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THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

## Specialized Dockets *Newsletter*

May 27, 2015

### 2015 OSD MEETINGS

#### 2015 OSD Meeting Dates & RSVP

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

Program Coordinators	Wednesday, June 17 Thursday, June 25  Tuesday, September 1 Tuesday, September 15  *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP. <b>Select only one</b> of the dates offered <b><u>within the same month.</u></b>	*Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:sarah.jeu@sc.ohio.gov">mailto:sarah.jeu@sc.ohio.gov</a>
Probation Officers	Thursday, June 4 Thursday, August 27  *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	*Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:sarah.jeu@sc.ohio.gov">mailto:sarah.jeu@sc.ohio.gov</a>
Veterans Treatment Courts	Friday, September 25  *Please indicate which date you plan to attend in your RSVP.	*Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:sarah.jeu@sc.ohio.gov">mailto:sarah.jeu@sc.ohio.gov</a>

## 2015 COMMISSION ON SPECIALIZED DOCKETS MEETING DATES

The 2015 *Commission on Specialized Dockets* meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, June 12, 2015  
Friday, September 18, 2015  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

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](#).

## RESOURCES

### 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. View the [Specialized Docket Certification Status Sheet](#).

### CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

The certification application has been updated and posted to our webpage. Please use the updated application to apply for certification. View the [Certification Application](#).

### POST FINAL CERTIFICATION: MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION MATERIALS FORM

The maintenance of certification materials form for dockets who have achieved final certification is now available on our webpage. Please use this form to alert us to changes that have been made to the docket and certification materials. View the [Maintenance of Certification Materials Form](#).

### FAQ: MEMO ON ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS FOR POTENTIAL USE BY DRUG COURTS - REVISED

<http://www.sc.ohio.gov/JCS/specDockets/resources/newsletter/info/AUFAQ.pdf>

## NEWS

### *DRUG COURTS*

#### AKRON DRUG COURT CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF HELPING OFFENDERS RESTART LIVES – AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

<http://www.ohio.com/news/local/akron-drug-court-celebrates-20-years-of-helping-offenders-restart-lives-1.592031>

#### DRUG COURT GRADS CELEBRATE SOBRIETY COMMITMENT – MANSFIELD NEWS JOURNAL

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/local/2015/05/14/drug-court-graduation/27336887/>

‘IF WE CAN SAVE ONE LIFE, ISN’T THAT A SUCCESS?’ – YOUNGSTOWN VINDICATOR

<http://www.vindy.com/news/2015/apr/28/if-we-can-save-one-life-isnt-that-a-succ/>

LOGAN COUNTY ADDS DRUG COURT PROGRAM – SPRINGFIELD NEWS SUN  
<http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/news/local/logan-county-adds-drug-court-program/nk2pQ/>

### *HUMAN TRAFFICKING COURTS*

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE PAUL M. HERBERT – COLUMBUS WBNS-TV  
<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2015/04/21/live-video-justice-department-honors-ohio-judge-paul-herbert.html>

### *VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS*

WHY A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (TOLEDO BAR ASSOCIATION)  
<https://estrattonconsulting.wordpress.com/2015/04/15/why-a-veterans-treatment-court-toledo-bar-association-2/>

HOMELESS VETERANS IN MANSFIELD AREA TO GET HELP ON RENT  
<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/local/2015/04/27/homeless-veterans-voucher/26492841/>

VA TO DEBUT ONE-STOP BENEFIT WEBSITE  
<http://www.military.com/military-report/va-to-debut-one-stop-benefit-website.html?esrc=mr0511.nl>

CENTRAL OHIO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VETERANS BUILD HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM  
[http://www.habitatmidohio.org/wp-content/uploads/veterans\\_build\\_2014.pdf](http://www.habitatmidohio.org/wp-content/uploads/veterans_build_2014.pdf)

### *JUVENILE COURTS*

RESEARCH: DIVERTING YOUTH AT PROBATION INTAKE: THE FRONT-END DIVERSION INITIATIVE  
<http://cfc.ncmhjj.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/fedi-508.pdf>

RESEARCH: DIFFERENTIAL ASSOCIATION AND MARIJUANA USE IN A JUVENILE DRUG COURT SAMPLE  
[http://dev.cjcenter.org/files/apcj/APCJ%20SPECIAL%20ISSUE%202015-Gray.pdf\\_1429633813.pdf](http://dev.cjcenter.org/files/apcj/APCJ%20SPECIAL%20ISSUE%202015-Gray.pdf_1429633813.pdf)

## WEBINARS

### **CRITICAL ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN DWI COURTS**

**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2015; 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT

The National Center for DWI Courts is pleased to announce this free webinar. Best practices show that having law enforcement as a DWI Court team member reduces recidivism by as much as 88%. When he/she attends court hearings, the DWI Court had 64% higher cost savings. This role is an essential function toward the success of your DWI Court. This session will provide law enforcement with best practice tools designed to enhance their ability to effectively and efficiently monitor participants in the community. Law enforcement field services provides relevant feedback to other members of the team and serves a key role for increasing community safety. This webinar will cover skill sets to improve how law enforcement interacts with participants and serves as a secondary prevention tool in identifying proximal and distal behavior changes.

[Register Now](#)

### **COLLABORATING FOR SUCCESS: RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND HOUSING SERVICES PROVIDERS**

**Date:** June 3, 2015; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST

The third webinar in a six-part series. Partnerships are critical on all levels, from program development to funding to public awareness. Collaboration requires forming strategic alliances with more than just “the usual suspects.” Housing First (HF) and Continuum of Care (COC) are models that demonstrate effective partnerships and service philosophies when applied to serving people experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders (SUD). This webinar will explore these and other examples of successful collaborations. For more information or to register please [click here](#).

### **CREATING A MILITARY-CIVILIAN COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

**Date:** June 4, 2015; 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT

The Battered Women's Justice Project is pleased to announce a webinar on Military-Civilian Coordinated Community Response (CCR). When communities and the military do not work together on their response to intimate partner violence, gaps exist in the interagency response that victims may fall through and perpetrators can exploit. An effective Military-Civilian CCR can address these issues increasing both safety and accountability. After an overview of the CCR model (i.e., the Duluth Model), the webinar will explain what a Military-Civilian CCR is and the process of organizing and building one. To register please [click here](#).

### **A MILITARY CULTURE APPROACH TO SBIRT FOR VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL**

**Date:** June 10, 2015; 3:00 PM EDT.

Active duty military and veterans have increasingly been recognized as populations requiring specialized approaches for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. In this webinar, the presenters will, from a multidisciplinary perspective, describe the unique elements of military culture that can inform clinical practice, discuss data about substance use disorders in active duty and veteran populations, and review the ways that the SBIRT model has been and can be adapted to better serve these populations. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3559612084305013762>

### **VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS: A SECOND CHANCE FOR VETS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY**

**Date:** August 26, 2015

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) will be conducting a three-hour live-streaming internet broadcast on justice-involved veterans, highlighting the lifesaving role being played by veterans treatment courts across the country. For more information please [click here](#).

## 2015 ARMY ONESOURCE WEB EVENTS

To view complete 2015 webinar calendar, [click here](#).

## OHIO TRAININGS

### VETERANS TREATMENT MENTOR BOOT CAMP

**Dates:** June 1-2, 2015

**Location:** Cleveland, OH

**\*\*\*REGISTER AND MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE\*\*\***

The Cleveland Municipal Court Veterans Treatment Specialized Docket and the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas Veterans Treatment Court present Mentor Boot Camp presented by Justice For Vets. 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 participate in the Boot Camps learn best practices to make their VTC Veteran Mentor program the best it can be. They will learn 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. For more information and to register [click here](#). To see a flyer [click here](#).

### SAVE THE DATE!

### 2015 JUDICIAL SYMPOSIUM ON ADDICTION AND CHILD WELFARE

**Date:** June 23, 2015

**Location:** Embassy Suites Dublin

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, county teams will hear from experts and state policy makers about the scope and nature of addiction challenges and the child welfare system. Each team will develop a common understanding of the dynamics of behavioral health, child welfare, and the courts and begin the work of aligning goals and priorities for positive outcomes and community specific strategies.

### 2015 OHIO JUDICIAL COLLEGE TRAININGS

To view the 2015 training calendar, click [here](#).

### 2015 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

### **TRANSITIONING JUDGES ONLINE COURSE AVAILABLE NOW!!**

NDCI in collaboration with the National Judicial College funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce this new online tool for judges. This is a self-paced online course that will assist you in learning about the nature of your new job and the types of questions you are likely to face. Only persons who have been elected or appointed as judges, magistrate, or other judicial officer and who have registered for the program may enter the course. The entire course will take you between 6 to 8 hours to complete. [Click here to register for the Transitioning Judges Online Course Now!!](#)

### **VISIT A MENTOR COURT**

[Apply today!](#)

Travel for FREE to a Mentor Court and Learn From the Best! Whether you're starting a new Adult Drug Court or re-tooling an existing program, don't miss the chance to receive training from some of the best programs in the country.

### **CO-OCCURRING MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS**

**Dates:** July 20-23

**Location:** Reno, NV

Participants will be able to describe the fundamentals of substance abuse, mental health, and co-occurring disorders; perform or improve motivational interviewing techniques; employ incentives and sanctions to a mental health, drug, or co-occurring court; explain legal issues and efficacy of 12-step programs; and implement systems or ideas to improve mental health, drug, or co-occurring disorders courts. To learn more about the conference [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

### **THE NADCP 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE AND JUSTICE FOR VETS' 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VET COURT CONFERENCE**

[Registration is Open!!](#)

**Dates:** July 27-30, 2015

**Location:** Washington D.C.

The world's largest conference on addiction, mental health and criminal justice returns to Washington, DC this summer where it will be held in conjunction with the only national conference on Veterans Treatment Courts. NADCP and Justice For Vets are proud to announce that these two historic conferences will bring thousands from across the globe to the nation's capitol at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. These two incredible conferences will be held simultaneously at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD from July 27-30, 2015. And you can attend both for the price of one!!! For more information [click here](#).

### **DRUGS IN AMERICA TODAY: WHAT EVERY JUDGE NEEDS TO KNOW**

**Dates:** August 25-27

**Location:** Reno, NV

New for 2015! Recent changes in marijuana laws have perplexed many judges and practitioners. A resurgence in heroin, this time in rural areas, changes the complexity of cases for judges of all types. Alcohol, still the number one drug of choice for Americans, continues to affect civil and criminal cases of all types. This course provides a comprehensive review of intoxicating substances and the short- and long-term effects on litigants in and out of the courtroom, recent developments in the law, and options for sentencing and intervention. To learn more about the conference [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

## FUNDING

**\*NEW\***

### **SMART OHIO GRANTS**

**Application Available: early June**

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) announced the renewal process for SMART Ohio Grants for all Ohio common pleas and municipal courts. SMART grantees will receive their renewal applications in the coming weeks. The Request for Qualifications for Courts looking to receive a SMART Ohio grant for the first time will be released in early June. Visit [ODRC](#) for more information.

**\*NEW\***

### **PROBATION IMPROVEMENT AND INCENTIVE GRANTS (PIIG)**

**Deadline: Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) announced the renewal process for Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants (PIIG) for all Ohio common pleas and municipal courts. [Applications](#) will be available for courts with automatic renewals and for first-time applicants on May 20 and are due by June 10.

### **JOINT ADULT DRUG COURT SOLICITATION TO ENHANCE SERVICES, COORDINATION, AND TREATMENT FY 2015 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2015**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are now accepting applications for fiscal year 2015 for grants to enhance court services, coordination, and evidence-based substance abuse treatment and recovery support services of adult Drug Courts. Eligible jurisdictions must have a fully operational (at least 1 year as of September 30, 2015) adult Drug Court. More information is available:

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15BJASAMHSADrugCourtSol.pdf>

### **OCJS FY 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

**Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2015**

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. By statute, OCJS is the lead justice planning and assistance office for the state, administering millions of dollars in state and federal criminal justice funding every year. OCJS also evaluates programs and develops technology, training, and products for criminal justice professionals and communities. OCJS has been designated by Governor John R. Kasich to administer the FY 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. More information is available:

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/FY2015-JAG-RFP.pdf>

### **OCJS FY 2015 STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FUNDING (VAWA)**

**Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2015**

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### **OJJDP FY 2015 JUVENILE DRUG COURTS ADDRESSING SYSTEMATIC BARRIERS PROGRAM**



**Deadline: Tuesday, June 2, 2015**

The U.S. Department Of Justice (DOJ), Office Of Justice Programs (OJP), Office Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is seeking applications for OJJDP FY 2015 Juvenile Drug Court Addressing Systematic Barriers Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by enhancing existing juvenile drug courts for substance abusing juvenile offenders. Applicants must have an operating Juvenile Drug Court. Organizations that received an award under the FY 2014 Enhancements to Juvenile Drug Courts solicitation are not eligible to apply. More information is available:

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2015/DrugCourts.pdf>

**TRAINING FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

**Deadline: Friday, June 5, 2015**

This Department of Labor program, YouthBuild, is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses certain issues facing low-income communities: affordable housing; education; employment; crime prevention; and leadership development. The YouthBuild model balances in-school learning to a high school diploma or a GED certificate, as well as occupational skills training in preparation for career placement. Eligibility is limited to nonprofits, including faith-based groups, governments, employment centers, and public-housing authorities. There will be \$76 million available for 76 awards; there is a match required. Information: Kia Mason, [mason.kia@dol.gov](mailto:mason.kia@dol.gov). Solicitation:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=275699>

**2015 PROCEDURAL JUSTICE SITE SOLICITATION**

**Deadline for proposals: Friday, June 12, 2015**

The Center for Court Innovation and the Bureau of Justice Assistance are seeking four criminal courts interested in participating in a no-cost site assessment of procedural justice practices. This solicitation is targeted to criminal courts interested in deepening their understanding of procedural justice and examining whether and how their current practice promotes the core elements of procedural justice: voice, respect, understanding, and neutrality. The ultimate goals of the site assessments will be to encourage criminal courts around the country to adopt procedural justice practices while helping participating jurisdictions become leaders in the field. Full application details are available here:

<http://www.courtinnovation.org/sites/default/files/documents/PJ%20Site%20Assessment%20Solicitation.pdf>

**MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMONG MEN AND BOYS**

**Deadline for letter of interest: June 12, 2015**

As the lead coordinating agency for the Movember Foundation's U.S. mental health initiative, Prevention Institute is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity. The overarching goal of this initiative, Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Men and Boys in the United States, is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of men and boys in the United States. This initiative, which emphasizes community-level strategies, underscores the importance of mental health and social connection and their link with community well-being and resilience. More information is available:

[http://www.preventioninstitute.org/images/stories/Documents/Making\\_Connections\\_Mental\\_Health\\_Initiative\\_Funding\\_Announcement\\_Final.pdf](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/images/stories/Documents/Making_Connections_Mental_Health_Initiative_Funding_Announcement_Final.pdf)

**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.

### **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)

### **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, veterans, and community strengthening efforts.

### **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.

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