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### 2009 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.

## 2009 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.

Children Services	October 22	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:brownc@sconet.state.oh.us">brownc@sconet.state.oh.us</a>
Judges	Sept. 16 – Dublin Embassy Suites (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Nov. 18 – Doubletree Suites (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us">lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us</a>
Drug Treatment Counselors	August 18 October 13	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:brownc@sconet.state.oh.us">brownc@sconet.state.oh.us</a>
Program Coordinators	September 22	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:brownc@sconet.state.oh.us">brownc@sconet.state.oh.us</a>
Mental Health Clinicians	August 26	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us">lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us</a>
Probation Officers	September 25	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:brownc@sconet.state.oh.us">brownc@sconet.state.oh.us</a>
Case Managers	September 15	Send your RSVP to: <a href="mailto:lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us">lottesk@sconet.state.oh.us</a>

For directions, visit our [website](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2009 OSDPN Annual Conference

November 19, 2009

#### Keynote Speaker:

Dr. David Mee-Lee

Doubletree Suites – Worthington

## 2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

The 2009 *Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts (ACMIC)* meetings are scheduled as follows:

### October 26, 2009

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](#).

## NEWS

### COVA PARTICIPANTS SHARE THEIR JOURNEYS OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND RECOVERY

In keeping with its mission, COVA is empowering nine participants by giving them a camera, a little bit of guidance and a great deal of freedom. These new photographers will share their recovery journey through photography and writing at this year's COVA exhibition, titled *Mental Health Recovery: Through Our Lens & Pen*. Please join us as we take a peek into the lives of these individuals, learn about their struggles and triumphs, and take another step toward breaking down the stigma of mental illness.

Sandy Stephenson, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, will officially open the exhibition.

**Aug. 17 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Rhodes State Office Tower**  
**30 E. Broad St., Columbus**

### MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS STRAIN JUVENILE SYSTEM

In Ohio, where Gov. Ted Strickland, a former prison psychologist, approved a 34 percent reduction in community-based mental health services to reduce a budget deficit, Thomas J. Stickrath, the director of the Department of Youth Services, said continuing cuts would swell his youth offender population. "I'm hearing from a lot of judges saying, 'I'm sorry I'm sending so-and-so to you, but at least I know that he'll get the treatment he can't get in his community,'" Mr. Stickrath said. [More...](#)

### U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING ON LAB ANALYSTS TESTIFYING IN COURT FORCES OHIO TO RECONSIDER CASE

A U.S. Supreme Court decision last month requiring lab analysts to appear in court to testify about the results of their scientific tests has forced Ohio justices to reconsider a 2007 ruling in a similar case. Doomsayers predict that if the state court's ruling is reversed, crime labs and courthouses across Ohio could face significant backlogs, prosecutors would be forced to forfeit cases and defendants – some of whom would have been found guilty – could go free on a technicality. [More...](#)

### NO RESTRAINING ORDER FOR PHARMACIST

A Mahoning County Common Pleas Court magistrate has denied a request by a pharmacist, who was indicted on criminal charges, for a temporary restraining order that would bar the state pharmacy board from conducting an administrative hearing on his pharmacy license while the criminal case is pending. [More...](#)

#### **STUDY DETAILS OHIO'S REGIONAL DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS**

A recent study on drug use proves just how scattered and shifting drug trends can be in Ohio. The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network recently released findings that point to decreased cocaine and methamphetamine use, increased prescription drug use and steady, but high, heroin use statewide. It pinpointed emerging trends in regions from Akron to Athens, Cleveland to Columbus and Toledo to Youngstown. [More...](#)

### **OHIO FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE**

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood have released a RFGA (Request for Grant Applications) for the Ohio Fatherhood Initiative. The state plans to “award nine grants to qualified non-profit faith-based and community organizations to implement partnerships-based, innovative and effective regional fatherhood-specific programs on topics such as emotional accessibility, family support, and responsibility” Go to this link for complete information: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/RFP/R1011068023/R1011068023.stm>

### **ELDER JUSTICE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS**

The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Elder Justice Community Collaborations project, administered by the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse for the NCEA. The RFP supports the development of multi-disciplinary coalitions at the local level by providing on-site training and technical assistance to Area Agencies on Aging, Title VI Grantees, and/or community organizations interested in developing new elder justice coalitions.

The deadline for responding to the RFP is Friday, August 28, 2009, at 5:00pm EST.

The RFP can be found at NCEA’s website at:

[www.ncea.aoa.gov/NCEAroot/Main\\_Site/About/Initiatives/doc/Mini-grant-RFP2009.doc](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/NCEAroot/Main_Site/About/Initiatives/doc/Mini-grant-RFP2009.doc)

### **REVISED GRANTS CALENDAR FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS)**

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Programs: The normal JAG and VAWA allocation request for proposals will be released August 1 and due to OCJS August 31. To see the revised calendar, please visit: [www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsCalendar.pdf](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantsCalendar.pdf)

### **THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AWARDS**

**Deadline:** September 3, 2009

The Department of Health and Human Services is offering \$5 million to fund awards ranging from \$275,000 to \$300,000 each to address unhealthy behaviors in at-risk minority youth and provide them opportunities to learn more positive lifestyles and to make healthier life choices. The program is intended to test innovative approaches to promoting healthy behaviors in youth at-risk for poor health/life outcome. These demonstration grants require a multi-partner approach involving institutions of higher education, primary and secondary schools, community organizations and institutions, and the community at large. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=10539>.

### **FAMILY REENTRY RFP RELEASED AND REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THE 2009 OHIO BENEFIT BANK COMMUNITY MEETING AND TRAINING**

**DEADLINE:** September 4, 2009 by 1:00 PM

**SUMMARY:** The Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), will release approximately \$1.62 million Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) dollars to put into place and test new, unique, and distinctive demonstration projects that provide ex-offenders and their families with comprehensive integrated family case management. These projects will exhibit long term goals of reducing recidivism for adult ex-offenders and reducing the incidence of generational incarceration for their children by stabilizing families through case-management and comprehensive supports. Because the problem of post-release retention in community programs is well documented in the literature, the funds will be used to develop best practices strategies to engage newly released offenders in family strengthening and reunification programs.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nonprofits with 501 (c) (3) that are not an educational or academic institution with 3 years experience working with incarcerated populations and families who have been impacted by incarceration.

**AWARD:** Up to \$180,000 each.

**PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING:** A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on August 21, 2009 starting at 9:00 AM at the Department of Administrative Services, General Services Division Building, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus Ohio, 43228.

To view the full announcement and application process visit:

<http://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=7194&disclaimer=N>

#### **RECOVERY ACT - PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY**

**Deadline:** September 29, 2009

**Website:** <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=48073&mode=VIEW>

#### **OHIO DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND:**

The Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund RFP will be released September 1 and will be due to OCJS September 30. The Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund will provide funding to defray expenses that a drug task force organization incurs in performing its functions related to the enforcement of the state's drug laws and other state laws related to illegal drug activity. Each applicant will need to demonstrate how their application meets the stated purpose of the fund. Please visit

<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov> in the near future for more information.

#### **BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP GIVING PROGRAMS TO FUND CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS; APPLICATION DEADLINE VARIES**

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. awards Children's Health & Wellness Champ-A-Champion Fur Kids grants twice annually to provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness. Grantees include childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs. Application deadlines are at the end of April, July, and October. Grant applications can be submitted through the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation at <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants>. Organizations seeking unrestricted support for children are also encouraged to apply for grants through the nonprofit Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation. The foundation reviews grant applications on a rolling basis. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 each. For more information, please visit

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutUs/community/BabwFoundation.aspx>

#### **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.

## **JOHNSON AND JOHNSON FAMILY FUND GRANTS**

**Website:** [www.jnj.com/community/contributions/index.htm](http://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.

## CALL FOR PAPERS & ARTICLES

### REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

*National Council Magazine*, with a readership of more than 10,000, is recognized as one of behavioral healthcare's most prestigious publication. Its theme-based approach draws the attention of policymakers, funders, and mental health and addictions leaders at the state and federal level ([See recent issues](#)). The next issue, releasing in October 2009, focuses on the theme, "Supportive Housing for People with Mental Illnesses and Addictions."

#### Project Profiles

National Council is looking for articles on various models of supportive housing programs with a special interest in housing programs for veterans and for persons with addiction disorders. We'd like to know about the origins and development of your supportive housing program, infrastructure and staffing, financing and support, program outcomes, costs and benefits, the effects on recovery/integration into community living for consumers, as well as the program impact on your community. What challenges has your program faced? What is the impact of the current economic downturn? And what lessons do you have to offer to other behavioral health providers that may want to replicate your program in their communities?

#### Consumer Stories

National Council is also looking for consumers and family members who are willing to share stories of how supportive housing has helped them in their recovery from mental illness and addictions. We would like to interview consumers and members of your staff that have worked closely with them to allow them to take advantage of supportive housing options. If you have candidates we can interview, please share a brief description (200 words or less) of their story and contact information (phone and email) for the consumers and your staff liaison.

**Please email National Council a brief outline (200 words or less) of your article on your programs/consumer stories by Monday, August 17.** We will review your outline and get back to you on the topics selected for publication (deadline for final article submission is Thursday, **September 10**). Contact Nathan Sprenger at [NathanS@thenationalcouncil.org](mailto:NathanS@thenationalcouncil.org) or call at 202.684.7457, ext. 240.

### 2010 NADCP ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

**Location:** Boston, MA  
**Dates:** June 2-5, 2010

[Call for proposals](#) for workshops presentations, poster sessions, and videos.

The submission deadline is *August 28, 2009*

To submit a proposal contact: [jlubold@nadcp.org](mailto:jlubold@nadcp.org)

### NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE 40TH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CONFERENCE

**Dates:** March 15-17, 2010  
**Location:** Disney's Coronado Springs Resort – Orlando, Florida

[Call for proposals](#) for workshops presentations, poster sessions, and videos.

The submission deadline is *September 15, 2009*.

To submit a proposal: [www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/boston/call\\_for\\_papers](http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/boston/call_for_papers)

**Workshops:** Presentations are 90 minutes long, with no more than a maximum of THREE presenters.

**Posters:** Highlight your promising programs during our poster session.

**Videos:** 10 to 30 minute documentaries or independent film projects that illustrate key issues in the delivery of appropriate and comprehensive behavioral health services.



**2009 OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS**

For complete listing of current trainings for 2009, go to: <http://www.odvn.org/>

**2009 GRANT WRITING SEMINARS**

OCJS will be hosting two free Grant Writing Seminars in the remainder of 2009. 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 OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. Trainings will take place on the following dates:

- October 27
- November 24

All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor.

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

**GRANT WRITING FOR SPECIALIZED DOCKETS**

**Date:** Aug. 27, 2009 - Columbus, OH

**Who should attend:** Personnel from courts operating specialized dockets  
**No vendors or vendor personnel are permitted to attend.**

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio is offering a specialized training on *Grant Writing for Specialized Dockets* presented by Sharon Schnelle, who works in the Policy and Research section of the Office of Criminal Justice Services directly overseeing the grant review process.

[Register now](#)

[View the brochure](#)

For more information on this event, please contact [Charlsia Brown](#).

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE: DEVELOPING EVIDENCE AND PRACTICE BASED RESPONSES FOR WORKING WITH PERPETRATORS**

**Dates:** September 25, 2009 (9am-4pm)

**Location:** Columbus, Ohio

**Please click the link here to register online:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=xZRC\\_2bgyDvejw23Wgszi6Rw\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=xZRC_2bgyDvejw23Wgszi6Rw_3d_3d)

**CREATING TRAUMA INFORMED SYSTEMS OF CARE**

**Date:** Sept. 29, 2009 - Columbus, OH

**Who should attend:** Specialized Dockets Personnel.  
**No vendors or vendor personnel are permitted to attend.**

The Specialized Dockets Section in the Judicial & Court Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services, is offering a specialized training on *Creating Trauma Informed Systems of Care* presented by Dr. Joan Gillece, a National Center for Trauma-Informed Care program manager.

[Register now](#) (Deadline: Sept. 8, 2009)

[View the brochure](#)

#### **OCJS: INCORPORATING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES**

**Date:** September 29, 2009

**Location:** Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

**Website:** [www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf)

This training session will focus on strengthening the linkage between research knowledge and practice. It will address the biggest challenges for practitioners in implementing a new program or practice.

#### **NEW SHORES: HEALTH MESSAGES FOR EMERGING POPULATIONS, featuring the Somali Culture**

**Dates:** October 1-2, 2009

**Location:** Concourse Hotel & Conference Center

The conference will feature two tracks for specific audiences: one for the emerging Somali community and the other for health, behavioral health, social service, education, criminal justice and other providers. Keynote speakers for this year's conference: Thursday, October 1 - Hassan Ali Mirreh, the first Somali Ph.D. holder from Princeton University, scholar and seasoned politician, former Somali minister of education and senior consultant at the United Nations. And Friday, October 2 - Faduma Ali Nakruma, Somali female idol, song composer, poet, queen of Somali folklore. Download the registration brochure at

[http://maccinc.org/documents/MACC\\_Conference\\_09\\_%20registration.pdf](http://maccinc.org/documents/MACC_Conference_09_%20registration.pdf). The early registration discount is available until August 31, 2009.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE**

**Date:** October 6, 2009

**Location:** Fawcett Center (OSU) - Columbus

Mental Health America of Franklin County is hosting the upcoming Professional Children's Conference. This is a full-day professional conference offering 7 CEUs to professionals and a 2-hour community program where professionals can earn 2 CEUs. Go to [www.mhafc.org](http://www.mhafc.org) for registration information.

#### **REENTRY RESOURCES: BUILDING BRIDGES, A SUMMIT ON REENTRY INITIATIVES IN OHIO**

**Date:** October 8, 2009

**Location:** Embassy Suites - Dublin, Ohio 43017

Join us for a day of programming that will feature best practices, examples of community collaboration and speakers who share an interest in supporting communities and reentering citizens.

Contact Beth Gillespie at [bgillespie@osbf.net](mailto:bgillespie@osbf.net) to be added to the mailing list or visit [www.osbf.net](http://www.osbf.net)

#### **OHIO YOUTH ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TRAININGS**

The Department of Youth Services is pleased to announce the completion of the Ohio Youth Assessment System. Over the past three years, DYS has partnered with University of Cincinnati (UC) to develop a risk, needs and responsibility assessment specific to Ohio's youth. With the help of the pilot counties and facilities UC was able to collect and analyze data in order to develop a system of assessments that expand as a youth moves deeper into the system. The OYAS is made up of five

instruments (Diversion, Detention, Disposition, Residential and Reentry) which will assist juvenile justice professionals in making the best decisions for youth and creating a common language across systems.

### **2009**

Cuyahoga County      October 13 – 14  
Cuyahoga County      October 15 – 16

### **2010**

Richland County      January 19 – 20  
Lucas County          February 16 – 17

Registration is available online at [www.dys.ohio.gov](http://www.dys.ohio.gov) by clicking on Ohio Youth Assessment System Registration, under the Featured Links section. You can access the registration form by clicking on “**To access the OYAS registration page click here.**” Fill out the form and select the training you wish to attend from the drop down list. Make sure to click “Submit Registration Request.”

### **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OHIO HOUSING CONFERENCE**

**Dates:**            November 16-17, 2009  
**Location:**      The Greater Columbus Convention Center  
**Website:**        <http://www.ohiohome.org/09conf/default.html>

### **OCJS: DESIGNING AND EFFECTIVE EVALUATION STRATEGY**

**Date:**            December 29, 2009  
**Location:**      Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Motorcycle Classroom  
**Website:**        [www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf)

In today’s environment of increased accountability, designing and implementing an effective evaluation strategy is a critical component of an organization’s ability to secure funding. This training session will discuss and present information on development of an effective evaluation plan and why it is important for program planning and sustainability.

## NATIONAL TRAININGS

### 2009 COMPREHENSIVE DRUG COURT PRACTITIONER TRAINING SERIES

The NDCI Comprehensive Drug Court Practitioner Training Series consists of a weeklong, intensive training program designed to educate the new or transitioning drug court practitioner, with a focus on those skills specific to each individual discipline. With critical support from the **Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)**, **Executive Office of the President**, NDCI provides this training series each year allowing for lateral learning based in the latest science and best practices related to each drug court discipline. Once practitioners complete this tier of training, they become more adept at their respective roles and are prepared to return to their drug court as a drug court team member. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **FREE! BJA TRAININGS - RETHINKING COURT RESPONSES TO CLIENT BEHAVIOR: INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS**

#### **Dates & Locations:**

August 27-28, 2009 - Denver, CO  
September 17-18, 2009 - Chicago, IL  
November 12-13, 2009 - New Orleans, LA.

To register, please visit our website at

<http://www.ndci.org/sites/default/files/ndci/IncentivesSanctionsBrochure.PDF>

and download a registration form and fax it to 703-575-9402. If you have any questions, please contact Training Coordinator, Kelly Curtis at [kcurtis@ndci.org](mailto:kcurtis@ndci.org) or at 703-575-9400 ext 18.

### NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE “OPERATIONAL TUNE-UP

#### **Locations & Dates:**

October 8-9, 2009 (San Diego, CA)  
November 5-6, 2009 (White Plains, NY)

#### **Cost:**

Free

Don't wait! To register, please visit our website at

<http://www.ndci.org/sites/default/files/ndci/Operational%20Tune-Up.PDF>

and download a registration form and fax it to 703-575-9402. If you have any questions, please contact Jannise Randall at [jrandall@ndci.org](mailto:jrandall@ndci.org) or at 703-575-9400 ext. 20.

### **A NEW DIRECTION FOR A SAFER TOMORROW: A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE**

**Dates:** September 3-4, 2009

**Location:** Omni San Diego Hotel – San Diego, CA

For more information, please contact: Michele Robinson at 775-784-6427 or [mrobinson@ncjfcj.org](mailto:mrobinson@ncjfcj.org)

### **17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ICCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** September 13-16, 2009

**Location:** Caribe Royale Resort & Conference Center – Orlando, Florida

Go to: [www.iccaweb.org](http://www.iccaweb.org)

### **2009 NAJIS CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** September 15-17, 2009

**Location:** Nashville, TN

Visit [www.najis.org](http://www.najis.org) to register.

### **UC DAVIS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** September 21-23, 2009  
**Location:** Hyatt Regency, Sacramento  
Go to: [www.canconference.com](http://www.canconference.com)

**16<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL TASC CONFERENCE ON DRUGS & CRIME**

**Date:** September 23-25, 2009  
**Location:** North Carolina  
For more information, go to: [www.NationalTASC.org](http://www.NationalTASC.org)

**NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE: RESPONDING TO CRIME VICTIMS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Dates:** September 30-October 2, 2009  
**Location:** Denver, Colorado  
[www.register123.com/event/profile/web/125952](http://www.register123.com/event/profile/web/125952)

**THE MOMENT OF CHANGE—INTERVENTION-APPROACHES FOR PROFESSIONALS**

**Dates:** September 28-30, 2009  
**Location:** The Breakers Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Florida  
**Website:** <http://dualdiagnosis.org/events/moment-of-change-2009/conference-description>

**PATHWAYS TO CHANGE: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES**

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### **KINSHIP CARE WHEN PARENTS ARE INCARCERATED: WHAT WE KNOW, WHAT WE CAN DO,**

Children whose parents are incarcerated, though once an almost invisible population in the United States, are increasingly being recognized as a vulnerable group by public policymakers, social service providers, and academic researchers. In recent years, the Annie E. Casey Foundation has contributed to the knowledge development on this issue by supporting several publications that help synthesize and build knowledge in the field and raise awareness of the challenges faced by children and families of incarcerated parents. Our hope is that this information will lead to opportunities to promote stronger child well-being among this population. The Foundation has recently published a new report, [\*\*Kinship Care When Parents are Incarcerated: What We Know, What We Can Do\*\*](#), by Creasia Finney Hairston, Ph.D., a preeminent scholar on this topic and Dean and Professor at the Jane Addams College of Social Work at University of Illinois Chicago. This report provides an overview of the current state of knowledge about kinship care when parents are involved in the criminal justice system and identifies what we need to know and understand to develop more effective policies and services. Analyses of current child welfare and criminal justice policies provide the context for understanding research findings and recommendations for change. The idea to commission this report from Dr. Hairston grew out of our collaborative work with our “Casey Cousins”—Casey Family Programs and Marguerite Casey Foundation and reflects the current, more targeted focus of the Annie E. Casey Foundation to concentrate on children of incarcerated parents who are in formal or informal care.

A PDF version of this and all AECF reports related to children with incarcerated parents can be found at <http://www.aecf.org/childrenofincarcerated.aspx>. You can also request printed copies through this link.

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