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2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

The 2009 Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC) meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday - February 9, 2009

Monday - April 27, 2009

Monday – July 27, 2009

Monday - October 26, 2009

All meetings are from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Judicial Education Center at the Ohio Judicial Center. For directions to the Court, please visit our <u>website</u>.

NEWS

CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL MAY CHANGE POLICY ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Sean Levert's legacy could be that no other Cuyahoga County jail prisoner will die for being denied prescription medicine. The jail's administrator and a doctor who oversees medical care on Friday proposed a policy change so that new inmates taking benzodiazepines, a family of drugs including Xanax, get the medicines as soon as their prescriptions can be verified. More...

COURTS FOR VETERANS SPREADING ACROSS U.S.

State criminal courts devoted to U.S. war veterans are emerging across the country, from New York to Oklahoma to California, as increasing numbers of soldiers returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are showing up as defendants with a special set of problems. State court judges are joining with local prosecutors, public defenders, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs officials and local lawyer volunteers to create courts with veterans-only case proceedings, because they have seen a common thread of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse, head injuries and mental illness underlying the veterans' crimes. More...

ROSS COULD BE TARGETED FOR GETTING IMPAIRED DRIVERS OFF THE ROAD

With more than 6,000 impaired driving accidents on Ohio roads the past three years during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period, the State Highway Patrol intends to be aggressive getting impaired drivers off roadways this year. <u>More...</u>

While some large cities have established specialized courts and dockets for people who suffer from mental illnesses, such is not the case in rural northwest Ohio."It's just not practical from a numbers and cost standpoint," said Judge Joseph Schmenk of Defiance County Common Pleas Court. More...

BODY OF MISSING PATIENT FOUND NEAR MEDICAL CENTER

A body found near the Veterans Affairs Medical Center has been identified as a Columbus man who wandered away from the hospital in August. A passerby found the body of Richard "Bo" Coldren, 54, in a weed-filled ditch line on the hospital's property Sunday afternoon, Ross County authorities said. Coldren, a psychiatric patient, had been missing since Aug. 8. More...

'DON'T DRINK' MESSAGES DON'T WORK, TEENS SAY

Team Delta Max members at Upper Arlington High School plan a field trip. Teacher Erin Mayne, holding signup sheets, formed the group after a survey showed nearly 50 percent of juniors and seniors drank once a month. The group supports teens who don't want to drink by providing members with activities, such as dances. More...

JUST IN CASE...DON'T

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio knows the 25-percent budget cut plan outlined by Gov. Ted Strickland's administration was, in part, saber-rattling. But NAMI officials likewise know some budget cuts are coming and if Strickland is thinking about slashing mental health services, they have one word for him: don't. More...

LACK OF PRESCRIPTION POLICY IS DANGEROUS TO CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL INMATES

The dangerously out-of-date medical policies of the Cuyahoga County Jail are in desperate need of an overhaul – the sooner, the better. Yet Sheriff Gerald McFaul has done nothing since the shameful death last March of a frightened and confused Sean Levert, according to a story by Plain Dealer Reporter Peter Krouse. The troubled R&B singer obediently gave his anti-anxiety medicine, Xanax, to jail officials, as ordered, shortly after his arrival. But his jailers refused to give him the drug until he saw the jail's doctor. More...

CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL HAS NO FORMAL DRUG POLICY, VARIES WIDELY IN STATE

The Cuyahoga County Jail has no formal policy for determining which inmates get their prescription medications shortly after arriving and which inmates must wait up to two weeks before they get their drugs. More...

TROOPERS SNARE NARCOTICS THAT ROLL INTO PORTSMOUTH

Although drug users' tastes are changing, the Columbus-to-Portsmouth drug trade continues to flow along Rt. 23. When the State Highway Patrol recently released troopers' drug-arrest totals for the first 10 months of this year, Scioto County sadly stood out. The 169 arrests in Scioto County ranked third in Ohio, barely trailing the totals of two much-larger counties: Stark with 179 and Franklin with 175. More...

STALKING AWARENESS MONTH WEBSITE

The National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center and the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, are pleased to announce that the 2009 National Stalking Awareness Month(NSAM) Web site is now live! The site offers many resources to help you plan your 2009 NSAM activities, including fact sheets, media tools, brochures, posters, artwork, and much more. Visit http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org

CUYAHOGA JAIL MOVES TOWARD A WISER POLICY ON INMATES' PRESCRIPTIONS - EDITORIAL

It shouldn't take the death of a celebrity inmate to force the Cuyahoga County Jail to create a sensible medication policy that might save lives. Yet that's what happened. Nine months after R&B singer Sean Levert died in the jail from causes including his sudden withdrawal from Xanax, jail officials have written a proposal to move quickly to refill prescriptions for inmates on the anti-anxiety drug and

other medications in the Xanax family. The proposed policy also calls for weaning inmates from the powerful drug - hopefully under close supervision. **More...**

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FUNDING

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, STALKING, OR SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

Deadline: January 08, 2009

Website: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=43405
The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services.

CSAT TRAVEL AWARDS

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) will sponsor up to 30 Travel Awards for substance abuse treatment practitioners to attend the 2009 CPDD meeting. To be eligible, candidates must hold full-time employment as a director or clinical supervisor in a substance abuse treatment program and not be an employee of the federal government. Only one award will be given to any specific program. Previous CSAT travel award recipients are not eligible to apply. All expenses will be covered: i.e., conference registration, airfare, travel to and from the airport, and hotel accommodation. Applicants will be sent emails by the end of March indicating award status.

To apply, send <u>five collated copies</u> of the following:

- 1. An up-to-date resume or vitae including contact information, previous travel fellowships, if applicable, work experience and academic experience. **Please include your current e-mail address**.
- 2. A one page letter on institutional letterhead indicating interest in receiving an award and including a statement as to how this conference will benefit your work in your current position. Please include a valid telephone number and e-mail address.
- 3. A letter of support on institutional letterhead from your direct supervisor stating should you be selected that you will be allowed to attend.

Complete, collated applications must be received on or before January 10, 2009. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants are required to arrive prior to 4:30 PM on June 19, attend a networking session sponsored by CSAT in the evening on June 19, the CSAT-sponsored satellite session June 20, a breakfast sponsored by CPDD for the awardees on June 21, and remain for the entire CPDD meeting. Materials should be mailed to:

Dr. Alison Oliveto, Chair, CPDD Travel Awards Committee, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 4301 W. Markham Street, Mail Slot 843, Little Rock, AR 72205. For inquiries call: 501.686.8969."

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Deadline: January 15, 2009

Website: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&coppId=42956
The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families (CMHI). The purpose of this program is to support children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care. Grantees will be expected to develop, implement, expand and disseminate broad, innovative system changes which improve

outcomes for children, youth and families and create long-term positive transformation of services and supports. Eligibility for this program is statutorily limited to public entities such as state governments, Indian or tribal organizations, governmental units within political subdivisions of a State, such as a county, city or town, District of Columbia government and others areas. Contact: Gwendolyn Simpson, Office of Program Services, Division of Grants Management, Substance Abuse Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1085, Rockville, Maryland 20857 (240) 276-1408 or gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov

ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF WOMEN LATER IN LIFE PROGRAM

Deadline: January 28, 2009

Website: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=43406 In Federal Fiscal Year 2009, OVW plans to fund projects that will support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects will provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities; provide cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; develop or enhance a community coordinated response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

ADULT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCE DRUG COURT GRANTS

Deadline: January 29, 2009

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that the Adult Implementation and Enhancement Drug Court Fiscal Year 2009 application will open November 24, 2008 and close January 29, 2009.

EVALUATION OF A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM: DRUG TESTING, CERTAIN AND SWIFT SANCTIONS, AND TREATMENT REFERRAL FOR CHRONIC DRUG USERS UNDER COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Deadline: February 04, 2009

Website: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=43321
The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and a component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). NIJ provides objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to enhance the administration of justice and public safety. NIJ solicits applications to inform its search for the knowledge and tools to guide policy and practice. NIJ is seeking proposals for research to evaluate the effectiveness of a demonstration program that includes a drug-testing, sanctions, and treatment protocol for chronic drug users under criminal justice supervision in the community. The basic principles of the program must include: (1) frequent drug testing; (2) certain, swift, and proportionate sanctions for failed tests; and (3) access to residential treatment, as appropriate. The purpose of this research is to inform and improve criminal justice and public health policy and practice and to reduce recidivism among chronic drug offenders on pretrial status, probation, or parole.

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic Grantmaking
The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and
Community Development will focus its grant-making strategies on community change and juvenile
justice. The Juvenile Justice effort maintains a national scope and promotes an effective juvenile
justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, is acknowledged to play a critical role in the
community and is held accountable for public safety as well as the rehabilitation of young offenders.
Grant award funding levels vary. Eligible applicants for the Juvenile Justice program include a variety
of organizations in the United States.

PUBLIC WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Deadline: Open and rolling **Website:** www.publicwelfare.org

The Public Welfare Foundation (PWF) offers \$1.5 million in grants for its Criminal Justice Program competition. Funds promote a fair and humane criminal justice system and violence prevention that includes alternatives to incarceration, effective legal representation and the reintegration of offenders as productive citizens. Proposals are welcomed from a wide range of organizations and can include both governmental and independent advocacy groups.

MCCORMICK TRIBUNE FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANTS

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.mccormicktribune.org/programs.aspx

The McCormick Tribune Foundation Communities Program supports efforts to stimulate local philanthropy and improve community life through collaborative partnerships in communities nationwide. The foundation helps to support projects that address basic human needs, children and youth at risk, and community strengthening efforts.

OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT'S FEDERAL GRANTS RESOURCE CENTER

Website: http://www.obm.ohio.gov/grants/

Description: A center for federal grant information and data, and related information, and to facilitate state agencies and other public and non-profit entities in identifying and competing for federal project grants.

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) anticipates funding the following discretionary grant programs in FY 2008, based on the President's FY 2008 budget request.

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.

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON FAMILY FUND GRANTS

Website: www.jnj.com/community/contributions/index.htm

Description: Johnson and Johnson Family Fund Grants support a wide range of giving programs focused on women's and children's health, homelessness, community responsibility and disaster relief, access to care, advancing healthcare knowledge, and global public health.

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").

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

NEW WEBSITE: http://www.econempowerment.org/

Description: The Allstate Foundation is taking a stand. It provides resources and programs that support survivors of domestic abuse and their advocates – by addressing the issues of financial security and economic empowerment.

FAITH-BASED GRANTS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Website: http://www.fbciohio.gov/funding.asp

Description: The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives offers several grant opportunities in the areas of addiction, at-risk youth, children and family, crime victims, ex-offenders, homelessness and housing, and more.

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OHIO TRAININGS

2009 GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

OCJS will be hosting eight free Grant Writing Seminars in 2009. OCJS' grant 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 dates:

- Tuesday, January 27
- Friday, February 27
- Tuesday, April 28
- Tuesday, May 26
- Tuesday, July 28
- Tuesday, August 25
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, November 24

All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 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/event registration form, click OCIS Event Registration Form.

FREE IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS OFFERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The requirements for elementary professional staff members to take in-service child abuse detection training in Ohio was recently expanded by legislation, HB 276. In addition to child abuse detection, the four hours of in-service training now required must also cover the prevention of violence and substance abuse and the promotion of positive youth development.

All elementary school professionals are **required** to fulfill the expanded in-service training requirements **by March 30, 2009**, and every five years thereafter. New employees must complete the training within two years of commencing employment, and every five years thereafter.

To help educators meet the new requirements, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) worked collaboratively with a host of organizations and interested parties to develop a Safety and Violence Prevention Curriculum. The Department is presenting a series of FREE train-the trainer sessions statewide to assist districts in conducting local programs. A list of upcoming training sessions, information on cost reimbursement and the curriculum itself appear on the ODE website at www.ode.state.oh.us (keyword: safety and violence prevention training). While designed as train-the trainer sessions, ODE invites all elementary through high school staff members to attend such training. Districts interested in scheduling an onsite training program for a fee may contact the Ohio Mental Network for School Success by going to www.units.muohio.edu/csbmhp/network/svpc.html.

Upcoming training dates include: (check website for updates)

- Jan. 5, Knox County Educational Service Center, Mount Vernon
- Jan. 6, Medina County Educational Service Center, Medina
- Jan. 7, Wood County Educational Service Center, Bowling Green
- Jan. 13, Clark County Educational Service Center, Springfield
- Jan. 20, Summit County Educational Service Center, Cuyahoga Falls
- Jan. 21, Northpoint Educational Service Center, Sandusky

OCJS: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Date: March 31, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grantstrainings.htm

This training session will cover information on strategic planning as it relates to infrastructure development and planning that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies.

SAVE THE DATE: "BACK TO BASICS" OCCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 1-3, 2009 **Location:** Columbus, Ohio

Website: http://www.occaonline.org/index.asp

OCJS: LOGIC MODEL

Date: June 30, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grantstrainings.htm

This training session will discuss and present information on logic-model development as it relates to program planning and development that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies.

OCIS: INCORPORATING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

Date: September 29, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grantstrainings.htm

This training session will focus on strengthening the linkage between research knowledge and practice. It will address the biggest challenges for practitioners in implementing a new program or practice.

OCJS: DESIGNING AND EFFECTIVE EVALUATION STRATEGY

Date: December 29, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grantstrainings.htm

In today's environment of increased accountability, designing and implementing an effective evaluation strategy is a critical component of an organization's ability to secure funding. This training session will discuss and present information on development of an effective evaluation plan and why it is important for program planning and sustainability.

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NATIONAL TRAININGS

ENHANCING YOUR JUVENILE DRUG COURT

Dates: January 20-23, 2009

Location: Dallas, TX

http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1169/315/

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD AND FAMILY MALTREATMENT

Dates: January 26-31, 2009

Location: Town & Country Hotel and Convention Center

Website: www.chadwickcenter.org

ENHANCING YOUR JUVENILE DRUG COURT

Dates: February 2-5, 2009 **Location:** Louisville, KY

http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1170/315/

39TH NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 6-9, 2009 **Location:** San Antonio, TX

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/2009 overview

PROCESS ADDICTIONS

Dates: April 22-24, 2009 **Location:** The Palms in Las Vegas

www.dualdiagnosis.org/events

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009 **Location:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

RESEARCH

OHIO CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION: FELONY SENTENCING SURVEY-FINDINGS View the entire report:

http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Sentencing Commission/resources/Publications/FelonySurveyFindings.pdf

POLICY FRAMEWORK TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

During 2008, the Pew Public Safety Performance Project and a group of leading practitioners and researchers reviewed a wide range of strategies for improving community corrections and making the best use of taxpayers' investments in public safety. A *Policy Framework to Strengthen Community Corrections* is the result. This package of policy-level actions for state legislators, executives and courts is now posted on the *Pew Center on the States* website. The provisions in the Policy Framework will help corrections agencies implement "evidence-based practices" by providing fiscal incentives, clearing obstacles, enhancing their authority, and tracking their results. The individual sections will have impact if adopted alone; taken together, however, they offer policy makers a powerful opportunity to help reduce victimization and control corrections costs. Looking to the 2009 legislative sessions and beyond, the Pew Public Safety Performance Project will be working with state policy makers to tailor the framework to their state's individual circumstances.

PUTTING PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST

The Urban Institute has released a companion document to the Pew Center Report that covers similar material in greater specificity. The new publication, funded by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, is Putting Public Safety First: 13 Parole Supervision Strategies to Enhance Reentry Outcomes. This publication may be found at:

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411791 public safety first.pdf

JOB OPENINGS

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