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2013 OSDPN SUB-NETWORK MEETINGS

2013 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

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

Judges	<p>Wednesday, November 20— OSU Fawcett Center (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: Kevin.Lottes@sc.ohio.gov</p>
Program Coordinators	<p>Tuesday, September 17</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>*Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov</p>
Probation Officers	<p>Friday, September 13</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p>Send your RSVP to: Charlsia.Brown@sc.ohio.gov</p>

2013 COMMISSION ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2013 *Commission on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, August 23, 2013
Friday, October 25, 2013
Friday, December 13, 2013

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](#).

NEWS

COMMISSION CERTIFIES FIRST SPECIALIZED DOCKETS IN OHIO

Five specialized dockets became the first in the state to receive final certification Friday from the Commission on Specialized Dockets.

The specialized dockets include:

- Ashtabula County Common Pleas Drug Court
- Clermont County Municipal OVI Court
- Columbiana County Municipal Mental Health Court—STAR Program
- Franklin County Family Drug Court
- Licking County Common Pleas Drug Court—CIA Program

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THOMAKOS TO SERVE ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PROGRAM

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WEBINARS

ODVN TELECONFERENCES (FREE)

Working with Survivors who Have Limited English Proficiency

July 10 from 1:00-2:30

Understanding Child Support

August 6 from 1:00-2:30

More information, including dates, costs, times and CEU information is available online at www.odvn.org (click on "training registration" under the "training" tab). Note that members receive significant discounts on trainings (\$35 discount per training) and membership information is available.

PART 2: STEARNS COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FELONY COURT: KEEPING VICTIMS SAFE

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm (Central Time)

In 2009 The Stearns County Domestic Violence Partnership opened the nation's first repeat felony domestic violence court. Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall will co-present with partners in two webinars to describe this court's development and discuss how the partners collaborate to achieve offender accountability and victim safety. Presenters: Janelle Kendall, Stearns County Attorney, Ann Cofell, Deputy Director, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, and Kim Salitros, an advocate from Anna Marie's Alliance.

Description: While offenders are identified as appropriate for the Domestic Violence Felony Court, victims have access to community based victim services, victim assistance available through the county attorney, and a legal aid attorney. The Stearns County Domestic Violence partnership includes legal aid services to provide civil legal services for victims and their children. Janelle Kendall will explain why these services are such an important component in the operation of the court. Co-presenters will discuss what they provide to victims and how these services have increased the safety and well-being of victims.

Registration Details: This webinar is open to OVW Grantees and the general public. GTEAP (Arrest) Grantees: you are **REQUIRED** to enter your OVW-issued grant number when registering for this training.

If you are not an Arrest grantee, no grant number is required

Do you require closed captioning? BWJP requires 5 business days notice and you **MUST** request it upon registration.

[Click here to register](#)

FIREARMS SURRENDER/RETRIEVAL AND PROTECTION ORDERS; RESEARCH AND PRACTICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Date: Monday, July 15, 2013

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Central Time)

Presenter: Beth Moracco, Ph.D., M.P.H. is an applied public health researcher and evaluator with extensive global and domestic experience conducting research on gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence (IPV).

Discussants: To be determined

Description: Dr. Moracco will review the findings and recommendations of Preventing Firearms Violence Among Victims of Intimate Partner Violence: An Evaluation of a New North Carolina Law. Barbara Hart wrote the following in a social science literature review about the article: A study of implementation of a "prohibited persons" firearm law in North Carolina that requires judges to ask defendants about access to firearms at ex parte civil protection order hearings revealed that fewer than half of the judges engaged in this colloquy, and as a result information about the type, number, and location of firearms accessible to defendants was not available to officers charged with enforcing the firearm provisions. Judges, nonetheless, routinely issued protection orders that included firearms

prohibitions, including directives to surrender firearms, machine guns, ammunition, and permits to purchase and carry concealed weapons to law enforcement within 24 hours of service of the protection order or to provide verification that the defendant has disposed of the firearms. However, no system for law enforcement follow-up and documentation of retrieval was implemented although there was evidence that one-third of the defendants had access to firearms at the time of the protection order hearings, approximately one quarter had used guns against intimate partners in the 12 months prior to the filing of the complaint, and over half of the defendants had criminal histories related to domestic violence offenses pre-dating the protection order application. Almost no firearms were confiscated or surrendered.

Discussants will explore firearms retrieval/confiscation practices and processes, forms and outcomes pursuant to the issuance of civil protection orders in several jurisdictions.

Article: Moracco, K.E., Clark, K., Espersen, C, Bowling, J. (September, 2006). "Preventing Firearm Violence Among Victims of Intimate Partner Violence: An Evaluation of a New North Carolina Law." Final Report. National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice. NCJ 215773.

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"STAND YOUR GROUND" LAWS: IMPLICATIONS FOR VICTIMS OF BATTERING WHO DEFEND THEMSELVES

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm (Central Time)

Presenter: Cindene Pezzell, Legal Coordinator, NCDBW

Description: Do "Stand Your Ground" (SYG) laws exclude victims of battering? Are they particularly harmful to victims of battering who defend themselves? Is the problem with the laws themselves or the application of the laws? Should these laws be repealed or modified?

The discussion will explore what SYG laws are (and aren't); give examples of how laws have been misapplied; discuss how SYG laws can actually reduce barriers for victims of battering who defend themselves; offer suggestions about how to increase likelihood of proper application of the law.

Registration Details: This webinar is open to OVW Grantees and the general public. GTEAP (Arrest) Grantees: you are **REQUIRED** to enter your OVW-issued grant number when registering for this training.

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GAINS CENTER WRAP® WEBINAR - NEW DATE

The GAINS Center webinar entitled “Unwrapping WRAP®: Utilizing Wellness Recovery Action Plans® (WRAP®) to Promote the Recovery of Justice-Involved Consumers” has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday, July 18 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm EDT. This webinar will highlight several innovative programs across the nation that are offering WRAP® and discuss effective strategies for integrating WRAP® in a variety of criminal justice settings. The goals of this webinar are to:

- Provide an overview of WRAP®
- Share key action steps to implementing WRAP® in criminal justice settings
- Highlight the innovative use of WRAP® by consumers in a variety of criminal justice settings
- Communicate successful strategies for overcoming the unique challenges faced when integrating WRAP® in criminal justice settings
- Feature positive outcomes associated with the use of WRAP® in criminal justice settings

Speakers: Waynette Brock of One New Heartbeat, Matthew Federici of the Copeland Center, Lorie Fourhman of the Ohio JDTR program, Alice F. Pauser of The Demeter Foundation, and Rex Thornley of the Wood Project

Webinar Access Information:

URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/>
3788

To call-in for audio, dial 888-677-

Conference number: PW1555033

Passcode: WRAP

Audience passcode: WRAP

Participants can join the event directly at:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW1555033&p=WRAP&t=c>

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

THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Office on Violence Against Women recently released the Fiscal Year 2013 solicitation for its Court Training and Improvements Program. The solicitation offers two types of funding: (1) a 36-month development grant, to develop a specialized domestic violence/sexual assault docket or to enhance an existing docket/project; and (2) a 24-month supplemental training grant for judicial and/or staff education. Every grantee is required to seek technical assistance from one of the OVW-Designated Judicial Technical Assistance Providers for the Courts Program. They are listed in Appendix B, beginning on page 43 of the solicitation. The National Center for State Courts is one of them. The application packet is available at: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/courts-program-solicitation-final-for-release.pdf>

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.1kLXJ8MQKrH/b.938141/k.FEFC/Domestic_Grantmaking

The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development will focus its grant-making strategies on community change and juvenile justice. The Juvenile Justice effort maintains a national scope and promotes an effective juvenile justice system that is linked to relevant agencies, is acknowledged to play a critical role in the community and is held accountable for public safety as well as the rehabilitation of young offenders. Grant award funding levels vary. Eligible applicants for the Juvenile Justice program include a variety of organizations in the United States.

PUBLIC WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Deadline: Open and rolling

Website: www.publicwelfare.org

The Public Welfare Foundation (PWF) offers \$1.5 million in grants for its Criminal Justice Program competition. Funds promote a fair and humane criminal justice system and violence prevention that includes alternatives to incarceration, effective legal representation and the reintegration of offenders as productive citizens. Proposals are welcomed from a wide range of organizations and can include both governmental and independent advocacy groups.

MCCORMICK TRIBUNE FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANTS

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: www.mccormicktribune.org/programs.aspx

The McCormick Tribune Foundation Communities Program supports efforts to stimulate local philanthropy and improve community life through collaborative partnerships in communities nationwide. The foundation helps to support projects that address basic human needs, children and youth at risk, and community strengthening efforts.

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

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.

OHIO TRAININGS

THE JUDICIAL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ITS 2013 COURSE CALENDAR [Court Personnel Course Schedule 2013](#)

2013 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

All of ODVN's training opportunities are posted online under the "training" tab at www.odvn.org. The trainings listed below, as well as additional trainings that get scheduled will be there, so check the website regularly! Dates for June-December 2013 are being confirmed and will be available shortly.

REGIONAL FORENSIC TRAININGS REGIONAL TRAININGS—2013

The Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers and the Ohio Judicial Conference are pleased to sponsor a series of Regional Forensic Trainings designed to provide an intermediate level instruction about the forensic mental health system in Ohio. This round of trainings will focus on case examples and presentations by people who have been found by trial courts to be not guilty by reason of insanity. In addition, there will be a presentation on models of collaboration between the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities systems.

Training Sites and Date:

Independence (Cleveland) - July 12, 2013

Who Should Attend?

This training is intended for people who desire to learn more about how Ohio's forensic mental health system functions. It is specifically designed for:

- ADAMHS/CMH Board employees and members,
- Staff members and administrators at community mental health agencies,
- Staff involved with the Developmental Disabilities system including DD Boards and other providers,
- Judges and attorneys working with people with a forensic legal status (2945.39 and 2945.40) who are involved with the criminal courts.
- Staff from the Probation, Parole and ODRC systems

Schedule

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m.

Registration Information

Please register [online](#).

THE INTERSECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Date: July 11, 2013

Location: State Library, 274 E. First Ave, Columbus, Ohio

To register: www.odvn.org/Training Registration or click:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/337D9FP>

ODVN TRAINING: *What Happened to You? Understanding Trauma*

Date: July 29, 2013

Location: Newark, Ohio

For more information, go online at www.odvn.org.

ADDICTION STUDIES INSTITUTE

Dates: July 31 - August 2, 2013

Location: Columbus, Ohio

www.addictionstudiesinstitute.com

WHEN WORDS MATTER: EMERGING ISSUES IN FORENSIC INTERVIEWING

Date: July 29 - August 1, 2013

Location: Columbus, Ohio

www.ncptc.org

2013 OHIO CHILDHOOD TRAUMA INSTITUTE

Dates: July through October, 2013

The Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies and Ohio Family and Children First are excited to continue their partnership with the *National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC)*. From July through October, they are hosting the TLC founder, Dr. Bill Steele, and other TLC trainers to conduct ten innovative trainings on childhood trauma.

The training curriculum is built on the TLC's evidence-based practice, the SITCAP.

Trainings are geared toward social workers, counselors, psychologists, juvenile court staff, and other professionals who work with children who have experienced trauma or loss.

Learn more at www.oacca.org

HOMICIDE PREVENTION: NON-FATAL STRANGULATION TRAINING

Date: September 30, 2013

Location: Aultman Hospital

For more information, contact: melissap@dvpi.org

OHIO HEALTHY MASCULINITY SUMMIT

Date: October 17, 2013

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Join the Ohio Men's Action Network (OHMAN) and its allies in a day of exploration, story telling, and conversation about creating an Ohio that welcomes men to express their manhood and masculinity in ways that are caring, compassionate, inclusive, promote gender equity, peace, and non-violent behavior.

To register, copy and paste this link into your

browser: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013_OH_Healthy_Masculinity_Summit_Registration_Link

Early registration through August 26 is only \$100.00. Through October 7 registration fees are \$125.00. Register early, space is limited!

To become an OH Healthy Masculinity Summit Partner Agency, contact India Harris-Jones at indiahj@odvn.org

SAVE THE DATE! OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKET PRACTITIONER NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 21, 2013

Location: OSU Fawcett Center

The Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network 9th annual conference offers national speakers and several breakout sessions on a wide-range of topics relevant to specialized docket programs. This annual event attracts more than 300 attendees from throughout the state, providing participants access to open communication and promoting relationships among professionals across county lines.

NATIONAL TRAININGS

TUNE-UP' WITH THE WORLD'S PREMIER FAMILY DRUG COURT TRAINING

NDCI's [Family Drug Court Operational Tune-Up](#) training gives you the skills to assess current practices and review critical operational components of your court. Has your Family Drug Court conducted a self-assessment recently? Is your Family Drug Court implementing effective, science-based methods for improving your program? Are best practices fully integrated in your Family Drug Court? Whether your program is new or has been in operation for years, this two-day training will help you formulate a strategic plan to address ways to improve policy and practice. You can request the Family Drug Court Operational Tune-Up as "Fee for Service" training. Upon your request, NDCI will work with you to bring the training directly to your jurisdiction for individual or multiple courts. We will design a training that fits your needs and develop a budget within your means. Interested? [Visit us online](#) to learn more, ask questions, and complete a training request form.

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.

2013 NAJIS CONFERENCE

Dates: September 10-12, 2013
Location: Coronado Marriott - San Diego, CA
Register [here](#).

8TH NATIONAL COMMUNITY PROSECUTION SUMMIT

Dates: September 25-27, 2013
Location: Philadelphia, PA
The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), will host the 8th National Community Prosecution Summit from September 25-27, 2013 in Philadelphia, PA. The summit will take place at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. Registration is free and is available on a first come, first served basis. Please visit our website at www.APAInc.org or click [here](#) for registration information.

JUSTICE FOR VETS: VETERANS TREATMENT COURT CONFERENCE (Vet Court Con)

Date: December 2-5, 2013
Location: Washington, D.C.

Justice For Vets is proud to announce Vet Court Con, the nation's first convention dedicated to Veterans Treatment Courts and justice-involved veterans. Mark your calendars, Vet Court Con will be held December 2-5, 2013 at the Marriot Wardman Park in Washington, DC. Veterans Treatment Court professionals, volunteer veteran mentors, and other justice, clinical or former/current military personnel dedicated to helping our wounded warriors involved in the criminal justice system suffering from substance abuse and trauma should attend this conference. For more information, [click here](#).

Request for Letters of Interest

To: Ohio Criminal Justice System Community Leaders
RE: **Request for Letters of Interest** in Cross-Systems Mapping and Action Planning to aid in strengthening local strategies to address the interface of criminal justice and behavioral health systems for justice-involved persons with mental illness

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE), operated by the Northeast Ohio Medical University and designated by Ohio Department of Mental Health to help in the state-wide elaboration of Jail Diversion programs, was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to implement the *Ohio Cross-Systems Mapping Initiative* in calendar year 2013.

We are inviting you to submit a Letter of Interest, in collaboration with at least one other entity identified as a leader in your behavioral health system, for Cross-Systems Mapping in your county. Please see the attached announcement for more information and guidance on submitting a letter of interest. We are asking that initial letters of interest be returned by June 18, 2013.

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NCJFCJ is seeking juvenile drug courts to be a part of the Juvenile Drug Court Learning Collaborative. Six sites will be selected based on specific selection criteria to serve as “models for system change.” As part of their involvement in the project, JDC Learning Collaborative sites will be expected to implement meaningful change, evaluate progress and share both challenges and successes with other courts across the nation.

The work with the JDC Learning Collaborative sites will be intensive in nature, with the bulk of the work being shouldered by the change team assembled by each court. Some changes may be implemented using a model of rapid-cycle change to quickly test change

ideas on a small scale and in limited context, successful changes can then be spread further through the system. This will be a learning environment in which the sites will use data to determine if any changes made were an improvement or not. Project staff and faculty will work with each of the JDC Learning Collaborative sites to provide services which may include site visits, technical assistance, training, facilitating the court's self-assessment process, strategic planning, and networking with other JDC Learning Collaborative sites.

The JDC Learning Collaborative sites will improve access to evidenced-based treatment and focus on the adoption of best practices, including the 16 Strategies, through a step-by-step system improvement process based on several system improvement concepts. This process will help the JDCs bridge the gaps between best practices and actual practices through rigorous testing and evaluation.

[Click here](#) to complete an online application and to find out more about the Learning Collaborative Project. Please direct any questions to Wendy Schiller at wschiller@ncjfcj.org

Research & Resources

NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK is an empowering opportunity for juvenile drug courts and youth in those courts to engage community members by organizing educational events. Those who host National Drug Facts Week events give back to the community by sharing facts about drug abuse with youth. These events also strengthen the drug courts' ability to help youth by educating communities about drug addiction, including the fact that it is a treatable brain disease. [More...](#)

CCCN'S POSITION PAPER: SAFE AND SMART WAYS TO SOLVE AMERICA'S CORRECTIONAL CHALLENGES

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Community Corrections Collaborative Network (CCCN)—a network representing community corrections professionals—commissioned a position paper to explore the successes and challenges facing the community corrections field. The position paper, Community Corrections Collaborative Network: Safe and Smart Ways To Solve America's Correctional Challenges, finds that community corrections are a critical part of the public safety system that supervises individuals under the legal authority in the community to reduce crime and victimization.

To read the position paper in full, or view the executive summary, please click on the links below:

Main document link: http://static.nicic.gov/UserShared/2013-06-20_cccn_main_document_final.pdf

Executive summary link: http://static.nicic.gov/UserShared/2013-06-20_cccn_executive_summary_final.pdf

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Greg Crawford at: gcrawford@bop.gov

JUSTICE FOR VETS NAMES FOUR VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MENTOR COURTS

[Justice For Vets](#), in collaboration with the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is proud to announce the selection of four Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Courts.

“I am very proud of our Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Courts,” said Justice For Vets Director Matt Stiner. “The judges, staff and volunteer veteran mentors of these exemplary programs are true leaders in the field and we are all indebted to them for stepping up to train and mentor jurisdictions across the nation to establish a Veterans Treatment Court.” They are:

- Buffalo Veterans Treatment Court - Buffalo, NY
- Orange County Veterans Treatment Court - Santa Ana, CA
- Rochester Veterans Treatment Court - Rochester, NY
- Tulsa Veterans Treatment Court - Tulsa, OK

Justice professionals and community leaders interested in establishing a Veterans Treatment Court can request a scholarship to visit to one of these outstanding programs by [clicking here](#).

Good 360

Good 360 collects overstock and out-of-season goods from companies and corporations from across the country and redistributes them to not-for-profits. You have to sign-up with them and for some items you have to pay a ‘distribution fee’ for shipping and some have stores across the country that will make local donations. Might be worth checking out:

<http://about.good360.org/>

NEW WEBSITE HELPS PUBLIC HEALTH AND JUSTICE AGENCIES COORDINATE INFORMATION TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE

People involved in the criminal justice system have significantly higher rates of behavioral and physical health problems than the general population. For example, the rate of serious mental illness among incarcerated persons is estimated to be more than three times higher than in the general population. Adding to these challenges is the fact that these persons and others involved in justice systems have limited access to healthcare both inside facilities and in the communities to which they are released. A historical lack of coordination between justice and health agencies exacerbates these issues even further. Consequently, people with drug and alcohol use disorders, mental illness, and other chronic diseases routinely fail to get the treatment that they need. Research shows that increasing access to treatment can address health disparities, reduce costs, and lower re-arrest rates. To help close this communication gap, and increase information sharing between justice and health authorities, [The Vera Institute of Justice’s Substance Use and Mental Health Program \(SUMH\)](#) launched the Justice and Health Connect (JH Connect) website www.jhconnect.org. This initiative was made possible with support from the DOJ’s [Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#), which promotes information sharing solutions for state, local, and Tribal authorities. To that end, JH Connect provides a series of resources with the aim of increasing agencies’ abilities to share data between behavioral health and justice systems in a confidential, legal, and ethical way. The goal is to better serve people with behavioral and other health needs who come into contact with justice systems.

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