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June 4, 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.

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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	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	August 18 October 13	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Program Coordinators	July 21 September 22	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Mental Health Clinicians	August 26	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Probation Officers	July 17 September 25	Send your RSVP to: brownc@sconet.state.oh.us
Case Managers	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

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SAVE THE DATE!

2009 OSDPN Annual Conference

November 19, 2009

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. David Mee-Lee

Doubletree Suites – Worthington

2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

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

JUDGE RICHARD WALLER SHARES HIS STORY IN NAMI-OHIO'S *THE STIGMA BUSTER*

Judge Richard Wallar of the Hocking County Juvenile Court is a member of many clubs and organizations, ranging from the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges to Kiwanis. Unfortunately, he and his family also belong to an unenviable club of those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA A LONGSHOT FOR OHIO

From football to taxes, the rivalry between Ohio and its neighbor up north is the stuff of legend. But when it comes to legalizing the use of marijuana for medical purposes, Ohio is showing little sign of following Michigan's lead. A bill is being negotiated behind the scenes for possible introduction this fall, but even the concept's strongest supporters know it faces an improbable climb in the General Assembly. [More...](#)

NO OPTIONS LEFT BUT PRISON REFORM

On May 8, our Sunday Forum special "Prisoners Among Us" examined sentencing and prison reform efforts in Ohio - as well as in other states facing massive deficits and decreasing revenues - that would divert many convicted of criminal offenses from overcrowded prisons into alternative programs.

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WARREN JUDGE LIKELY DIED FROM OVERDOSE

Preliminary autopsy results show Warren County Judge James Heath likely died Sunday from a drug overdose. Warren County Coroner Russell Uptegrove said there were no pills littering Heath's bedroom, but said an autopsy today, May 26, points towards an overdose. Uptegrove estimated Heath, 47, died several hours before paramedics arrived around 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, May 24.

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EX-JUDGE PARKER CAN PRACTICE LAW AGAIN

A former Mason Municipal Court judge suspended from the bench for misconduct can practice law again, according to the Ohio Supreme Court. But, George Parker has to seek care through the Ohio

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Lawyers Assistance Program until Oct. 12, 2012. He has 30 days to sign up for the program in order to get his law license back, the court's order said. [More...](#)

LUCAS COUNTY ATTORNEY SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY

A Lucas County attorney was indefinitely suspended by the Supreme Court of Ohio yesterday for "a host of ethical infractions, including misappropriation of client funds," but will be allowed to return to the practice of law after completing certain sanctions, according to documents released yesterday.

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FUNDING

OJJDP FY 09 FAMILY DRUG COURTS PROGRAM

Application deadline: June 15, 2009

Website: [Click here](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is seeking applications for funding under its FY 2009 Family Drug Courts Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by building the capacity of states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and establish drug courts for substance-abusing adults who are involved with the family court as a result of child abuse and neglect issues.

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>

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.macfound.org/site/c.1kLXJ8MQKrH/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.

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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) accepts applications twice a year for Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants to support sharing information on best practices and the integration of that knowledge into real world practice.

OFFICE DEPOT TAKING CARE OF KIDS AND SCHOOLS GRANTS

Website: www.community.officedepot.com/local.asp.

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.

OHIO TRAININGS

2009 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

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

MADD OHIO ANNOUNCES TRAINING SESSIONS

MADD Ohio will host a training session titled: "Strengthening the Prosecution's OVI Case" aimed toward law enforcement and supporting law agencies. The training will focus from a prosecution viewpoint from the traffic stop to the trial and will include also discussion on new state OVI laws and court case rulings. Training session will be held June 8 from 12:30 - 4:15 p.m. at the City of Chardon Community Meeting Room, 107 South Street, Suite 6. The instructor will be Amanda Condon, an assistant prosecutor from Ashtabula County. Both sessions are free and funded by a grant from the USDOT/NHSTSA & ODPS/OTSO. Lunch is provided free by MADD Ohio. Trainings in the Steubenville, Sidney and Portsmouth areas are being scheduled for July and August. *For more details or to register, contact Randy Young at 800/552.8641 or randy.young@madd.org*

BUILDING CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN HEALTH CARE

Dates & Locations: June 12, 14th Street Community Center, Portsmouth

Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) is sponsoring CARE training sessions that will help health care and human services professionals, as well as others who are interested in learning more about how to better serve the needs of our community's diverse populations, increase their knowledge and understanding about the impact of cultural practices and beliefs on the patient/client – provider relationship, and provide opportunities for developing strategies to strengthen your cross-cultural skills. All sessions take place on Fridays, and will be offered twice each day for scheduling convenience: 9:00 am – 12 noon, and 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Additional information can be obtained by calling MACC-614-221-7841 or going to:

http://www.maccinc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=34

2009 GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

OCJS will be hosting four free Grant Writing Seminars in the remainder of 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, 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.](#)

ICCA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Date: June 15 - 16, 2009

Location: Cleveland, OH

Website: www.iccaweb.org/documents/ICCARegionalConferencePDF.pdf

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) is hosting an international regional conference in Cleveland for Ontario, Canada and neighboring states in the U.S. and will focus on treating mental illness within the community correctional population.

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2009 OHIO FATHERHOOD SUMMIT

Dates: June 17 - 20, 2009

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

The 2009 Ohio Fatherhood Summit is a forum created specifically to promote healthy father-child relationships, address the social problems that result from "father absence", and strategize as to what we must do, as a community, to ensure that every child has a dad in his or her life.

[Click here](#) for more information.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: POPULATION CENTERED SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Dates: June 23-24, 2009

Location: Quest Conference Center – Columbus, Ohio

For more information, please contact Jasmine Finnie at (614) 781-9651 ext. 229 or jasminef@odvn.org

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.

WEBINAR: COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS

On July 15, 2009, the National Institute of Corrections will host "[The Mentally Ill in Jail: Whose Problem Is It Anyway?](#)" This live, 3-hour satellite/Internet broadcast will provide an overview of opportunities that can help your organization prepare to work with persons suffering from mental illness in jails. (NIC)

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](#)

FREE WEBINAR: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS PROTECTING PEOPLE WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS AND CRIMINAL RECORDS

Dates: June 11th; June 29th

Time: 1:30 p.m.

For more information, [click here](#).

2009 NIJ CONFERENCE

Dates: June 15–17, 2009

Location: Arlington, VA

[Register](#)

[See the agenda](#)

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR YOUR CCR: INNOVATIONS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE CONFERENCE

Dates: June 22-24, 2009,

Location: St. Paul, MN

Registration fee: None

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2009 JUVENILE REENTRY CONFERENCE

Dates: June 24-26, 2009

Location: Washington, D.C.

<http://www.performanceweb.org/2009/02/27/1269/>

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.

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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.

NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE “OPERATIONAL TUNE-UP

Locations & Dates: July 30-31, 2009 (Indianapolis, IN);
August 13-14, 2009 (Minneapolis, MN)
October 8-9, 2009 (San Diego, CA)
November 5-6, 2009 (White Plains, NY)

Cost: Free

Don't wait! To register, please visit our website at www.nadcp.org and download a registration form and fax it to 703-575-9402. If you have any questions, please contact Jannise Randall at jrandall@ndci.org or at 703-575-9400 ext. 20.

FINDING THE PATH

Dates: August 3 – 4, 2009
Location: Long Beach, California
<http://www.dvinstitute.org/healing/index.html>

2009 NATIONAL FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Dates: August 9-11, 2009
Location: Bellevue, Washington
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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

17TH ANNUAL ICCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dates: September 13-16, 2009
Location: Caribe Royale Resort & Conference Center – Orlando, Florida
Go to: www.iccaweb.org

UC DAVIS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CONFERENCE

Dates: September 21-23, 2009
Location: Hyatt Regency, Sacramento
Go to: www.canconference.com

16TH NATIONAL TASC CONFERENCE ON DRUGS & CRIME

Date: September 23-25, 2009
Location: North Carolina
For more information, go to: www.NationalTASC.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>

PATHWAYS TO CHANGE: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES

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Date: October 26-27, 2009

Location: Westin San Francisco Airport

For more details, including where to make reservations, please visit the [Centerforce website.](#)

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S 40TH NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS
CONFERENCE & EXPO**

Dates: March 15-17, 2010

Location: Walt Disney World Resort – Orlando, FL

[Registration](#) and [hotel reservations](#) for 2010 are already open.

2010 NATIONAL GAINS CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!

Dates: March 17-19, 2010

Location: Orlando, Florida

RESEARCH

ARMING THE COURTS WITH RESEARCH

For many years, conventional wisdom has been that “nothing works” to change offender behavior—that once an offender has turned to crime little can be done to help turn his or her life around. Today, however, there is a voluminous body of solid research showing that certain “evidence-based” sentencing and corrections practices do work and can reduce crime rates as effectively as prisons at much lower cost. This policy brief outlines 10 strategies for evidence-based sentencing that would allow states to reduce their crime rates while conserving state resources to meet other important needs. The brief is adapted from a longer paper by Roger Warren, president emeritus of the National Center for State Courts, that was originally published in a special 2007 issue of the *Indiana Law Journal*. [View Full Report: Evidence-Based Sentencing Brief \(Adobe PDF\)](#)

NEW STUDY DOCUMENTS HIGH PREVALENCE OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES AMONG NATION'S JAIL POPULATIONS

A new study released today of more than 20,000 men and women entering jail offers the most accurate accounting in more than two decades of the number of adults with serious mental illnesses in these facilities.

Using screening instruments to identify individuals entering jails with the most serious mental illnesses and the greatest need for comprehensive and continuous treatment, a team of researchers from the nonpartisan Council of State Governments Justice Center and Policy Research Associates found that 14.5 percent of males and 31 percent of females—or 16.9 percent overall—met that criteria. The percentage of women with serious mental illnesses in jail is double that of men—a particularly troubling finding given the overall growth in the female jail population and the lack of research on the reasons for this overrepresentation. These estimates are three to six times higher than the general population, and indicate that as many as 2 million bookings of people with serious mental illnesses may occur each year. The findings, published today in the journal *Psychiatric Services*, underscore the challenges faced by jail administrators to address the needs of individuals with mental illnesses in the face of budget cuts and extremely limited resources.

Click [here](#) to read the full release.

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