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January 8, 2009

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 [website](#).

NEWS

NEW CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO JUDGES OPERATING SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

On December 30, the Supreme Court of Ohio announced the adoption of a [new Code of Judicial Conduct](#), which becomes effective March 1, 2009. The Code regulates the judicial and extrajudicial activities of judges and is based on the substantive revisions to the American Bar Association's Model Code of Judicial Conduct that were adopted in February 2007 by the ABA's House of Delegates. For the first time, the Code includes definitions for "*specialized docket*" and "*ex parte communication*." And, a newly adopted rule and comment on Ex Parte Communication, Rule 2.9 and Comment 4A, provides an exception to the prohibition on ex parte communication in instances where a judge is administering a specialized docket. It also clarifies that judges operating a specialized docket clearly may have a more interactive role with parties, treatment providers, probation officers, social workers and others. The changes to the Code reflect input provided to the Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct by judges who participated in the Ohio Specialized Docket Practitioner Network coordinated by the Specialized Docket Section of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

www.sconet.state.oh.us/Communications_Office/Press_Releases/2008/newjudconduct_123008.asp

11 STATES NOW HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS MODELED ON OHIO'S

Four more states have joined a national initiative on mental illness and the courts modeled on Ohio's program started by Supreme Court of Ohio Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton. The four states were introduced at a two-day policy forum in Philadelphia this week that Justice Stratton attended with chief justices and other judicial leaders from around the country. [More...](#)

STRICKLAND SET TO SIGN HUMAN TRAFFICKING BILL

Crimes such as kidnapping that aid human trafficking would be punished more severely under a bill Gov. Ted Strickland is expected to sign this week. The bill would create a new "human trafficking" specification that prosecutors could attach to related crimes to increase prison sentences - just as penalties are more severe if a crime involves a firearm. [More...](#)

2009 SCIENCE AND SERVICE AWARDS WILL HONOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE INTERVENTIONS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has issued a call for applications for its 2009 Science and Service Awards, a national program that recognizes community-based organizations and coalitions that have shown exemplary implementation of evidence-based mental health and substance abuse interventions. [More...](#)

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF PROSTITUTION

Ashley's wide eyes and soft voice belie the hard life she led as a prostitute. After running away from her Hilliard home this year, she was forced to sell her body to support the drug habit of a man who had seen her on the streets, alone and unprotected, she said. During her few months as a sex worker, Ashley said she fled the moving car of a customer who tried to kidnap her. Eventually, she smoked crack cocaine to cope. [More...](#)

INEVITABILITY *by Judge Joyce Campbell*

With permission from Judge Joyce Campbell of the Fairfield Municipal Court, we are sharing the following speech that was presented at a local NAMI event:

INEVITABILITY

I want to thank you for the privilege of speaking with you this evening- it is rare I get to speak without a bailiff with a gun standing next to me to make sure people are in attendance. I had planned on speaking about the current state of mental health courts throughout the United States and in particular Fairfield, Ohio but I decided I needed to speak with you about inevitability. Let me explain. Last Tuesday I was sitting in my chambers – judge talk for office – just having returned from a trip to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda Maryland. As part of a federal grant to teach judges about scientific matters I had just spent four days meeting with and learning from the leaders in the scientific community about recent breakthroughs in mental health and addiction research. I was rejuvenated and excited that great strides are being made decoding genetic links to mental health and new treatment modalities are being developed. I had renewed hope that someday no one would have to suffer the despair and loneliness of mental illness. As I was going through the days docket my court administrator came into my chambers and with great difficulty told me that a young man that I love like my own son had just committed suicide that morning.

The grief over the loss of this handsome, witty, charming, well educated 25 year old young man seems to have no end. This very special young man struggled with demons I will never understand and despite medications, therapy, a loving family, many friends and deep religious convictions he felt that suicide was the only way for him to find peace. We spoke often about his therapy and medications and I read every article I could find in an effort to be informed and helpful. We last heard from him by email the night before his death. There was nothing to indicate that suicide was an option being contemplated or planned. To the contrary, the adjustment of his medications seemed to be working. He was looking forward to purchasing a home, obtaining his MBA, contemplating a job change and was making plans with my 13 year old son for Christmas break. How wrong I was. Despite all my efforts with the Fairfield Mental Health Court to help the hundreds of defendants struggling with mental illness in the criminal justice system, despite all my education and research I was unable to save someone I love with all my heart.

My reason for sharing my private pain with you is because of something someone close to this young man said to me at his visitation. She said that his untimely death by suicide was inevitable. I was outraged, angry and defiant at this word. I refuse to accept that suicide is inevitable for those suffering from severe mental illness. Great strides have been made and continue to be made in medications, genetics and therapy techniques. There is help and there is hope. I never want anyone to suffer the loss of a loved one due to mental illness. I want it to be inevitable that treatment will work and people will regain control of their lives and vanquish the demons. I want it to be inevitable that we obtain health insurance parity. I want it to be

inevitable that we fund ongoing research. I want it to be inevitable that society accept mental illness the same as any other ongoing chronic disease. I want it to be inevitable that children are screened at a young age so that issues can be addressed early. I want it to be inevitable that each of us reach out to those who suffer and be a little kinder, a little more patient and a little more loving. I want it to be inevitable that no one will ever have to cause those who love them such grief and pain in order to find peace.

I leave you with the words of the poet Emily Dickinson –

*If I can stop one heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

Thank you and god bless you.

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FUNDING

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 five collated copies 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.”

NEW AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANTS

Information is now available at www.serveohio.org regarding the grant application process for 2009 AmeriCorps Planning Grants. Click on the heading under Funding Announcement or Hot Topics for more information and to review the relevant documents. AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other critical needs. AmeriCorps planning grants provide organizations a year to create administrative and programmatic systems; establish/solidify partnerships and service sites; build community support; develop evaluation plans; and plan for program sustainability.

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Deadline: January 15, 2009

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=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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2009 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

For complete listing of current trainings for 2009, go to: <http://www.odvn.org/>

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 [OCJS 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. 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.

OCJS: 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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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

MONITORING THE CIVIL ORDER FOR PROTECTION WEBINAR

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2009

Location: Online

Join WATCH and advocates from across the country on Thursday, January 29th at 11:30am CST (9:30am PST, 10:30am MST, 12:30pm EST) for a one-hour web seminar on *Monitoring the Civil Order for Protection Process*. This webinar examines ways you can improve your civil order for protection process (also known as restraining order or protection from abuse hearings) through court monitoring. Using WATCH's groundbreaking *2004 Order for Protection Court Study*, we will look at the positive impact WATCH was able to make in the Hennepin County order for protection process. Strategies included monitoring individual cases and working with system personnel to prompt improvement. This is an interactive presentation packed with tips, resources and strategies—you don't want to miss it! The cost is \$35 for *National Association of Court Monitoring Program* members and \$50 for non-members. To register, visit www.watchmn.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

BRIDGES ACROSS BORDERS SOUTHEAST ASIA 2009 LEGAL STUDIES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dates: May-August,

Locations: Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Laos, or Cambodia

Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia (BABSEA) is preparing to host the 6th Annual BABSEA International Legal Studies Internship Program from May through August, 2009. The internship program seeks to connect the skills of aspiring lawyers and law-related persons from around the

world with a project that will give them insight into social justice and public interest law internationally and specifically in Southeast Asia.

Deadline for Applications:

The deadline for early acceptance consideration is: January 15, 2009 and the overall deadline for applications is February 15th, 2009. Later applications may be considered depending on circumstances.

More information:

Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia

<http://www.babsea.org>

<http://www.babsea.org/volunteer/internship.htm>)

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