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### 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	<b>Nov. 16 – Worthington Doubletree Suites</b> (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	<b>*Send your RSVP to:</b> <a href="mailto:Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov">Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov</a>
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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](#).

### THE NEW SPECIALIZED DOCKETS STANDARDS

#### 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.](#)

**NINE GRADUATE FROM MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

Donnie Kareff freely admits he was "a mess" when he joined the Mental Health Court program. "I was on drugs pretty bad," Kareff said. "I was on the verge of losing everything that I cherished." That was in October 2010. A year later, Kareff was among nine graduates recognized Monday during a reception at the Center for Individual and Family Services. [More...](#)

**VETERANS COURT GRADS THANKFUL**

Larry Evans had not been sober for 10 years before Veterans Court. Evans was able to share his success story at Monday's Veterans Court graduation. He served in the Army from 1967 to 1970 during the Vietnam era. "I haven't used alcohol since Feb. 17," he said. Evans and about a dozen other veterans were part of the second graduating class. Veterans Court, started by Municipal Judge Jerry Ault in November 2009, was the first of its kind in Ohio. In January 2010, it expanded to include fellow Municipal Judge Frank Ardis Jr. [More...](#)

## WEBINARS

**DWI VS. DRUG OFFENDER WEBINAR**

**Date & Time:** November 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. EST

Summary: More and more Drug Treatment Courts are taking habitual DWI offenders into their programs raising questions on what is the proper treatment and supervision for this group of participants; should it be the same as the drug addicted participants? This webinar will discuss the practical and theoretical reasons why some Drug Courts have created for their DWI participants separate tracks for the courtroom as well as for treatment."

Registration link: <http://ndcrc.webex.com/ndcrc/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=640450797>

**THE WAY FORWARD: ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS BY 2015**

**Date & Time:** November 9 at 1:30-2:30 pm EDT

In honor of Veterans Day, USICH Deputy Director Anthony Love will moderate an expert panel including Susan Angell Executive Director of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Homeless Initiative, John Driscoll President and CEO of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, and Tori Lyon Executive Director for the Jericho Project. The panelists will address the progress that has been made since VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced the five year goal to end homelessness among Veterans and more. [Register here.](#)

**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.

**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](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 15<sup>th</sup> largest private foundation in the United States, with assets of more than \$3 billion, and ranks 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation for charitable giving.

**Website:** [www.aecf.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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:

**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](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](#).

**DOCUMENTATION AND COURT: WHAT ADVOCATES NEED TO KNOW**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2011

**Time:** 9:30 am - 4 pm

**Location:** London, Ohio

**Cost:** \$25 for members, \$60 for non-members

**Who should attend:** shelter based advocates, legal advocates, child advocates, counselors, Clinical Directors, Executive Directors, and anyone who is responsible for documenting the needs and services provided to survivors and their children.

This training is designed to help advocates learn what impact their documentation or lack of documentation can have in a case as well as guidelines for offering fact-based and expert testimony. Presenters will also review best practices for responding to subpoenas and filing motions to quash in



civil and criminal cases. Participants will have the opportunity to observe and participate in mock cross examination. The training will be highly interactive and engaging. The presenters will include attorneys working in both the civil and criminal justice systems.

You can register to attend at the ODVN website ([www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org)) under the Training tab or use this link [http://www.odvn.org/index.php?option=com\\_registrationpro&view=event&Itemid=12&did=18](http://www.odvn.org/index.php?option=com_registrationpro&view=event&Itemid=12&did=18)

#### **18TH ANNUAL CREATING SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 13-15, 2011

**Location:** Deer Creek State Park

Feel free to forward this information to colleagues that work with schools to create Safe Learning Environments.

**AGENDA** <http://www.oacp.org/edu/edu11-15-2011ag.pdf>

**FLYER** <http://www.oacp.org/edu/edu11-15-2011.pdf>

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** <http://www.oacp.org/edu/regonlin.html>

#### **DWAVE SEXUAL AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 19, 2011

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

[www.DWAVEohio.org](http://www.DWAVEohio.org) for online registration.

#### **SAVE THE DATE - 2011 OHIO HOUSING CONFERENCE**

**Date:** November 29-December 1, 2011

#### **2011 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (NASW) OHIO CHAPTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Date:** December 2, 2011

**Location:** Ohio Union, Columbus, OH

**Costs:** \$50 for members, \$75 for non-members, \$25 for students- Cost includes parking

The conference is a great way to meet your licensure requirements, learn new information, and network with social workers from across the state. The theme of this year's conference is Leadership with Vision as it is essential that social workers operate from an ethical foundation. The conference features keynote presenter Ruth Lipschutz who is the Chairperson of the NASW's National Ethics Committee who will be discussing how ethical leadership is built on the code of ethics. Following her presentation a panel presentation will discuss the obstacles to ethical practice in different types of settings: in private practice, in non-profits, in a government entity, and in Universities. During lunch participants will have the opportunity to visit over thirty vendors who represent employers, MSW programs, and businesses. Following lunch there will be two 1.5 hour breakout sessions on a myriad of topics related to ethical social work practice at all levels- micro, mezzo, and macro. After the conference join us for the President's Reception and Awards Banquet. The conference will also feature poster presentations from students, community members, and faculty/staff.

For more information and to register for the conference visit [www.naswoh.org](http://www.naswoh.org)

### 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/category.php?id=29](http://www.njcsacertification.org/course/category.php?id=29).



## RESEARCH & RESOURCES

### TEEN ALCOHOL RISK SCREENING GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has released, "[Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide](#)." This tool helps healthcare professionals identify youth at risk for alcohol-related problems, counsel or advise them, and connect them to external sources of treatment. It contains a risk assessment survey and links to motivational interviewing resources.

The guide is free and can be downloaded or ordered [online](#).

### SURVEY ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND COLLABORATION SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

The Partnership at Drugfree.org is conducting a [survey](#) to increase understanding of the best way to develop collaborations between law enforcement, substance abuse prevention agencies, and educators to prevent teens and young adults from engaging in substance abuse. Results will inform the development of a substance abuse collaboration training manual that will be free and available to participants and interested communities.

The survey is funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. All members of the juvenile justice community are encouraged to participate. It is available [online](#), and takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

## JOB OPENINGS

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