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THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

Specialized Dockets *Newsletter*

February 27, 2015

2015 OSD MEETINGS

2015 OSD Meeting Dates & RSVP

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

Program Coordinators	<p>Thursday, March 12 (space available) Friday, March 20 (no additional space) <u>RSVP for March meetings by March 4th</u></p> <p>Wednesday, June 17 Thursday, June 25</p> <p>Tuesday, September 1 Tuesday, September 15</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP. Select only one of the dates offered <u>within the same month.</u></p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov</p>
Probation Officers	<p>Tuesday, March 17 (RSVP by March 3rd) Thursday, June 4 Thursday, August 27</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov</p>
Veterans Treatment Courts	<p>Thursday, April 23 Friday, September 25</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov</p>

2015 COMMISSION ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2015 *Commission on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, June 12, 2015
Friday, September 18, 2015
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

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

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS CERTIFICATION LIST

An updated list of certified specialized dockets has been posted to our webpage. This list will be updated after each new commission date votes on final certification. View the [Specialized Docket Certification Status Sheet](#).

UPDATED CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

The certification application has been updated and posted to our webpage. Please use the updated application to apply for certification. View the [Certification Application](#).

LORAIN COUNTY COURT'S DIVERSION PROGRAM RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL – COLUMBUS DAILY REPORTER

<http://www.thedailyreporteronline.com/news/2015/02/06/lorain-county-courts-diversion-program-ruled-unconstitutional>

SAMHSA'S GAINS CENTER SELECTS 10 COMMUNITIES FOR TRAUMA TRAINING

<http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/enews/january15.html#second>

RECENT NHTSA RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS – ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED AND DRUGGED DRIVING

RESULTS OF THE 2013–2014 NATIONAL ROADSIDE SURVEY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE BY DRIVERS

http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/812118-roadside_survey_2014.pdf

DRUG AND ALCOHOL CRASH RISK

http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/812117-drug_and_alcohol_crash_risk.pdf

DRUG COURTS

LAW YOU CAN USE: DRUG COURTS REDUCE CRIME WHILE SAVING TIME, MONEY AND RESOURCES – LOGAN DAILY NEWS GUEST COLUMN

http://www.logandaily.com/comment/editorials/law-you-can-use-drug-courts-reduce-crime-while-saving/article_5e872cda-22e1-55c7-9e3a-14a419103c44.html

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT NEWS

THEIR OWN COURT HELPING VETERANS GOING THROUGH CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

http://www.sharonherald.com/news/local_news/their-own-court-helping-veterans-going-through-criminal-justice-system/article_e5360d55-3d9f-5ee8-ba36-df68a71d0e23.html

TOLEDO, OHIO-BASED NONPROFIT HELPS VETERANS RECLAIM THEIR LIVES BY COVERING RENT DEPOSITS – STARS & STRIPES

<http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans/ohio-based-nonprofit-helps-veterans-reclaim-their-lives-by-covering-rent-deposits-1.326653>

US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO OUTLINE FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND PTSD RESEARCH, FUNDING AT 2015 TBI CONFERENCE

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/2460441#ixzz3rniq8dor>

RETURN THE SERVICE CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHTS JUSTICE FOR VETS AND VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS

<http://www.takepart.com/return-the-service/video>

JUVENILE COURTS

OHIO RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT TO EXAMINE FAMILY DRUG COURTS

http://www.courtnewsOhio.gov/bench/2014/federalDrugCt_120514.asp#.VIIopWgo7cs

MAHONING COURT OVERSEEING 4-COUNTY PROGRAM TO KEEP JUVENILES IN FAMILY HOMES – YOUNGSTOWN VINDICATOR

<http://www.vindy.com/news/2015/feb/13/mahoning-court-overseeing-4-county-program-keep-ju/>

GEAUGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT RECEIVES COMPETITIVE GRANT – WILLOUGHBY NEWS HERALD

<http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20150218/geauga-county-juvenile-court-receives-competitive-grant>

WEBINARS & EVENTS

BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT WEBINAR: MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULT AND MALE SURVIVORS

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2015

Date: Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST

In recent years, the issue of military sexual assault has been reported heavily in the press, documented in cinema, and gained the attention of Congress and the Executive Branch of our government. One aspect of military sexual assault that has become increasingly clear is that men are also victims. Though the incident rate for military women is higher, 85% of the active duty force are men; so, the actual numbers of male military sexual assault survivors are higher. Military culture, response, and retaliation can make male victims less likely to report their assaults, and male survivors face unique issues in their recovery. For more information and to register for the webinar [click here](#).

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY EDUCATIONAL FORUM: BEST PRACTICES AND CURRENT RESEARCH

Date: March 2, 2015 at 1:00-3:00 PM EST **Live Broadcast**

Same day at 4:00-6:00 PM EST **Rebroadcast with Live Question and Answer Session**

This educational forum will include a review of best practices in the assessment and treatment of TBI, the Military Health System (MHS) TBI Pathway of Care, key research studies and findings that will contribute to the body of TBI knowledge, and TBI prevention. We invite multidisciplinary health care providers in military treatment facilities and clinics, complex polytrauma facilities and community-based VA facilities to participate in this discussion of evidence-based practice and current research. For more information and to register for the webinar [click here](#).

NCJA'S OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM AWARDS: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SUCCESS

Date: March 4, 2015 at 3:00 PM EST.

During this webinar National Criminal Justice Association Executive Director Cabell Cropper will discuss the elements that go into a submitting a successful Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award application package. He will outline what the evaluators look for in a winning program and what information can and should be included for your nomination materials. Using examples from previous winners, he will also discuss what makes a program stand apart from the other applicants. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions. To register for the webinar [click here](#)

LEADING THE WAY THROUGH DESIGN – ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR FDC BY DEFAULT OR DESIGN?

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Family Drug Courts are built on a foundation of shared mission and vision, supported by client services and agency collaboration and achieved by shared outcomes. If your FDC is in the early planning stages, you will be challenged with a multitude of critical decisions, including model, target population, service array, partnerships, and outcomes. This presentation will outline these critical decision points and key considerations that your collaborative must explore if you want to build an FDC that reflects the mission and vision and meets the needs of your community. Components of visionary and barrier-busting leadership will be offered that will challenge “default” thinking that is subject to status quo or business as usual. Whether you are in the planning stages or re-thinking practice, policy, or design of your current FDC program, this webinar will help you lead change with strategic vision and intention. To register for the webinar [click here](#).

VETERAN ADVOCATES FORUM & HIRING EVENT

Date: Friday, May 8, 2015

HRACO and Cardinal Health have partnered to bring you the first Ohio Veteran Advocates Forum! During this event we will help employers better understand the value, leadership and unique skill sets Veterans bring to the workplace:

- How to decipher the skills they bring from their military service
- Learn about Veterans initiatives going on in Central Ohio
- Dispel common myths about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Learn how your company can partner with others to put Veteran talent to work for YOU!

The first half of the day will be packed with educational information for employers on Veterans and how we as companies can better serve our Veterans as they transition back into the civilian world. The second half of the day will be a hiring event to help introduce Veterans to companies who are hiring. For more information and to register for the webinar [click here](#).

2015 ARMY ONESOURCE WEB EVENTS

To view complete 2015 webinar calendar, [click here](#).

OHIO TRAININGS

OHIO'S 2015 CONFERENCE ON OPIATES AND OTHER DRUGS

Dates: March 30-31, 2015

Location: Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, will host Ohio's sixth annual Opiate Conference, *Ohio's 2015 Conference on Opiates and Other Drugs*. During the event attendees will hear from Michael P. Botticelli, Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, who will serve as a keynote speaker for the event. This year, the conference scope has been expanded to provide education on opiates as well as other drugs that impact Ohioans. Click [here](#) to view the conference registration packet and click [here](#) to register now!

2015 OHIO JUDICIAL COLLEGE TRAININGS

To view the 2015 training calendar, click [here](#).

2015 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

All of ODVN's training opportunities are posted online under the "training" tab at <http://www.odvn.org/>

2015 OHIO CONFERENCE ON OPIATES AND OTHER DRUGS

Dates: March 30-31, 2015

http://www.oacbha.org/ohios_2015_conference_on_opia.php

If you are interested in attending please make a note to save these dates.

NATIONAL TRAININGS

TRANSITIONING JUDGES ONLINE COURSE AVAILABLE NOW!!

NDCI in collaboration with the National Judicial College funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce this new online tool for judges. This is a self-paced online course that will assist you in learning about the nature of your new job and the types of questions you are likely to face. Only persons who have been elected or appointed as judges, magistrate, or other judicial officer and who have registered for the program may enter the course. The entire course will take you between 6 to 8 hours to complete. [Click here to register for the Transitioning Judges Online Course Now!!](#)

VISIT A MENTOR COURT

[Apply today!](#)

Travel for FREE to a Mentor Court and Learn From the Best! Whether you're starting a new Adult Drug Court or re-tooling an existing program, don't miss the chance to receive training from some of the best programs in the country.

DWI COURT PLANNING TRAINING (3 ½ DAYS)

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2015

This training is designed for teams that are *not* currently operating a DWI Court. Team oriented, comprehensive training is key to the planning and development of a DWI court operating under the 10 Guiding Principles for DWI Courts. For more information [click here](#).

DWI COURT 1 ½ DAY “OPERATIONAL TUNE-UP” TRAINING

Application Deadline: March 20, 2015

This training is designed for existing DWI Courts. The Operational Tune-Up training will enhance operational DWI Courts teams through the assessment of current policy and procedures against the established Drug Court model, using the latest science and established best practices. For more information [click here](#).

DWI COURT REGIONAL TRAINING (1 DAY)

Date: April 27, 2015

Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Application Deadline: April 10, 2015

This training is designed for existing DWI Courts looking to upgrade and expand. This training is designed along the similar lines of the ‘Operational Tune-Up’ training and provides the best practices and research for the Drug/ DWI Court field in plenary sessions without the breakouts offered in the Operational Tune-Up training. For more information [click here](#).

CO-OCCURRING MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS

Dates: July 20-23

Location: Reno, NV

Participants will be able to describe the fundamentals of substance abuse, mental health, and co-occurring disorders; perform or improve motivational interviewing techniques; employ incentives and sanctions to a mental health, drug, or co-occurring court; explain legal issues and efficacy of 12-step programs; and implement systems or ideas to improve mental health, drug, or co-occurring disorders courts. To learn more about the conference [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

THE NADCP 21ST ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE AND JUSTICE FOR VETS' 3RD ANNUAL VET COURT CONFERENCE

[Registration is Open!!](#)

Dates: July 27-30, 2015

Location: Washington D.C.

The world's largest conference on addiction, mental health and criminal justice returns to Washington, DC this summer where it will be held in conjunction with the only national conference on Veterans Treatment Courts. NADCP and Justice For Vets are proud to announce that these two historic conferences will bring thousands from across the globe to the nation's capitol at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. These two incredible conferences will be held simultaneously at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD from July 27-30, 2015. And you can attend both for the price of one!!! For more information [click here](#).

DRUGS IN AMERICA TODAY: WHAT EVERY JUDGE NEEDS TO KNOW

Dates: August 25-27

Location: Reno, NV

New for 2015! Recent changes in marijuana laws have perplexed many judges and practitioners. A resurgence in heroin, this time in rural areas, changes the complexity of cases for judges of all types. Alcohol, still the number one drug of choice for Americans, continues to affect civil and criminal cases of all types. This course provides a comprehensive review of intoxicating substances and the short- and long-term effects on litigants in and out of the courtroom, recent developments in the law, and options for sentencing and intervention. To learn more about the conference [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

FUNDING

SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Information Webinar: Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Deadline: March 31, 2015

The Safety and Justice Challenge will support jurisdictions across the country working to safely reduce over-reliance on jails. At the center of the initiative is a competition through which the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation will fund up to 20 jurisdictions to design and implement plans for creating fairer, more effective local justice systems using innovative, collaborative, and evidence-based solutions. The Challenge is looking to improve local criminal justice systems across the country and safely reduce jail incarceration – with a particular focus on addressing disproportionate impact on low-income individuals and communities of color. Selected sites will reveal new and better ways of targeting resources, more effective risk assessment to determine if confinement is really necessary, and better public safety returns and social outcomes. More information is available at: <http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/about-the-competition/>. To register for the webinar email safetyandjustice@macfound.org.

REPLICATING THE HAWAII HOPE PROGRAM

Deadline: March 9, 2015

This Department of Justice program aims to replicate the success of the Hawaii HOPE program, which focuses on swift and certain sanctions to change the behavior of high-risk probationers. State, local and tribal governments may be able to replicate the Hawaii HOPE program if they are chosen as a grantee. There will be “multiple awards available” of up to \$400,000 each. Information: BJA Justice Information Center, 877/927-5657, email JIC@telesishq.com the solicitation is available here:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=271088>

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR CRIME VICTIMS

Deadline: March 11, 2015

This Office of Violence Against Women program increases availability of civil and criminal legal assistance for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Legal Assistance for Victims Grants Program funds may be used for direct legal services and training for lawyers and advocates. Those providing holistic services receive funding preference. Holistic representation goes beyond a victim’s need for a protection order and includes representation in other legal proceedings directly related to a client’s needs, including child support, child custody, legal separation/divorce, unemployment compensation, immigration/financial matters, and housing. Eligibility is limited to colleges/universities, nonprofits, and tribes. There will be \$34 million available for 77 awards.

Information: OVW, 202/307-6026, <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=271468>

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PRIORITIES

Deadline: March 16, 2015

This Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) program addresses two of the nation’s top substance abuse priorities: underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20, and prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. This program promotes collaboration among states/tribes and local communities. There will be \$28 million available for 38 awards. Eligibility is limited to state and tribal governments. Information: Eileen Bermudez, 240/276-1412; Eileen.bermudez@samhsa.hhs.gov; or online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-15-003>

GRANTS TO EXPAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CAPACITY IN ADULT AND FAMILY DRUG COURTS

Deadline: March 27, 2015

Anticipated Award Amount: up to \$325,000

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment services in existing adult and family “problem solving” courts, which use the treatment drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment (including recovery support services supporting substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination as well as family-focused services in the case of Family Treatment Drug Courts) to defendants/offenders. Grantees will be expected to provide a coordinated, multi-system approach designed to combine the sanctioning power of treatment drug courts with effective treatment services to break the cycle of criminal behavior, child abuse and neglect, alcohol and/or drug use, and incarceration or other penalties. More information is available: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-15-002>

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES

Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2015

Anticipated Award Amount: up to \$3,000,000

The purpose of this program is to improve mental health outcomes for children and youth (birth to 21 years of age) with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families. This program will support the wide scale operation, expansion and integration of the system of care (SOC) approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (also known as the Children’s Mental Health Initiative or CMHI). It will support the system-of-care approach by focusing on: sustainable funding; cross-agency collaboration, particularly among child-serving systems (e.g., juvenile justice, substance use, child welfare, education, primary care, early childhood); creation of policy and infrastructure; development and implementation of evidence-based and evidence-informed services and supports; and implementation of systemic changes, training, and workforce development. More information is available: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-009>.

JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM FY 2015 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for funding for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program. This program furthers the Department’s mission by increasing public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system. More information is available: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15JMHCPsol.pdf>.

ADULT DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FY 2015 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2015

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications to establish or enhance drug court services, coordination, offender management, and recovery support services. This program furthers the Department’s mission by providing resources to state, local, and tribal governments and state, local, and tribal courts to enhance drug court programs and systems for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. More information is available: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15DrugCourtSol.pdf>.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS: SCRAM SYSTEMS VETERANS PROGRAM PORTAL

Last December, SCRAM Systems pledged to provide grant money to fund Continuous Alcohol Monitoring for clients in Veterans Treatment Courts across the U.S. In just 6 months, SCRAM Systems, in partnership with our SCRAM Systems Authorized Service Partners, has awarded over \$150,000 to support Veterans Treatment Courts with [SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitoring™](#) equipment and daily monitoring. Our teams have also donated their time and experience to help grantees build strong, sustainable programs. Grant money is still available, but limited. If you or someone you know is interested in funding an alcohol monitoring program in a Veterans Treatment Court, visit our [SCRAM Systems Veterans Program Portal](#) today for more information or to submit the online grant application.

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

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, veterans, and community strengthening efforts.

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.

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