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2008 OSDPN MEETINGS & RSVP

THE OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK

With over 100 specialized dockets in operation throughout Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Mental Health have recognized the need for interaction among the professionals that staff these courts. In order to provide such a forum, the Ohio Specialized Docket Practitioner Network was created to provide peer support and technical assistance to these programs. The Network is comprised of several sub-networks that meet by discipline. These sub-network meetings allow specialized docket practitioners to discuss the challenges and successes they have faced in their specific role on the specialized docket court team. In addition, the sub-network meetings offer opportunities for specialized docket professionals to provide program updates, discuss program operations, and discover innovative and effective strategies employed by other specialized dockets. If you are a member of a court's specialized docket team and would like to participate in the Network or learn more, then please contact our office at (614) 387-9425.

2008 OSDPN Sub-Network Meeting Dates & RSVP

All meetings are 10 – 2 and at the Judicial Center *unless noted otherwise*.

Please note: Please be sure to enter the meeting date in the subject line.

Judges	Nov. 19, 2008 – Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)	Click here to RSVP
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2008 ACMIC MEETING DATES

The 2008 *Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)* meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 27, 2008

All meetings are from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Judicial Education Center at the Ohio Judicial Center. For directions to the Court, please visit our [website](#).

2008 OHIO SPECIALIZED DOCKETS PRACTITIONER NETWORK CONFERENCE

2008 OSDPN CONFERENCE SPECIALIZED DOCKETS: *COLLABORATION WORKS!*

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio
Sleeping Room Accommodations: Chase Suite Hotels, Dublin
Deadline: **November 7, 2008**

The 2008 Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network annual conference offers national speakers and several breakout sessions on a wide-range of topics pertinent to specialized docket programs. The conference attracts 300 attendees from across the state, which enables participants to open communication and establish relationships with professionals in other counties. Registration is limited to the first 300 registrants. Priority will be given to active Ohio Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network participants.

For more information and to registration, [click here](#).

OUR VIEW ON CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: 'THERAPY WITH TEETH'

In the mid-1990s, Carson Fox was a prosecutor in conservative Lexington, S.C., where being tough on crime comes with the territory. But another social undercurrent was also at work. "We found that in talking to citizens, nearly everyone had been touched by addiction and wanted to know if we were doing something that works, and if not, why not?" Fox recalled. He became part of an experiment: drug courts. [More...](#)

MENTALLY ILL GET HELP

Judge Fritz Hany had presided over hundreds of domestic violence cases. But this one was different. An elderly man had been charged with assaulting a family member. As he stood before Hany during his arraignment in Ottawa County Municipal Court, it was obvious the man had some sort of mental issue. Later, Hany learned the man had begun to develop Alzheimer's disease, an incurable brain illness that causes loss of memory and affects thinking and behavior. When his condition worsened, his behavior had escalated to violence. [More...](#)

IF YOU'RE ARRESTED FOR DRUGS, YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO GET A SECOND CHANCE IF YOU'RE WHITE

Anthony Smith Jr. is black, poor and a native of Cleveland's East Side. So is Dontez Orr. Both are in their early 20s. Each had a life-altering encounter with police two summers ago that grew from trivial events. Smith was jaywalking on East 65th Street near Fleet Avenue; Orr was driving south on Interstate 71 at night with an unlighted rear license plate. Brian Biddulph is not a convicted felon, even though his offense was more serious and his record worse. Biddulph, who is white, listed a Westlake address and could afford to hire his own lawyer. He was given a second chance to remain felony-free. [More...](#)

IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY, YOU'RE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO GET A PLEA DEAL IF YOU'RE WHITE

Why did Kevin McFaul, white and the son of the county sheriff, get off with a misdemeanor conviction last year in his cocaine-possession case – potentially preserving his law license – while Mercia Cherry, a black resident of Cleveland's East Side, had to take a felony in hers? Especially considering that their offenses were roughly equivalent and McFaul's history was spottier. Why were white out-of-towners Richard Roby, Jason Haffa and Christopher Bonnacci sent home from the Cuyahoga County Justice Center with a misdemeanor slap on the wrist when all of them were caught with more illegal drugs than black visitor Marquita Brewer, who had to drag a felony record back home to Florida with her? [More...](#)

NEW LAW MANDATES EQUITY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

After twelve years of fighting to pass legislation to equalize mental health benefits with those for other diseases, advocates celebrated on Oct. 3 when President Bush signed the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act into law. The new law was added as an amendment to the \$700 billion rescue plan to boost the nation's economy and will improve benefits for up to 113 million people.

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DRUG COURTS AT CENTER OF SENTENCING DEBATE

As the nation's inmate population climbs toward 2.5 million, the U.S. Sentencing Commission is considering alternatives to prison for some offenders, including treatment programs for nonviolent drug users and employment training for minor parole violators. The commission's consideration of alternatives to incarceration reflects its determination to persuade Congress to ease federal mandatory minimum sentencing laws that contributed to explosive growth in the prison population.

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COURTS GIVE ADDICTS A CHANCE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT

It was not your usual courtroom scene. For one thing, the judge choked up as he described one woman's struggle with opiate addiction after her arrest for forging prescriptions. Over the last three years, she had repeatedly missed court-ordered therapy and hearings, and the judge, J. Wesley Saint Clair of the Drug Diversion Court, at first meted out mild punishments, like community service. But last winter, pushed past his forgiving limit, he jailed her briefly twice. The threat of more jail did the trick. [More...](#)

SAMHSA AWARDS \$12 MILLION TO COMMUNITY TREATMENT AND SERVICE CENTERS HELPING CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM TRAUMATIC STRESS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) today announced that \$12 million in total funding over the next four years will be provided through the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI) to help communities meet the special needs of children at risk or suffering from traumatic stress. [More...](#)

REHABILITATION OR CONVICTION FOR ADDICTED NURSES? THE COURTS MUST DECIDE

Should the first-time offender get treatment in lieu of conviction and an opportunity to return to her profession without a blot on her record? Or should she get a scarlet letter - a felony on her record - because her crime abused a position of trust? There is no obvious answer, because the Ohio appeals courts have issued differing rulings. That's why this issue belongs in the Ohio Supreme Court. Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh is appealing nurse Sally Massien's treatment in lieu of conviction sentence to the 9th Ohio District Court of Appeals - and Walsh doesn't want it to end there. She hopes the case will be taken up by the Ohio Supreme Court. That's a good place for it. [More...](#)

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CHILD MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Deadline: January 15, 2009

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=42956>

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families (CMHI). The purpose of this program is to support children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care. Grantees will be expected to develop, implement, expand and disseminate broad, innovative system changes which improve outcomes for children, youth and families and create long-term positive transformation of services and supports. Eligibility for this program is statutorily limited to public entities such as state governments, Indian or tribal organizations, governmental units within political subdivisions of a State, such as a county, city or town, District of Columbia government and others areas. Contact: Gwendolyn Simpson, Office of Program Services, Division of Grants Management, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 7-1085, Rockville, Maryland 20857 (240) 276-1408 or gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov

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.

OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT'S FEDERAL GRANTS RESOURCE CENTER

Website: <http://www.obm.ohio.gov/grants/>

Description: A center for federal grant information and data, and related information, and to facilitate state agencies and other public and non-profit entities in identifying and competing for federal project grants.

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) anticipates funding the following discretionary grant programs in FY 2008, based on the President's FY 2008 budget request.

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.

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON FAMILY FUND GRANTS

Website: www.jnj.com/community/contributions/index.htm

Description: Johnson and Johnson Family Fund Grants support a wide range of giving programs focused on women's and children's health, homelessness, community responsibility and disaster relief, access to care, advancing healthcare knowledge, and global public health.

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").

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

NEW WEBSITE: <http://www.econempowerment.org/>

Description: The Allstate Foundation is taking a stand. It provides resources and programs that support survivors of domestic abuse and their advocates – by addressing the issues of financial security and economic empowerment.

FAITH-BASED GRANTS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Website: <http://www.fbciohio.gov/funding.asp>

Description: The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives offers several grant opportunities in the areas of addiction, at-risk youth, children and family, crime victims, ex-offenders, homelessness and housing, and more.

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FREE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR JAIL AND COURT PERSONNEL

A core part of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) mission is to provide free training to dispel the myths about mental illness and to promote understanding. NAMI Ohio provides free one-day training for jail and court personnel who regularly encounter individuals with mental illness. Participants include parole, probation, corrections officers, public defenders, prosecutors, bailiffs, school personnel, and program coordinators who work with court involved youth. Attendees will learn to identify major mental illnesses and their typical characteristics; techniques to manage individuals with mental illness; how to better prevent crisis situations and how to handle them when they do occur; how to identify risk factors for suicide in correctional settings; about opportunities to expand court based jail diversion programs for individuals with mental illness. Attendees will also benefit from a presentation by an officer trained in Crisis Intervention Team training (a 40 hour academy providing de-escalation training for first responders). Ultimately, it is the goal of this training for participants to come away with a better understanding of what it might be like to have a mental illness. For more information on this free training, please contact Betsy Johnson at betsy@amiohio.org

CRISIS MANAGEMENT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Location: Ohio Department of Agriculture – Bromfield Administrative Building
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

For more information, [click here](#).

GRANT WRITING

OCJS will be hosting **free** Grant Writing Seminars in 2008. OCJS' grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals will be discussed. Attendees will also receive the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services' publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*.

Trainings will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 28, 2008
- Tuesday, November 4, 2008
- Tuesday, December 2, 2008

These 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, on the first floor.

Training is Free! To download and print a training/event registration form, click [OCJS Event Registration Form](#).

RISK/NEED ASSESSMENTS AND INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAM PLANNING

Date: December 3, 2008

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Training and Education Center, London, Ohio

Website: <http://www.occaonline.org/index.asp>

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

To view the 2008 ODVN training brochure, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: "BACK TO BASICS" OCCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 1-3, 2009

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Website: <http://www.occaonline.org/index.asp>

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NATIONAL TRAININGS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES WEBINAR

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, with support from BJA, will host a webinar on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 2:00 pm EST. National experts in law enforcement and mental health will discuss effective crisis response models. Registration is free but is limited to the first 1,000 registrants. To register, go to www2.eventsvc.com/nationalcouncil, select the law enforcement/mental health event, and enter the coupon code COUNCIL at checkout.

4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CIT CONFERENCE

Dates: November 4-6, 2008

Location: Atlanta, GA

For more information, visit: www.cit.memphis.edu/2008conf.html

SEXUAL COMPULSIVITY CLINICAL TRAINING

Dates: November 5-7, 2008

Location: Troy, Michigan

For more information, go to: www.themeadows.com

AMERICAN HUMANE'S 2008 CONFERENCE ON DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE IN CHILD WELFARE

Dates: November 12-14, 2008

Location: Columbus, Ohio – Hyatt on Capitol Square

The conference aims to build knowledge and skills, disseminate ongoing practices, and provide an exchange of ideas across states, counties and provinces on a range of topics related to implementing and sustaining differential response in child welfare. [Download the conference brochure](#) for all the details and to register.

20TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AD/HD

Date: November 12-15, 2008

Location: Anaheim, California

[To read more about this year's upcoming, exciting Annual International Conference, click here.](#)

[To Register Now for the 20th Annual International Conference on AD/HD, click here.](#)

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

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