Dr. John Lyons, Ph. D., founder of the CANS

OACCA, in partnership with Dr. John Lyons, will present a two-day training to further the implementation of [The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths \(CANS\)](#) evidence-based functional assessment tool across Ohio. The purpose of this training event is to increase the availability of certified CANS trainers in public and private child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice agencies in Ohio. The training will explore how the CANS provides direction for service planning related to needs and strengths and for levels of care placement decisions and mental health screening. Attendees can expect an overview of outcomes management, an explanation of the communication model, a detailed review of the manual with case examples, a practice vignette, and individual scoring of a vignette to attain certification in the use of the tool.

*There will be two parts to the training.*

Day 1: attendees can become familiar with the CANS and its uses and obtain training necessary to become certified users.

Day 2: attendees can work to become certified trainers so that they can provide training to others in their agencies.

Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the training!

## NATIONAL TRAININGS

### TUNE-UP' WITH THE WORLD'S PREMIER FAMILY DRUG COURT TRAINING

NDCI's [Family Drug Court Operational Tune-Up](#) training gives you the skills to assess current practices and review critical operational components of your court. Has your Family Drug Court conducted a self-assessment recently? Is your Family Drug Court implementing effective, science-based methods for improving your program? Are best practices fully integrated in your Family Drug Court? Whether your program is new or has been in operation for years, this two-day training will help you formulate a strategic plan to address ways to improve policy and practice. You can request the Family Drug Court Operational Tune-Up as "Fee for Service" training. Upon your request, NDCI will work with you to bring the training directly to your jurisdiction for individual or multiple courts. We will design a training that fits your needs and develop a budget within your means. Interested? [Visit us online](#) to learn more, ask questions, and complete a training request form.

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

### 2013 NAJIS CONFERENCE

**Dates:** September 10-12, 2013

**Location:** Coronado Marriott - San Diego, CA

Register [here](#).

### EBP SOCIETY WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE: Model Practices for Successful Client Outcomes

September 18 - 20, 2013

San Diego, CA, USA

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### 8TH NATIONAL COMMUNITY PROSECUTION SUMMIT

**Dates:** September 25-27, 2013

**Location:** Philadelphia, PA

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), will host the 8th National Community Prosecution Summit from September 25-27, 2013 in Philadelphia, PA. The summit will take place at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. Registration is free

and is available on a first come, first served basis. Please visit our website at [www.APAInc.org](http://www.APAInc.org) or click [here](#) for registration information.

**RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT: PROMISING PRACTICES AND COLLABORATIONS FOR POLICE AND PROSECUTORS**

**Date:** November 18 - 20, 2013

**Location:** Jacksonville, FL

[Click here to register](#)

**JUSTICE FOR VETS: VETERANS TREATMENT COURT CONFERENCE (Vet Court Con)**

**Date:** December 2-5, 2013

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

Justice For Vets is proud to announce Vet Court Con, the nation's first convention dedicated to Veterans Treatment Courts and justice-involved veterans. Mark your calendars, Vet Court Con will be held December 2-5, 2013 at the Marriot Wardman Park in Washington, DC. Veterans Treatment Court professionals, volunteer veteran mentors, and other justice, clinical or former/current military personnel dedicated to helping our wounded warriors involved in the criminal justice system suffering from substance abuse and trauma should attend this conference. For more information, [click here](#).

**STUDY REVIEWS NEW YORK'S ADULT DRUG COURTS**

**"A Statewide Evaluation of New York's Adult Drug Courts: Identifying Which Policies Work Best"** (NCJ 243269, 118 pp.) describes a study that evaluated 86 adult drug courts in New York, the most sites ever included in a single drug court evaluation. The goal of the study was to determine why some drug courts are more successful than others. (BJA)

**HIGHFIELD V HIGHFIELD, 2013-OHIO-3466 (6<sup>th</sup> Dist.)** decided on 8/9/13., <http://www.supremecourtohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/6/2013/2013-ohio-3466.pdf>. The Court of Appeals denied the respondent's motion to terminate a domestic violence CPO because of petitioner's continuing fear of the respondent and her refusal to consent to the termination. This case is significant because both the trial court and the Court of Appeals gave special weight to those two statutory factors (and did not even discuss the other statutory modification/termination factors in R. C. 3113.31.) The petitioner's pet's fear and lack of consent to a modification or termination, if not determinative, seem to be "super-factors" in the eyes of the Sixth District Court of Appeals. If other appellate courts adopt this approach, then it will be difficult for respondents to modify or terminate protection orders without the petitioner's consent.

**DRC WILL COMPLETE THE ORAS ASSESSMENT FOR “OUT-OF-COUNTY” JUDICIAL RELEASE CANDIDATES:**

It has come to the attention of the **ORAS Steering Committee** that there are instances where a judge requests an ORAS assessment prior to a judicial release hearing but due to the location of the offender (incarcerated in a prison outside of that county) an assessment is being completed via phone interview or mail in process. The ORAS assessment necessitates a face to face interview. Phone interviews are discouraged and the process of mailing the interview guide or ORAS tool directly to the offender is **not** permitted.

**DRC will complete the ORAS assessment for “out-of-county” Judicial Release candidates:**

In order to provide this requested and beneficial information to judges prior to the judicial release hearing without creating an undue burden to probation departments , DRC has put a process in place to assist with ensuring an appropriate ORAS interview is completed and valid assessment made available.

If a Judge has requested an ORAS assessment prior to a judicial release hearing **and** the offender is incarcerated in a prison out of that county, the Court/Probation Department may request assistance from DRC to complete the ORAS assessment.

Please send an email to Stephanie Starr ([stephanie.starr@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:stephanie.starr@odrc.state.oh.us)) **and** Dionne Addison ([Dionne.addison@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Dionne.addison@odrc.state.oh.us)) indicating the required information below. The request should;

1. Come **at least two weeks** prior to the hearing
2. Be a result of a judicial request specifically for the Judicial Release hearing.

The Court employee making the request will receive an email once the ORAS assessment is complete and available in the ORAS system. The following information is required in the email request:

1. Offender Name
2. Offender Identifier (DRC number, DOB, SSN)
3. Institution
4. Date inmate is scheduled to be transported from Institution to the local jail
5. Date of hearing
6. Person requesting/contact information (name, email and phone)

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