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October 5, 2011

2011 OSDPN MEETINGS & RSVP

THE OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK

With over 140 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.

2011 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

All meetings are 10:00am – 2:00pm and at the [Judicial Center](#) unless noted otherwise.

Judges	Nov. 16 – Worthington Doubletree Suites (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	*Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov
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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

2011 OSDPN ANNUAL CONFERENCE: PREPARING FOR CERTIFICATION

Date: November 17, 2011

Location: Doubletree Hotel – Worthington

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2011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2011 *Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

November 30, 2011

All meetings are from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Ohio Judicial Center.

For directions to the Court, please visit our [website](#).

SUPREME COURT ADOPTS SPECIALIZED DOCKETS STANDARDS

The Supreme Court of Ohio has adopted a new rule that allows local courts to receive Supreme Court certification of a specialized docket. The rule takes effect on Jan. 1, 2013. The rule allows a court operating or establishing a particular session of court to apply for certification of the session from the Supreme Court. The session must offer a therapeutically oriented judicial approach to providing court supervision and appropriate treatment to individuals placed in it. Upon receipt of Supreme Court certification, the session may be referred to as a “specialized docket.” Since the establishment of the Hamilton County Drug Court in 1995, Ohio has been recognized as a national leader in the implementation of specialized dockets. In 2001, the Supreme Court created the Specialized Dockets Section to assist and support local courts in developing specialized programs uniquely tailored to helping specific populations within the court system. Today, there are nearly 150 specialized dockets operating in Ohio including drug courts, mental health courts, re-entry courts, OVI courts, veterans courts, sex offender courts, felony non-support courts and domestic violence courts. The 12 standards included in the newly adopted Rule 36.02 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio are intended to create a minimum level of uniform practices while still allowing courts to tailor operations to meet their local needs. The standards spell out the procedure for certification. They require courts to engage in a planning process for their specialized docket programs, use a non-adversarial approach, hold regular treatment team meetings, and conduct regular status review hearings for individuals placed in the programs. The standards specifically exempt commercial dockets, housing dockets and environmental dockets from the requirements of the rule. [View the complete language of the rule.](#)

NEWS

TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT IMPLEMENTS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, WINS AWARD

The Toledo Municipal Court recently stepped up its technology initiative with two programs and is now being recognized statewide. The Court’s probation department implemented two offender supervision programs: the Kiosk Program and the Online Alternatives Program. The Kiosk Program, which started in 2008, allows low-risk, non-violent offenders to use one of five kiosks located throughout Lucas County for reporting in and collecting information, including a photo identification check, to reduced the need for probation officers. [More...](#)

SENTENCING SHIFT GIVES NEW LEVERAGE TO PROSECUTORS

After decades of new laws to toughen sentencing for criminals, prosecutors have gained greater leverage to extract guilty pleas from defendants and reduce the number of cases that go to trial, often by using the threat of more serious charges with mandatory sentences or other harsher penalties. [More...](#)

NADCP POSITION STATEMENT ON THE REALITY TELEVISION SHOW “LAST SHOT WITH JUDGE GUNN”

On September 26, 2011, “*Last Shot with Judge Gunn*” — a reality television show purporting to depict Drug Court proceedings in Arkansas — will premiere in national syndication. Although details of the show have not been fully disclosed to the public, NADCP has monitored the publicly available information concerning its development and has concerns about the show’s representation as a Drug Court and its casting of individuals in substance abuse treatment. [More...](#)

IN DIRE STRAITS, PART 1: DRUG PROGRAM BECOMES ALTERNATIVE TO PRISON

North Ridgeville resident Joshua Hudgens is familiar with Cuyahoga County Drug Court because he says it saved his life. In 2009, Hudgens found himself with an opiate dependency and faced an array of felony charges for deception to obtain Oxycodone and other narcotics. But he didn’t just wake up one day and find himself a drug addict, and he said if it weren’t for the case managers and Judge David T. Matia of drug court, he would be in prison. Or dead. [More...](#)

IN DIRE STRAITS, PART 2: DRUG ABUSER REACHES TOWARD RECOVERY

In Part 1 last week, North Ridgeville resident Joshua Hudgens explained how a married man with a stable home life and everything going for him found himself addicted to prescription pain medications. That problem later led him to harder drugs, including heroin. In the conclusion to this two-part series, he recalls his road to recovery via the Cuyahoga County Drug Court. [More...](#)

WEBINARS

NATIONAL TA CENTER WEBINAR SERIES

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health conducts monthly webinars through our National TA Webinar Series. These webinars generally occur on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 PM E.T.

Participation in the webinar series requires that you register using the online registration form below. There are no registration fees to listen to or participate in these webinars.

<http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2011calls.html>

SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

The National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund (NNEDVF) teams up with the Allstate Foundation to support NNEDVF grants to aid domestic violence survivors. The program supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose core mission is to serve or represent victims of domestic violence and their children. The effort also provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence (women and their families) to help them achieve their educational and job related goals. Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply; however, the application must be completed by a local domestic violence program or coalition to be accepted. Applications will be assessed based on the need. There are a variety of grants available such as one that works through state coalitions to train advocates and encourage economic independence from abusers. Information:

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/domestic-violence-grants.aspx> or [202/543-5566](tel:2025435566).

EDUCATION, COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DIVERSITY/FAIRNESS FOCUS

Deadline: Ongoing

The Darden Restaurant Foundation (DRF), affiliated with the company that owns Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants, offers an array of community-based grants for the improvement of K-12 education. Darden makes grants in communities where it has facilities. Because they have operations across the country, chances are good there will be a facility in your back yard. Projects should meet community needs as well as emphasize diversity and fairness. Be aware that foundation board meetings are held quarterly in August, November, February and May. If you have a time sensitive project, it's best to check with DRF to see how much lead time they need for a grant application. Information: Bob McAdam, Senior Vice President, Community Affairs, 407/245-5366;

http://www.darden.com/com_overview_mission.asp

GENERAL YOUTH FUNDING

Deadline: Rolling

Summary: Most of the work the Annie E. Casey Foundation supports takes the form of multi-year, multi-site, foundation-based projects. However, the foundation, which focuses on helping vulnerable and at-risk children, youth and their families, does not discourage interested organizations from submitting letter of inquiry when looking for grants. Founded in 1948, the primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of vulnerable children and families. It is the 15th largest private foundation in the United States, with assets of more than \$3 billion, and ranks 20th in the nation for charitable giving.

Website: www.aecf.org

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

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. awards grants to provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness through several foundations, including the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation and the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700016>

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) 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.

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").

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OHIO TRAININGS

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

OCJS is hosting several free Grant Writing Seminars. The 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 date:

October 12: Designing and Effective Evaluation Strategy

December 14: Understanding Cost Benefit Analysis

All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in 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 registration form, visit:

http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_TrainingForm.pdf

CARE TRAINING SESSIONS

The CARE training session(s) will help you increase your 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. The training is targeted to behavioral/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. The cost of the CARE training Level I (3 hour session) is \$35 for MACC members and \$45 for non-members and CARE Level II (8 hours) is \$120 and \$150 accordingly. CEU's are available for RNs/LPNs and LSWs/LISWs; application has been made for CEU's for Counseling and Ohio Chemical Dependency professionals. For more information about CARE trainings [click here](#).

INTERNATIONAL POVERTY SOLUTIONS COLLABORATIVE TO HOST CONFERENCE

Dates: October 19-21, 2011

Location: OSU - Ohio Union

The International Poverty Solutions Collaborative, a Center for Innovation at Ohio State is hosting its inaugural interdisciplinary conference, Building Solutions to Poverty - Methods and Metrics for Identifying Success, Wednesday (10/19)-Friday (10/21) at the Ohio Union. The conference will bring together experts in methodology, poverty research, community engagement strategies, and public policy to strengthen the design, implementation and evaluation of poverty interventions and solutions. Contact: <mailto:poverty@osu.edu> [Read more >](#)

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: IDENTIFYING FUNDING RESOURCES

Date: Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 - Columbus, OH

Who should attend: Personnel from courts operating Specialized Dockets

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio is offering a specialized training on *Cost Benefit Analysis: Identifying Funding Resources* presented by Sharon Schnelle, PH.D. Schnelle works in the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services Policy and Research Section, directly overseeing the grant review process, and has worked closely on developing the scoring matrix used by OCJS to score their competitive grant applications.

[Register now](#)

[View the brochure](#)

For more information on this event, please contact [Charlsia Brown](#).

INSIGHT FOR ADVOCATES: THE SCOOP ON NEW ALTERNATIVES IN CPS

Date: October 28, 2011

Location: Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio

This one day conference is for directors and staff who are expected to lead collaboration and coordination efforts with Child Protective Service agencies.

Conference presenters include: David Mandel, David Mandel and Associates, Grace Mattern, Chair-elect, National Network to End Domestic Violence and former Co-Chair of the National Greenbook Policy Advisory Council and Ohio Domestic Violence Network Staff Members. *This event is supported in part through funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice. Points of view expressed in this event are those of the organizers and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice. Additional Funding provided by Care Source Foundation, HealthPath Foundation of Ohio, and the Ohio Dept. of Jobs & Family Services.* Conference registration is located at www.odvn.org.

SAVE THE DATE - OFFENDER REENTRY - A COMMUNITY PROCESS: "INVEST NOW OR PAY MORE LATER"

Date: Friday, November 4, 2011

Location: Southern State Community College

More information coming soon...

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SAVE THE DATE - 2011 OHIO HOUSING CONFERENCE

Date: November 29-December 1, 2011

ONLINE COURSES TRAIN JUVENILE JUSTICE MANAGERS

The [National Juvenile Court Services Association](#) has designed an online training curriculum to train juvenile justice managers. Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Professional Juvenile Justice Manager (PJMM) certificate program includes [a series of online courses](#). Students will spend two weeks on each course, working on basic lecture material, specialized readings, and self-assessment questions.

The program is designed to train staff and to provide certification for supervisors currently in the field. Those who successfully complete the program will receive certification from the American Probation and Parole Association. Resources: To access a list of PJMM courses and register online, visit www.njcsacertification.org/course/ca_tegory.php?id=29.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR JUVENILE SERVICES TO HIGHLIGHT SYSTEM REFORM

Date: October 16–19, 2011

Location: Indianapolis, IN

The National Partnership for Juvenile Services will host a national symposium on "[Representing America's Youth: System Reformation and Professional Renewal](#)." Focus groups and policy discussions will highlight topics such as juvenile corrections and detention, educating youth in confinement, community-based care, residential care, mental health care issues in juvenile justice, and more.

Registration is available [online](#).

WORKING WITH YOUTH: IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED & STRENGTH-CENTERED PRACTICES TO PREVENT & REDUCE OF YOUTH DELINQUENCY & CRIME

Date: October 31 - Nov. 2, 2011

Location: The LUXOR Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

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RESEARCH & RESOURCES

HOW TO USE THE SAMHSA RECOVERY MONTH TOOLKIT TO PROMOTE TEEN RECOVERY *By Christa Myers*

As a busy project director for Reclaiming Futures Hocking County, communications with the community and positive staff recognition often fall to the bottom of my to-do list, despite my best intentions. This is why the designation of September as National Recovery Month by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and their annual Recovery Month toolkit is extremely helpful to me. I know that during the month of August and September, I will be focusing my efforts on helping to promote prevention, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders, and that there are resources available to help me easily complete my mission. [More...](#)

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