



Specialized Dockets *Newsletter*

April 3, 2009

2009 OSDPN MEETINGS & RSVP

THE OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK

With over 100 specialized dockets in operation throughout Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Mental Health have recognized the need for interaction among the professionals that staff these courts. In order to provide such a forum, the Ohio Specialized Docket Practitioner Network was created to provide peer support and technical assistance to these programs. The Network is comprised of several sub-networks that meet by discipline. These sub-network meetings allow specialized docket practitioners to discuss the challenges and successes they have faced in their specific role on the specialized docket court team. In addition, the sub-network meetings offer opportunities for specialized docket professionals to provide program updates, discuss program operations, and discover innovative and effective strategies employed by other specialized dockets. If you are a member of a court's specialized docket team and would like to participate in the Network or learn more, then please contact our office at (614) 387-9425.

2009 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

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

Please note: Please be sure to enter the meeting date in the subject line.

Children Services	July 30 October 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Judges	April 24– Ohio Judicial Center (10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Sept. 16 – Dublin Embassy Suites (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Nov. 18 – Doubletree Suites (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Drug Treatment Counselors	April 8 August 18 October 13	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Program Coordinators	April 21 July 21 September 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Mental Health Clinicians	May 6 August 26	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Probation Officers	April 17 July 17 September 25	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Case Managers	May 12 September 15	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Prosecutors	June 19	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Defense Attorneys	June 26	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us

For directions, visit our [website](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

2009 OSDPN Annual Conference

November 19, 2009

Doubletree Suites – Worthington

2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

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

OHIO HAS OD 'EPIDEMIC'

A new killer has quietly replaced traffic crashes as the No. 1 cause of accidental death in Ohio. Unintentional poisoning deaths – nearly all of them drug overdoses – eclipsed traffic fatalities in both 2006 and 2007, the Ohio Department of Health reported. Numbers have not been released for last year. [More...](#)

PUBLIC DEFENDER CALLS VENUES UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Drug courts, a forum designed to give addicted offenders a second chance, are under attack in Maryland – and not by prosecutors. The state's public defender says Maryland's drug courts give judges too much power and defendants too little protection, and yesterday she argued to the state's high court that the tribunals are not constitutional. [More...](#)

COURT ADMINISTRATORS COURSE COVERS LEGAL, RESOURCES ISSUES

As the officer charged with overseeing the administrative, non-judicial activities of a court, court administrators wear many hats. A Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College course on April 15 will examine these professionals' many responsibilities including a host of legal requirements. Designed to fill in the gaps for court administrators newer to their positions, the "Court Administration: What You Need to Know" course will cover four areas: human resources, financial issues, caseload management and stakeholder relations. Participants also will receive information about additional resources from state and national organizations available to them. [More...](#)

RN WINS DRUG-CASE APPEAL

Summit County prosecutors have lost their bid to bar a nurse from wiping out her felony drug conviction through rehabilitation. Sally Massien, convicted of stealing morphine from a Summa Health System pharmacy, was granted treatment in lieu of her conviction last year in Summit County Common Pleas Court. [More...](#)

SERVING THE DISABLED

People with disabilities are more likely to be victims of crime but less likely to report those crimes, presenting challenges for law enforcement and other agencies alike. "The risk to people with disabilities is huge because they are vulnerable, they're isolated, many times there are communication

barriers where they're not clearly understood," said Shirley Evans, an investigator with the Allen County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability. [More...](#)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL HAS NEW MEDICAL POLICY IN PLACE ADDRESSING INMATES' MEDICATIONS: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .

The new guidelines state that inmates taking Xanax or other anti-anxiety drugs known as benzodiazepines should be given those drugs once their prescriptions are verified. The inmates then are scheduled to see a psychiatrist within two weeks. If the prescription can't be verified, the inmates are scheduled to see a psychiatrist that day or the next. That doctor will determine if the patient should continue receiving medicine. [More...](#)

URINE-FETISH BILL DISTRACTS SENATE FROM REAL ISSUES

A Columbus man with one of the grossest – and rarest – fetishes has befuddled our criminal-justice system. What do we do? Introduce a bill to punish him! The system of financing just about every state-government operation is on the brink of disaster. A never-more-important-than-now transportation bill is pending this week. [More...](#)

SALVIA BECOMES ILLEGAL IN OHIO IN APRIL

Warren County police will be on the lookout next month for a drug recently made illegal by the Ohio legislature. Salvia Divinorum, a naturally growing hallucinogenic, referred to by some as the new LSD, will become illegal in Ohio beginning April 1. The drug is illegal in nine other states. There are proposals to make the drug illegal in Kentucky and Indiana. [More...](#)

NURSING HOMES UNDER SPOTLIGHT

State Rep. Courtney "Corky" Combs' latest proposed law may be helped by a disturbing weekend report about American nursing homes. Combs, a Hamilton Republican and former Butler County commissioner, this week re-introduced legislation that seeks to protect senior citizens dwelling in long-term care facilities from sexual offenders. [More...](#)

PROSECUTORS: LET OHIO JUDGES JUDGE

The Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association wants to eliminate mandatory prison sentences for some crimes and to give judges more discretion in putting drug offenders in treatment programs. Yes, you read that right. This is less a change of heart for county prosecutors than it is the recognition that something has to give when it comes to Ohio's growing prison population — an increasingly expensive problem at a time when prospects for building more prisons are dim. [More...](#)

BILL TO REQUIRE ALERTING CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEAR SEX OFFENDERS

When Ray and Janis McDaniel moved their 18-year-old mentally retarded daughter into a long-term care facility in Cincinnati, no one told them a sex offender lived in the building. Ohio law says people who live within 1,000 feet of a convicted sex offender must be notified. Likewise, school superintendents, principals and administrators of preschools and day-care centers in the area must be made aware. [More...](#)

PROSECUTORS SEEK ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY PRISON FOR SOME DRUG OFFENDERS

Ohio's county prosecutors are recommending major changes to state drug laws, including the elimination of mandatory prison sentences for trafficking and possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, except in the most serious cases. [More...](#)

HOMES GET MORE MENTAL PATIENTS

The number of people with mental illnesses living in Ohio nursing homes is the third highest in the nation, according to an Associated Press analysis of numbers obtained through the Freedom of

Information Act. The state's nursing home population of mentally ill adults between the ages of 22 and 64 grew to 9,361 last year, an increase of 39 percent from 2002. [More...](#)

MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN PERIL

At a time of enormous financial challenge and stress when mental health services are needed even more urgently than before, many hard-pressed states, including Ohio, are wont to cut or reduce those services. The alarming pattern is evident in a new national report card by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. According to the NAMI report, a trend of declining mental health care throughout the country portends "a vicious cycle that can lead to ruin." The advocacy group gave the nation as a whole a grade of "D" for the way it serves its mentally ill population. [More...](#)

CLEVELAND BEGINS ENFORCING NEW POLICY ON DRUG RESIDUE CASES

People busted with drug residue in pipes and syringes in Cleveland are no longer automatically charged as felons, bringing the city's policies in line with other urban areas throughout the state. Up until two weeks ago, drug abusers faced felony possession charges if caught with trace amounts of drugs in a crack pipe or heroin syringe. They now face misdemeanor charges, which allows them to seek treatment through the Greater Cleveland Drug Court. [More...](#)

FUNDING

SECOND CHANCE ACT PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE FY 2009 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Deadline: April 20, 2009

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09SecondChanceReentrySol.pdf>

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding of demonstration projects under the Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative. This program furthers the Department's commitment to providing services and programs to facilitate inmates' successful reintegration into society.

BJA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF TWO COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (RECOVERY ACT)

[Recovery Act Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Program](#)

Applications due: April 22, 2009

[Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program](#)

Applications due: April 27, 2009

For more information on the Recovery Act, please read the Office of Justice Programs' [Fact Sheet](#) or go to: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

JAIL DIVERSION AND TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM-PRIORITY TO VETERANS GRANTS

Deadline: April 28, 2009

Website: http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sm_09_004.aspx#docs

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year 2009 for Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program-Priority to Veterans grants. The purpose of this program is to support local implementation and statewide expansion of trauma-integrated jail diversion programs to address the needs of individuals with mental illness such as post traumatic stress disorder and trauma related disorders involved in the justice system. In recognition of the dramatically higher prevalence of trauma related disorders among veterans, this program will prioritize eligibility for veterans.

2009 GRANTS TO EXPAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR JUVENILE DRUG COURTS

Deadline: May 5, 2009

Website: [full grant announcement online](#)

This \$1.875 million in grants is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. These grants are intended to "enhance the capacity of existing Juvenile Drug Courts to serve substance-abusing juvenile offenders through the integration and implementation of the Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice and the Reclaiming Futures program models." There will be three awards of \$625,000.

Eligible Participants: Only Drug Courts can apply for funding, although they can subcontract services to addiction treatment providers. Courts must demonstrate strong alliances with providers in order to win the grants.

SAMHSA WILL AWARD \$34.5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT DRUG COURTS

Deadline: May 8, 2009

Website: [grant announcement online](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will award \$34.5 million in grants to support programs that direct offenders with addiction problems to treatment rather than prison, via drug courts. **DWI COURTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS AWARD!** Funding from the Adult Treatment Drug Courts Grants can be used to expand and enhance treatment services, recovery support, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination in conjunction with adult drug courts. Approximately 39 grants will be awarded over three years, with annual grants capped at \$300,000. Grants will be administered by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

APPLY NOW FOR LOCAL JUSTICE FUNDING

Application deadline: May 18, 2009

BJA is seeking applicants for the **Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation**. Funding will be awarded to eligible units of local government in their efforts to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, combat violence against women, and support youth mentoring, among other activities.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP GIVING PROGRAMS TO FUND CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS; APPLICATION DEADLINE VARIES

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. awards Children's Health & Wellness Champ-A-Champion Fur Kids grants twice annually to provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness. Grantees include childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs. Application deadlines are at the end of April, July, and October. Grant applications can be submitted through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation at <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants>. Organizations seeking unrestricted support for children are also encouraged to apply for grants through the nonprofit Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation. The foundation reviews grant applications on a rolling basis. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 each. For more information, please visit <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutUs/community/BabwFoundation.aspx>

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.

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.

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.

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 six 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, 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 MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JAIL AND COURT PERSONNEL

A core part of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) mission is to provide free training to dispel the myths about mental illness and to promote understanding. NAMI Ohio will come to your site to provide a free one-day training for jail and court personnel who regularly encounter individuals (adults and/or juveniles) with mental illness. Participants can include judges, magistrates, probation officers, corrections officers, parole officers, public defenders, prosecutors, bailiffs, program coordinators, etc... Attendees will learn to identify major mental illnesses and their typical characteristics; techniques to manage individuals with mental illness; how to better prevent crisis situations and how to handle them when they do occur; how to identify risk factors for suicide in correctional settings; and about opportunities to expand court based jail diversion programs for individuals with mental illness. Attendees will also benefit from a presentation by an officer trained in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training – a 40 hour academy providing de-escalation training for first responders. Ultimately, it is the goal of this training for participants to come away with a better understanding of what it might be like to have a mental illness. For more information on this free training, please contact Betsy Johnson at betsy@amiohio.org.

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF DRUG DETECTION FOR DRUG COURTS

Dates: April 28, 2009 - Wadsworth, OH
April 29, 2009 - Fairborn, OH

Who should attend: Specialized Dockets Personnel

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services, is offering a specialized training on *Comprehensive Review of Drug Detection for Drug Courts* presented by Paul L. Cary, M.S., director of the Toxicology and Drug Monitoring Laboratory at the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics, Columbia, Mo.

Registration ends April 22, 2009 or when capacity is reached.

[Register now](#)

[View the brochure](#) 

THE KIDS' TEAM OF LICKING COUNTY PRESENTS: "BUILDING A CHILD ABUSE CASE: NEW TOOLS FOR YOUR TOOLBOX"

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2009
Location: Hebron, OH 43025
Registration Deadline: April 15, 2009
Cost: \$50 per person or \$40 per person for groups of 5
Continental breakfast and lunch are included

For more information and to register, please contact Teresa Pishner at 740-670-8914

THE 7TH ANNUAL CSD OF OHIO MENTAL HEALTH & DEAFNESS CONFERENCE

Date: May 15, 2009
Location: Columbus, Ohio

Contact for more information, Stephen Rute at srute@c-s-d.org or 877-781-6670

ICCA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Dates: June 15– 16, 2009
Location: Cuyahoga Community College's Eastern Corporate College

More information TBA

OCJS: LOGIC MODEL

Date: June 30, 2009
Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom
Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

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/specialtrainings.pdf

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/specialtrainings.pdf

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.

NATIONAL TRAININGS

2009 COMPREHENSIVE DRUG COURT PRACTITIONER TRAINING SERIES

The NDCI Comprehensive Drug Court Practitioner Training Series consists of a weeklong, intensive training program designed to educate the new or transitioning drug court practitioner, with a focus on those skills specific to each individual discipline. With critical support from the **Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President**, NDCI provides this training series each year allowing for lateral learning based in the latest science and best practices related to each drug court discipline. Once practitioners complete this tier of training, they become more adept at their respective roles and are prepared to return to their drug court as a drug court team member.

[2009 Practitioner Training Dates](#)

MEN AND WOMEN AS ALLIES: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Dates: April 14-15, 2009

Location: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

<http://mencanstoprape.org/conference/>

ADVANCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: INVESTIGATING STALKING SEMINAR

Date: April 16, 2009

Location: Indiana Law Enforcement Academy - Plainfield, Indiana

<http://www.publictraining.com/pti5.htm>

PROCESS ADDICTIONS

Dates: April 22-24, 2009

Location: The Palms in Las Vegas

www.dualdiagnosis.org/events

INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION

Dates: April 29 – May 1, 2009

Location: Columbus, Ohio

www.ccafv.org/conference

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

A CALL TO MEN

Dates: May 21-22, 2009

Location: New York, New York

www.acalltomen.org

NATIONAL RURAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Dates: May 31 - June 4, 2009

Location: University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin

<http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/nri/index.htm>

2009 NATIONAL SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CONVENTION

Dates: June 25-27, 2009

Location: Hollywood, Florida 33019

<http://www.nasbhc.org/site/c.jsJPKWPFJrH/b.2708163/?auid=4633952>

**PROSECUTORS AND DRUG COURTS: REDUCE RECIDIVISM, REDUCE DRUG USE,
IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Dates: July 21 – 24, 2009

Location: Annapolis, Maryland

To register, please visit our website at www.nadcp.org and download a registration form

**FREE! BJA TRAININGS - RETHINKING COURT RESPONSES TO CLIENT BEHAVIOR:
INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS**

Dates & Locations: July 23-24, 2009 - Anaheim, CA
August 27-28, 2009 - Denver, CO
September 17-18, 2009 - Chicago, IL
November 12-13, 2009 - New Orleans, LA.

To register, please visit our website at www.ndci.org/advanced_training.html and download a registration form and fax it to 703-575-9402. If you have any questions, please contact Training Coordinator, Kelly Curtis at kcurtis@ndci.org or at 703-575-9400 ext 18.

FINDING THE PATH

Dates: August 3 – 4, 2009

Location: Long Beach, California

<http://www.dvinstitute.org/healing/index.html>

**A NEW DIRECTION FOR A SAFER TOMORROW: A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE**

Dates: September 3-4, 2009

Location: Omni San Diego Hotel – San Diego, CA

For more information, please contact: Michele Robinson at 775-784-6427 or mrobinson@ncjfcj.org

THE MOMENT OF CHANGE—INTERVENTION-APPROACHES FOR PROFESSIONALS

Dates: September 28-30, 2009

Location: The Breakers Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Florida

Website: <http://dualdiagnosis.org/events/moment-of-change-2009/conference-description>

NEW GUIDE HELPS POLICYMAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS MAKE RESEARCH-DRIVEN DECISIONS ON RESPONDING TO PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES WITHIN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Council of State Governments [Justice Center](#) announced today the release of *Improving Outcomes for People with Mental Illnesses under Community Corrections Supervision: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice*, which was supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice. The *Guide* reviews the body of recent research on community corrections supervision for people with mental illnesses and translates the findings to help officials develop effective interventions.

The number of people under community corrections supervision is at an all-time high nationwide—a March 2009 report from the Pew Charitable Trusts' Public Safety Performance Project confirms that more than 1 in 45 adults are on probation or parole. Based on other recent prevalence studies, the *Guide* indicates that an unprecedented number of these individuals have serious mental illnesses. These individuals are more likely than others to have their community sentences revoked, return to jail or prison, and become more deeply involved in the criminal justice system. This first-of-its-kind guide helps program planners and policymakers apply research on promising practices to improve outcomes for people with mental illnesses under community corrections supervision.

“More than 1.5 million people released from jail each year have serious mental illnesses and many will require special supervision strategies and treatments to safely and successfully rejoin their communities,” said Nevada Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, the specialty courts coordinator of the state's Second Judicial District and Justice Center board member. “State lawmakers in Nevada, as is the case everywhere, are concerned about the costs and public safety issues associated with high probation and parole revocation rates among people with mental illnesses. In particular, we need to improve how this population is supervised, and this report highlights the research we should use to inform state policy and funding decisions.”

The *Guide* indicates that community corrections and mental health officials are increasingly aware that they are serving the same individuals without positive effect. It explores the extent to which people with mental illnesses become involved in the community corrections system, and why traditional supervision and treatment strategies are not generally effective for this population. It also summarizes evidence-based and promising programs, strategies, and techniques to improve results for the justice system and people with mental illnesses. The *Guide* discusses how the current body of knowledge can help shape agency operations, program design and implementation. Research questions that should be investigated further to expand the evidence base are also identified.

“Community corrections agencies and mental health treatment providers are trying to figure out the best ways to coordinate or integrate their efforts to better serve people with mental illnesses and tailor new programs in ways that reduce recidivism and encourage recovery,” said Morris Thigpen, Director of the National Institute of Corrections. “The *Guide* is an exciting new resource for two systems that are coming together around commonly defined goals to tackle these challenges.”

Click [here](#) to download the Guide.

PARENT TO PARENT: A FAMILY TRAINING PROGRAM ON AD/HD is a state of the art educational program specifically designed for parents, by parents. The training is now available as an online class. You can sit in the comfort of your home, watch the presentation on your computer while interacting with the presenter by phone. This seven session class includes a science based curriculum

with the training provided by an experienced and certified Parent to Parent Teacher. Each of the two hour sessions covers an area of information absolutely essential to the successful management of AD/HD. And best of all the training is from a parent's perspective, by people who have faced the same struggles, questions and challenges you do.

For \$150, you'll receive 14 hours of the latest scientific and clinical information available to CHADD. You must become a member first, to take advantage of this nationally recognized program. [Join CHADD here.](#)

Sign up for one of our upcoming classes by clicking on:

[Parent to Parent Online Registration](#)

Session 1 - Overview of AD/HD

Session 2 - Assessment to Multimodal Treatment

Session 3 - Developing Parenting Strategies and Positive Behavior Interventions - Behavioral Management, Part I

Session 4 - Developing Parenting Strategies and Positive Behavior Interventions - Behavioral Management, Part II

Session 5 - Educational Rights for Your Child with AD/HD

Session 6 - Building an Education Team: Bridging the Gap Between Home and School

Session 7 - Resiliency, Teen Challenges & Future Success

Each family participating will also receive a *Parent to Parent Workbook* full of background material, resources and articles to supplement what you are learning through the class.

PARENTAL ALIENATION SYNDROME & PARENTAL ALIENATION: RESEARCH REVIEWS

Parental alienation syndrome (PAS) and parental alienation (PA) are often invoked in legal and legislative contexts addressing the rights of fathers and mothers in custody or visitation litigation. Indeed, alienation claims have become ubiquitous in custody cases where domestic violence or child abuse is alleged as grounds to reject mothers' requests to limit paternal access to their children. This paper provides a historical and research overview of PAS and PA, identifies strategic issues for advocates working with abused women and children, and offers guidelines to improve courts' treatment of these issues. While PAS and PA have much in common both as theories and with respect to how they are used in court, they have distinct scientific and research bases and critiques. This paper, therefore, addresses them separately. [More...](#)

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