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2012 OSDPN MEETINGS

2012 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

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

Judges	March 23 Nov. 28 – Location TBA (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	*Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov
Program Coordinators	May 3 July 31 October 19 *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	*Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov
Probation Officers	April 26 July 20 September 18 *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov

2012 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2012 *Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

January 27, 2012
March 9, 2012

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.](#)

NEWS

REPORT: MOVE MENTALLY ILL YOUTH FROM OHIO LOCKUPS

The state should transfer mentally ill juvenile inmates to psychiatric facilities as soon as possible and find money for their treatment, according to a new report on the status of Ohio’s youth prison system. The Department of Youth Services holds some of the most acutely mentally ill youth in the state, who would be transferred to more appropriate psychiatric treatment facilities if they were hospitalized or in other settings outside detention, the report said. [More...](#)

WEBINARS

MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS, SUICIDE, AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 3:00pm-4:30pm Eastern Time

Presenter: Colanda Cato, PhD, Subject Matter Expert, PTSD and Violence Prevention, Resilience & Prevention Directorate, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Jan Kemp, RN, PhD, National Director, Suicide Prevention Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration; April Gerlock, PhD, ARNP, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, University of Washington, School of Nursing.

Moderator: Glenna Tinney, Military Advocacy Program Coordinator, Battered Women's Justice Project.

Description: Do you think that military personnel and veterans are at higher risk for suicide? Do you know the risk factors for suicide for active duty military service members, Reserve and National Guard personnel, and veterans? Are these risk factors different from the general civilian population? Do you think that IPV cases involving military and veteran offenders are more likely to become lethal? This Webinar will provide an overview of suicide involving military personnel and veterans, including a discussion of risk factors. It will provide information about the suicide prevention initiatives and programs in place in both the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. This Webinar will also discuss the intersection of suicide and IPV, the risk for lethal IPV, and how to address depression and suicide when they co-occur with IPV.

Audience: Anti-violence advocates, Family Advocacy Program advocates, mental health providers, offender intervention program staff, law enforcement, probation, parole, court, and corrections personnel are encouraged to participate so that we may strengthen our professional relationships and learn from each other as we do this work.

Registration: This webinar is open to OVW Grants to Encourage Arrest (GTEA) Grantees and the general public.

GTEA grantees: you will need OVW-issued grant number to register for this training.

Military listserv use: 2011-WEAX-1981.

General public/other OVW grantees you will need to use: 2011-WEAX-1801.

Register Here: <http://conferences.bwjp.org/webconferencedetail.aspx?confid=253>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS IN ADDICTION RECOVERY (PIR) WITHIN RECOVERY-ORIENTED SYSTEMS OF CARE

This four-part webinar series will highlight the multiple volunteer and career opportunities available to Persons in Addiction Recovery (PIR) within Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC). This webinar series will provide PIR with a suggested pathway for pursuing and obtainin these opportunities. Presented by: David Whitters, PhD

#3. January 25, 2012 10:00am—12:00pm CST

[Debunking the Myth: Our lived experience alone is enough.](#)

#4. February 15, 2012 10:00am—12:00pm CST

[Ready, Set, Go: Expanding Employment Opportunities for PIR within the Behavioral Health Field](#)

COURT LEADERSHIP TEAM WEBINAR SERIES 2012: *Leadership: Credibility in Action*

Date & Time: Monday, January 23, 2012 @ 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Faculty: Judge Kevin Burke, Hennepin County District Court (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Integrity. Trustworthiness. Honesty. Accountability. Ethics. Self-Knowledge. All are essential attributes for court leaders in every court. But how do leaders effectively demonstrate these traits and create a court where employees feel valued, safe, productive and happy? Judge Kevin Burke will provide guidelines on how to build trust, listen effectively, and encourage crucial conversations—all necessary ingredients for creating effective courts. In addition to demonstrating these attributes within the court, court leaders will learn how to integrate these skills in their relationships with their counterparts outside the courts. **For registration information, contact Ms. Shelley Rockwell at 757-259-1841 or srockwell@ncsc.org.**

SEVEN PROGRAM DESIGN FEATURES: ADULT DRUG COURT PRINCIPLES, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has released a new **[Research to Practice \(R2P\) webinar](#)** addressing the 7 design features of Adult Drug Court.

BJA, with support from the National Institute of Justice, set the 7 design features as priorities in the recently released **[2012 Adult Drug Court Solicitation](#)**. In this 1 hour webinar, you will hear from a distinguished panel of experts as they outline each of the 7 design features, provide snapshots of the research to support each feature, and provide you with the necessary tools to improve your Adult Drug Court program. Lastly, you will gain access to a wealth of resources and links to assist you as you think of ways to improve your program design.

[Click here to view the webinar](#)

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>

FUNDING

2012 JMATE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please go to www.jmate.org/jmate2012/Register.aspx to complete your free registration to attend the 2012 JMATE conference. We are asking for all grantees and key stakeholders in the field of adolescent treatment to register between now and February 15, 2012.

2012 JMATE MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

During the awards presentation, 2012 JMATE will make a special tribute to the fallen heroes and “she-roes” that the behavioral health field has lost this year. If you would like to recognize someone that made a contribution and that passed away this year please complete the following:

- (1) Name of the Individual
- (2) Name, e-mail and phone number of primary contact person for this submission
- (3) A Short (250 word) narrative describing the individual and his/her contribution
- (4) Please send a photo in electronic format (e.g., jpeg)
- (5) Will his/her family be in attendance for the award session?

Please submit the information via email to jmate-info@jbsinternational.com by February 15, 2012. Thank you for taking time to recognize our field's great contributors!

CALL FOR FILMS NOW OPEN!

The 2012 JMATE Cinema Films about Youth Substance Use, Treatment, and Recovery is now open for submission. NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals is sponsoring the 2012 JMATE Cinema (www.naadac.org/). The purpose of JMATE Cinema is to show films that highlight solutions and hope for successful treatment and sustained recovery for youth and families. We welcome submissions of films to be screened at JMATE that are either:

- (1) Films produced by youth/family members or people interested in advocating for youth with substance use disorder, or
- (2) Films that have been found helpful by practitioners, for use in recovery sessions, but may not have been produced by the practitioners.

Review Process

Film submissions will be accepted from December 1, 2011 – January 15, 2012 with acceptance/rejection notifications occurring before March 2012.

Submission Details

To complete your film submission, please visit the homepage of the JMATE Website at www.jmate.org. Entries should be submitted via regular mail to the address indicated on the film submission form (page 3).

If you have any questions or additional information needs, please contact us at JMATE-info@jbsinternational.com.

\$1 BILLION TO BE AWARDED FOR HEALTH CARE IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of Health and Human Services announced today that up to \$1 billion dollars will be awarded to innovative projects across the country that test creative ways to deliver high quality medical care and save money. The Health Care Innovation Challenge will also give preference to projects that rapidly hire, train and deploy health care workers. Funded by the Affordable Care Act, the Health Care Innovation Challenge will award grants in March to applicants who will implement the most compelling new ideas to deliver better health, improved care and lower costs to people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, particularly those with the highest health care needs. Proposals are encouraged to focus on high cost/high-risk groups including those populations with multiple chronic diseases and/or mental health or substance abuse issues, poor health status due to socio-economic and environmental factors, multiple medical conditions, high cost individuals, or the elderly.

Important deadlines:

~~Letter of Intent: December 19, 2011~~

Application Due Date: January 27, 2012

Anticipated Award Date: March 30, 2012

For more information, including a [fact sheet](#) and the [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#), please see the Health Care Innovation Challenge initiative web site at: www.innovation.cms.gov.

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

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&cid=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").

SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Deadline: Varies by Program

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advocates and encourage economic independence from abusers. Information:
<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/domestic-violence-grants.aspx> or 202/543-5566.

OHIO TRAININGS

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The Office of Criminal Justice Services is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2012. OCJS's grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and writing proposals. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals are discussed. Attendees also receive the OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*.

Grant writing 101 trainings take place on the following dates:

- **January 26**
- **February 9**
- **May 2**
- **June 7**
- **September 13**
- **November 8**

All trainings are held from 9 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

Additional FREE Trainings Hosted by OCJS in 2012 are:

Basic Principles of Strategic Planning: This training session will cover information on strategic planning as it relates to infrastructure development and planning that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies. The training will expose participants to concepts and ideas that will help develop a plan for growing their agency or program and how it is related to applying for, administering and evaluating a program that could be funded through OCJS, etc. **This training will be held January 24, 2012.**

Logic Model: 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. The training will expose participants to several different logic model designs and how they relate to securing funding through federal, state and local sources. Applicants should bring information related to specific projects their agency currently funds or is seeking funding for, so they can participate in a hands-on approach to logic model development. **This training will be held April 12, 2012.**

Cost Benefit Analysis: This session provides a generalized overview of the historical context of utilizing cost benefit analysis as a tool to assess the value or worth of a social services, including content regarding cost-effectiveness analysis, multi-goal analysis and related techniques for evaluating public sector projects. **This training will be held May 22,**

2012 and December 4, 2012.

Incorporating Evidence-Based Practices: 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. The training will also: define implementation; explore strategies for real-world application of innovative, research-based practice; highlight why the effective implementation of evidence-based practices is critical to achieving outcomes; and outline six core components that drive successful program implementation. **This training will be held June 5, 2012.**

Designing an Effective Evaluation Strategy: 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. **This training will be held August 28, 2012.**

Finding Funding and Sustainability: This training will focus on reviewing the available resources that will assist in identifying viable funding sources for your agency. We will focus on using periodicals, traditional sources of grant research, as well as using the internet to research funding streams that might be available to you. A good deal of the class will concentrate on getting online and working through some of the major sources for finding funding on the internet. **This training will be held October 9, 2012.**

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, 43223 (located on the first floor by the BMV testing center).

To download and print a training/event registration form, visit www.ocjs.ohio.gov website and click on the link for the OCJS Event Registration Form, or you can now register online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OCJSregister>

BULLYING PREVENTION SUMMIT: CHANGING SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CULTURE AND CLIMATE

Dates: February 2 - 3, 2012

Location: Cuyahoga Community College, East Campus, Highland Hills, Ohio, USA

Sponsored by: Global Issues Resource Center, Cuyahoga Community College, in partnership with Facing History and Ourselves, Virginia Tech, Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Orange High School, Beech Brook, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, The Ohio Department of Education and The Office of the Ohio Attorney General. **Summit details and registration materials available at:**

<http://www.tric.edu/enrichment/communityservices/GRIC/Pages/ProfessionalDevelopmentEvents.aspx>

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS FOR 2012

[Click here...](#)

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](#).

ODADAS SPRING CONFERENCE: "Expanding Our Field of Vision"

Date: March 6-7, 2012

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel - Columbus North

To register, [click here](#).

**5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION EDUCATION:
*Developing Global Citizens in Schools, Higher Education, and the Community***

Dates: March 14 – 19, 2012

Location: Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Early Registration due Feb. 11th. Special rates for college and university faculty, staff, and students! Registration information and details at: <http://creducation.org/cre/goto/5th>

NATIONAL TRAININGS

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.

NADCP 18TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Dates: May 30-June 2, 2012

Location: Nashville, TN

That's right, the [NADCP 18th Annual Training Conference](#) is just a few months away. This year, the world's largest conference on substance abuse, mental health and the criminal justice system will be in Nashville, Tennessee, with the theme: Drug Courts: Where Accountability Meets Compassion.

NEW REPORT: LEGALITY OF DENYING ACCESS TO MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

A new report published by the [Legal Action Center](#) details the circumstances in which the denial of MAT violates Federal anti-discrimination laws and the United States Constitution. The report concludes: Denial of access to MAT at any level of the criminal justice system violates the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act where the denial is pursuant to a blanket policy prohibiting MAT or is carried out on a case-by-case basis without the required objective, individualized evaluation. The denial of MAT pursuant to a policy prohibiting the use of any prescribed controlled substance also is likely to violate the ADA and Rehabilitation Act. NADCP continues to lead the Drug Court field in understanding of the law and its duty to treat every participant according to their individual needs. In July, NADCP issued a Board Resolution on MAT, stating that Drug Courts must not impose blanket prohibitions against the use of MAT for their participants. The statement resolves that the decision whether or not to allow the use of MAT must be based on an individualized assessment of the clinical and medical needs of each participant and the interests of the public and the administration of justice. NADCP continues to train Drug Courts to this standard and urges all Drug Court professionals implement proper procedures related to MAT.

[Download NADCP's Board Resolution on MAT.](#)
[Download the Legal Action Center report.](#)

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK LAUNCHES EMPOWERMENT EVALUATION TOOLKIT

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network is pleased to announce the launch of its on-line primary prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence empowerment evaluation toolkit. This innovative toolkit is the result of six years of working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) DELTA Program. Following Getting to Outcomes methodology for planning, implementation, and evaluation of primary prevention activities, ODVN's Empowerment Evaluation consultants Amy Bush Stevens and Dr. Sandra Ortega developed the toolkit as a user friendly translation. Ohio's local DELTA Projects, several sexual violence prevention programs funded by the Ohio Department of Health, and state leaders, provided critical feedback throughout the development of the toolkit. The entire toolkit is available on-line as one unified document (165 pages). In addition, each item listed in the Table of Contents is available to download as a separate pdf file and worksheets and templates are available in both pdf and word document form.

"We want to advance the field of intimate partner and sexual violence primary prevention," stated Amy Bush Stevens. "This innovation will aid local communities across Ohio and the country by making program evaluation readily available to those who design and implement them. Ultimately, we hope this toolkit is used to document what works in IPV primary prevention." To find the toolkit on ODVN's website, follow this link:

http://www.odvn.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=270&Itemid=138

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