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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 – Cancelled	Send your RSVP to: lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us
Defense Attorneys	June 26 – Cancelled	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

60 REPEAT DUI OFFENDERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE YEAR IN AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT'S TREATMENT PROGRAM

So far six Ohio courts – in Marion, Richland, Clermont, Butler, Athens and Summit counties – have established DUI dockets, paid for by federal grant money. Clermont's was the first, started about three years ago. The model is still being studied to determine its effectiveness. But Melissa Knopp, manager of the Supreme Court's specialized-dockets section, said the court is hopeful that treating the underlying causes of alcohol abuse will dramatically reduce recidivism and give offenders a real shot at recovery from their addictions. "Our goal is to look at the whole person, instead of just the little piece that is the offense they committed," Knopp said. "We want to determine what the offender needs to become a productive member of society and stop the revolving door into the jailhouse."

[More...](#)

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS WIDESPREAD PROBLEM AT JAILS

Lake County Sheriff Daniel Dunlap said there are at least two or three people sitting in his jail at this moment with severe suicidal tendencies. "You could walk in the jail right now and find 20 people very easily who have deep-seated problems with psychosis, bipolar disorder, neurosis or schizophrenia," the sheriff said. "We are facing those problems every day here. As the mental health system continues to crumble, more responsibility continues to fall on the jails. We're doing the best we can, but we're not a mental hospital." Dunlap's office is not alone. [More...](#)

TEEN DRUG COURT TOUGH

Lake County Juvenile Court Judge Karen Lawson made it clear the teenage boy before her during a recent hearing in her Drug Court was in trouble for violating probation by smoking marijuana. "You know you'll have to go downstairs. That's where you are going for 24 hours," the judge said, referring to the one-room lockup cell below her first-floor court based in Painesville. [More...](#)

LAKE COUNTY'S TWO DRUG COURTS AMONG 72 IN OHIO

Nationally, there are 600,000 teenagers and adults participating in 2,301 drug courts. In Ohio, Lake County Juvenile Court (which calls its drug court the "Spontaneity Program") is among 28 such

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programs for youths age 14 to 18 (if they are arrested at age 17). Mentor Municipal Court Judge John Trebets' Mental Health Court is among 11 such municipal court programs. [More...](#)

EDITORIAL: XENIA COULD USE MENTAL HEALTH COURT

There were plenty of jokes and snide remarks last week across the Miami Valley about “swimsuit man,” the Sugarcreek Twp. man dressed in a woman’s swimsuit who was arrested after creeping out the neighborhood by chasing people around in his unusual attire. [More...](#)

STRONGER LAWS NEEDED FOR DUI OFFENDERS

The apparent success of a pilot program to reduce recidivism among Ohioans arrested for driving under the influence should prompt state legislators to change the law on DUI offenses.

Six courts in various regions of the state have established special DUI programs, according to The Associated Press. They are in Athens, Butler, Clermont, Marion, Richland and Summit counties. The courts, with special emphasis on treatment of repeat DUI offenders, were established in 2007 with federal grant money. [More...](#)

NUMBER OF INMATES IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL AWAITING TRIAL EXCEEDS RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

The county has been pushing the 40-inmate goal for about eight years in an attempt to save costs and improve jail operations, jail administrator Ken Kochevar said. Each week he e-mails a list of inmates per judge to all the judges and their bailiffs. [More...](#)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL PROGRAM TO SAVE BIG BUCKS ON SHORT-TERM INMATE STAYS

Cuyahoga County Jail administrators anticipate saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year by segregating low-level felony suspects who are likely to post bond within 24 to 48 hours. A trial program started May 26 with male inmates and expanded to female inmates a week later. The inmates are kept in street clothes and are not given in-depth physicals like other defendants. Each is still given a medical questionnaire, and those who inform jailers about health problems receive physicals, officials said. [More...](#)

SENTENCING-OVERHAUL BATTLE BREWING IN SENATE

A much-debated criminal-sentencing overhaul that would allow some inmates to earn early-release credit is heading for a showdown in an Ohio Senate committee next week. Sen. Timothy J. Grendell, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he agreed to bring Senate Bill 22 to a vote, but he won't predict the outcome.

"There will be testimony, and I think there are going to be a series of amendments," the Chesterland Republican said. [More...](#)

NAME CHANGE IS RIGHT FOR MRDD

The Butler County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities — along with similarly named agencies around Ohio — are about to undergo an identity change.

The Ohio General Assembly and Gov. Ted Strickland are poised to enact a law, Senate Bill 79, to remove the word “retardation” from the names of state and county MRDD agencies. Thus, the local board will soon be known simply as the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities, while the Ohio Department of MRDD will become the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

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FUNDING

REVISED GRANTS CALENDAR FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS)

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Programs: The normal JAG and VAWA allocation request for proposals will be released August 1 and due to OCJS August 31. To see the revised calendar, please visit: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsCalendar.pdf

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.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

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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.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

16TH NADCP ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Location: Boston, MA
Dates: June 2-5, 2010

Call for proposals for workshops presentations, poster sessions, and videos.

The submission deadline is *August 28, 2009*

To submit a proposal contact: jlubold@nadcp.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE 40TH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CONFERENCE

Dates: March 15-17, 2010
Location: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort – Orlando, Florida

Call for proposals for workshops presentations, poster sessions, and videos.

The submission deadline is *September 15, 2009*.

To submit a proposal: www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/boston/call_for_papers

Workshops: Presentations are 90 minutes long, with no more than a maximum of THREE presenters.

Posters: Highlight your promising programs during our poster session.

Videos: 10 to 30 minute documentaries or independent film projects that illustrate key issues in the delivery of appropriate and comprehensive behavioral health services.

OHIO TRAININGS

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 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](#).

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](#)

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>

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

Dates: June 29th

Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

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

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESEARCH: FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES describes for practitioners what the research tells us about domestic violence, including its perpetrators and victims, the impact of current responses to it and, more particularly, the implications of that research for day-to-day, real-world responses to domestic violence by law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges.

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PROBATION AND PAROLE IN THE UNITED STATES

The Bureau of Justice Statistics just released *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2007* Statistical Tables. Data come from the 2007 Annual Probation Survey and the 2007 Annual Parole Survey, as well as from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Probationers are defined here as criminal offenders who have been sentenced to a period of correctional supervision in the community in lieu of incarceration. Parole is defined as a period of conditional supervised release (determined by a parole board or by mandatory conditional release) following a prison term. The following are highlights taken from this report.

- In 2007, the total Federal, State, and local adult correctional population (incarcerated or in the community) grew 2.0% to over 7.3 million. Offenders under community supervision accounted for nearly 70% of the correctional population.
- About 3.2% of the U.S. adult resident population was under correctional supervision at year end 2007, and 2.2% of the U.S. adult resident population was under community supervision.
- The U.S. probation population increased 1.8% in 2007 to 4,293,163 adults on probation.
- Ohio ranked fifth in the total number on probation, with an estimated 254,898. This represents an increase of 4.2% from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007.
- Ohio's probation rate of 2,917 per 100,000 adult residents was greater than the national rate of 1,873 per 100,000 adult residents.
- The parole population in the U.S. increased 3.2% in 2007, to 824,365 adults on parole.
- Ohio ranked twelfth in the total number on parole, with 17,575. This represents a decrease of 0.2% from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
- Ohio's parole rate of 201 per 100,000 adult residents was less than the national average of 360 per 100,000 adult residents.
- Of the total number of adults leaving parole in 2007, 44.5% successfully completed their time, and 38.0% returned to jail or prison. Of those who returned to jail or prison, over 70% returned with revocation.
- In Ohio, there were 10,035 adults exiting parole in 2007. Of these, 74.0% successfully completed their term, and 18.7% returned to jail or prison.

To view the statistical tables, go to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' website:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ppus07st.pdf>

To view the entire report, please visit:

<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Research/Probation and Parole 2007.pdf>

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