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## Specialized Dockets *Newsletter*

August 1, 2014

### **To All My Specialized Docket Colleagues:**

Starting on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, I will no longer be the Program Coordinator for the Specialized Dockets Section. I accepted a position with the Dispute Resolution Section of the Supreme Court which will give me new challenges and opportunities for professional growth. Over the years, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you. You all are such innovative professionals and it has been exciting to see the growth of so many different types of specialized dockets throughout Ohio. I sincerely wish you all the best.

I suspect my position will be posted in the near future. In the interim, we are happy to have **Sarah Jeu** (her email is: [tempspec@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov)) to carry forth the duties of this position. Please note, Sarah will be on vacation starting Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, but will return to the office on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all again. It's been a blast. I'm sure our paths will meet again!

All the best,  
Kevin Lottes

## 2014 OSDPN SUB-NETWORK MEETINGS

### 2014 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

All meetings are 10:00am – 2:00pm and at the Judicial Center unless noted otherwise.

<b>Judges</b>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 19— OSU Fawcett Center</b> (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)</p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p><b>*Send your RSVP to:</b> <a href="mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov">mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov</a></p>
<b>Program Coordinators</b>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 16</b></p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p><b>*Send your RSVP to:</b> <a href="mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov">mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov</a></p>
<b>Probation Officers</b>	<p><b>Friday, September 12</b></p> <p>*Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.</p>	<p><b>Send your RSVP to:</b> <a href="mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov">mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov</a></p>

## 2014 OSDPN VETERANS TREATMENT COURT ROUNDTABLES

### SPECIALIZED DOCKETS VETERANS TREATMENT COURT ROUNDTABLES

**Date(s):** Friday, September 26, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Location:** Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center

The Veterans Treatment Court roundtable meetings will allow veterans treatment court practitioners throughout Ohio to discuss the challenges and successes they have faced in their specific role on the specialized docket court team. In addition, the roundtables will offer opportunities for specialized docket professionals to provide program updates, discuss program operations, discover innovative and effective strategies employed by other specialized dockets. Practitioners involved with an already existing program, in the developmental stage, or interested in starting a veterans treatment court is welcome to attend. To RSVP for these roundtables, email [tempspec@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:tempspec@sc.ohio.gov) with any group discussion items you would like to see on the agenda.

## 2014 OSDPN ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE!

### SAVE THE DATE! OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 20, 2014

**Location:** OSU Fawcett Center

The Specialized Dockets 11th 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 500 attendees from throughout the state, providing participants access to open communication and promoting relationships among professionals across county lines.

## 2014 COMMISSION ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2014 *Commission on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, August 15, 2014

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 (*in conjunction with the annual Specialized Dockets conference*)

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

### SPECIALIZED DOCKETS CERTIFICATION LIST

An updated list of certified specialized dockets has been posted to our webpage. This list will be updated after each new commission date votes on final certification. To view the [Specialized Docket Certification Status Sheet](#).

### STATE V. PLOUFFE

Defendant was charged with trespass to property and possession of dangerous drugs, both misdemeanor offenses. Defendant subsequently decided to enroll in the Mineral County Treatment Court. Defendant was aware that he could be sanctioned with incarceration if he was dishonest during his participation in the Treatment Court. During his participation in the Treatment Court Defendant tested positive for drug use and was interviewed by the Treatment Team regarding the results. [More...](#)

### THE QUESTION OF LEGALIZATION

by Christopher T. Lowenkamp, Ph.D., Lecturer, Criminology and Criminal Justice, UMKC;

Alexander M. Holsinger, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology, UMKC

One of the most important questions around the legalization of marijuana remains to what effect – if any – legalization has and/or will have on criminal activity other than possession. A new and natural experiment is underway in Colorado, where marijuana, under certain parameters is now legal to sell, possess, and use. Despite so little time

passing since legalization we have already seen headlines claiming that the fears related to marijuana’s legalization are unfounded. For example, on April 7 the Washington Post ran an article with the headline, “Crime is down in Denver, but AP still wants to scare us.” When a closer look at the data is undertaken, a different picture – something other than “crime is down” – appears to emerge.

When comparing only the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) Part I index crimes from the first five months of 2013, to the first five months of 2014, crime appears to be down. While UCR Part I index crimes include crimes such as aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, and robbery, several serious – and voluminous – crimes that the public likely cares a lot about, including misdemeanor domestic violence and simple assault, are excluded. When we dig deeper we find that crimes against a person is up 25%

When analyzing the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data to compare the first six months of the year for the last five years (see Figure 1), we see that crime incidents are up, overall (perhaps most interestingly, +31% from 2013 to 2014). When we isolate simple assault and domestic violence assault (see Figure 2) we see a clear upward trend over the last five years, and a marked uptick from 2013 to 2014 (+ 64% for simple assault; + 96% for domestic assault).

Figure 1.

NIBRS Incidents January 1 Through June 30 By Year

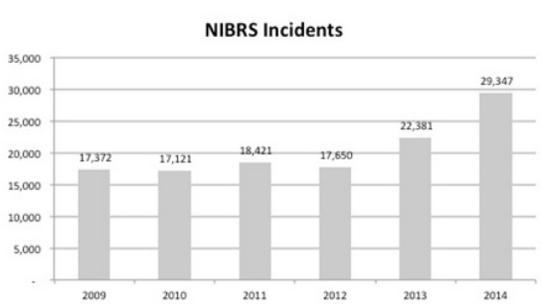
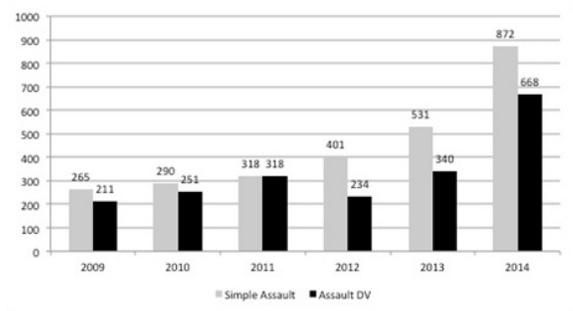


Figure 2.

NIBRS Incidents for Simple Assault and Assault-DV January 1 Through June 30 By Year



We are not inferring causality between these increases noted above, just like legalization proponents should not infer causality regarding the downward trend observable when isolating just the UCR’s Part I crime index. However, we are promoting the position that the question remains open, and at best we can say there is contradictory evidence when trying to draw conclusions about the effect marijuana legalization has had on crime.

**VETERAN MENTOR CORPS BOOTCAMP**

On December 4, 2013 the first Justice For Vets Mentor Corps Boot Camp concluded with a swearing in ceremony for 89 volunteer veterans during the closing of Vet Court Con. The Justice For Vets Mentor Corps Boot Camp is the only national program that trains volunteer veterans to serve as mentors in Veterans Treatment Court. Mentors who participated in the Boot Camps learned best practices to the make their VTC Veteran Mentor program the best it can be; how to effectively work with Veteran Participants in a VTC; their roles and responsibilities as Veteran Mentors; the issues facing justice-involved veterans; and

how to connect Veteran Participants to the local, state and national benefits they have earned. [More...](#)

#### **NADCP RELEASES BRIEF ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

*Newest edition of acclaimed Need to Know series offers critical insight for Drug Court, DWI Court and Veterans Treatment Court Professionals*

NADCP is honored to offer you our newest edition to the [Need to Know](#) Series. Produced in collaboration with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, [Engaging with the Affordable Care Act: Implications and Recommendations for Adult Drug Court Professionals](#) is a must-read for anybody working in the Drug Court, DWI Court, or Veterans Treatment Court field. Congress enacted the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) to begin addressing many problems in the U.S. health care system, such as rising health care costs, limited access to care, and the large number of uninsured Americans. The intent of the ACA is to provide millions more Americans with health care coverage by eliminating certain insurance industry practices that created barriers to coverage for many individuals, such as those with preexisting medical conditions, and by expanding Medicaid and providing subsidies to make coverage more affordable for everyone. This will alter the landscape of how Drug Courts and participants access and pay for treatment. This brief outlines some of the key provisions of the ACA and provides guidance to state administrators and Drug Court team members about where to find information, the most critical questions to ask, and recommendations for action. For additional information, visit the [National Drug Court Resource Center's ACA page](#). You can scroll through resources, download forms and read all the information YOU need to know about the Affordable Care Act. [Click here to download the newest Need to Know!](#)

## **WEBINARS**

#### **SAVE THE DATE: THE USE OF PEER SUPPORT IN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

Part 1: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 • 3:00–4:30 p.m., EDT

Part 2: Wednesday, September 3, 2014 • 3:00–4:30 p.m., EDT

SAMHSA and the Association of State Correctional Administrators are pleased to announce a two-part webinar series focusing on the successful and innovative use of peers in state correctional facilities. Attendees will learn about the use of peers in Special Needs Units and in Reentry Planning. The first session will highlight several exemplary programs and the second session will focus on how to fund, develop, implement, sustain and expand these programs in correctional facilities.

#### **2014 ARMY ONESOURCE WEB EVENTS**

To view complete 2014 webinar calendar, [click here](#).

## FUNDING

### **VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS: SCRAM SYSTEMS VETERANS PROGRAM PORTAL**

Last December, SCRAM Systems pledged to provide grant money to fund Continuous Alcohol Monitoring for clients in Veterans Treatment Courts across the U.S. In just 6 months, SCRAM Systems, in partnership with our SCRAM Systems Authorized Service Partners, has awarded over \$150,000 to support Veterans Treatment Courts with [SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitoring™](#) equipment and daily monitoring. Our teams have also donated their time and experience to help grantees build strong, sustainable programs. Grant money is still available, but limited. If you or someone you know is interested in funding an alcohol monitoring program in a Veterans Treatment Court, visit our [SCRAM Systems Veterans Program Portal](#) today for more information or to submit the online grant application.

### **ADDRESSING YOUTH OUTCOME INEQUALITY**

**Deadline:** August 5, 2014

The William T. Grant Foundation funds research to inform programs, policies, and practices to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. Some studies may examine approaches that improve outcomes for all youth, but can reduce gaps if applied to those who need them most. Others may identify programs, policies, and practices aimed at elevating the most disadvantaged young people. The Foundation encourages descriptive studies meant to clarify the leverage points or mechanisms that should be addressed in future work. In addition, they are interested in studies that improve the measurement of inequality in ways that will enhance the work of researchers, practitioners, or policymakers. The Foundation is interested in reducing inequality across the entire spectrum—not just for the least fortunate. For example, their inequality agenda includes middle-class families who are increasingly challenged to provide resources to support their children's advancement, particularly when it comes to college tuition. Moreover, their interest is in elevating outcomes for those who have been underserved, not in diminishing outcomes for those who have been successful in the past. Applicant must be employed at a tax-exempt organization. Funds must primarily support research activities, not intervention or service costs. The research project must have compelling relevance for programs, policies, and practices affecting youth ages 5-25 in the United States. Grant amounts range from \$100,000 to \$600,000 and cover two to three years of support. Information:

<http://wtgrantfoundation.org/Grants#apply-research-grants>

### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CENTER FOR RESEARCH-BASED INFANT-TODDLER COURT TEAMS HHS-2014-ACF-ACYF-CA-0832**

**Application Due Date:** 08/01/2014

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2014-ACF-ACYF-CA-0832>

### **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").

#### **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

### **FREE GRANT WRITING TRAINING**

The Office of Criminal Justice Services' 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. Mark your calendars for the 2014 grant writing seminar schedule: **August 5, October 7 and December 2**. To register, please visit the [OCJS website](#).

### **THE 11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING, PROSTITUTION, AND SEX WORK CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** September 18th and 19th @ the University of Toledo  
Please contact [traffickingconference@gmail.com](mailto:traffickingconference@gmail.com) for further details.

### **2014 OHIO JUDICIAL COLLEGE TRAININGS**

To view the 2014 training calender, click [here](#).

### **2014 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS**

All of ODVN's training opportunities are posted online under the "training" tab at <http://www.odvn.org/>

## NATIONAL TRAININGS

### **NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE CALLING ALL JUDGES**

**Dates:** October 27-31, 2014

**Location:** Reno, NV

Are you eager to expand your knowledge base about constitutional issues that can impact your Drug Court? Are you ready to deepen your expertise on how to deliver effective Incentives and Sanctions that result in behavior change in your clients? Are you interested in honing your leadership style as you know it can be critical to building and staffing your team? If so, this [Judicial Training](#) is for you. This five-day, comprehensive training program has been developed for judges with the assistance of the National Judicial College and experienced Drug Court judges from across the country. The Drug Court judge plays a critical role in the success of the Drug Court participants. It is imperative that judicial officers are armed with the latest techniques and research to produce

successful program outcomes.

There is no better way to empower addicted offenders to change their lives than through Drug Court. And there is no better way to ensure your Drug Court is operating at the highest possible standard than by taking advantage of NDCI's proven strategies and dynamic training. Topics for the judicial training will include, but are not limited to:

- Constitutional Issues
- Ethics and Federal Confidentiality Laws
- Judicial Styles
- Incentives and Sanctions
- Leadership and the Role of the Drug Court Judge

**Who Should Attend?**

Judges and other Judicial Officers, who are working or will soon be working in Drug Courts that are fully operational or in the planning or start-up phase. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

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