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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	Sept. 10, 2008 – Dublin Embassy Suites (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Nov. 19, 2008 – Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)	Click here to RSVP
Drug Treatment Counselors	July 10, Oct. 15	Click here to RSVP
Program Coordinators	July 15, September 16	Click here to RSVP
Mental Health Clinicians	September 5	Click here to RSVP
Probation Officers	July 18, September 26	Click here to RSVP
Case Managers	May 28, September 23	Click here to RSVP
Prosecutors	May 30	Click here to RSVP
Defense Attorneys	July 25	Click here to RSVP
Children Services	July 31	Click here to RSVP

2008 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

Monday, July 28, 2008
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](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

2008 Ohio Specialized Dockets Practitioner Network Annual Conference

Thursday – November 20, 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio
More Details Will Follow!

NEWS

DEFENDANTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS NEED SOME HELP

Anyone can have an idea - it's what you do with it that matters. Take Lake County Common Pleas Court Judge Eugene Lucci and his plan for a Mental Health Court at the county level. Taxpayers should recognize the importance in developing a different approach for defendants who suffer from mental illness. [More...](#)

INNOVATION NUMBER 9 OHIO'S SPECIAL COURTS: THE COURTS AS LEADER AND PARTNER IN PREVENTING AND ENDING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Ohio's Mental Health Court - just one of the Special Courts in Ohio's Supreme Court "Specialized Docket" - is an active leader in seeking better outcomes through policy and practice for persons who are homeless with mental health issues and in the criminal justice system. The Court creates strategic intergovernmental partnerships with state agencies in both the executive and judicial branches and with local agencies seeking to break the costly cycle of random ricocheting for persons with behavioral health issues and histories of homelessness who are in the court system
[Innovation #9: Ohio's Special Courts](#)

FEMALE SEX OFFENDERS OFTEN HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS

Women who commit sexual offences are just as likely to have mental problems or drug addictions as other violent female criminals. Between 1988 and 2000, 93 women and 8,500 men were convicted of sexual offences in Sweden. Given that previous research has focused on male perpetrators, knowledge of the factors specific to female sex offenders has been scant. [More...](#)

FEDS LINK TEENS, DEPRESSION AND MARIJUANA TO MENTAL ILLNESS, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS

A teen who has been depressed at some point in the past year is more than twice as likely to have used marijuana as teens who have not reported being depressed — 25 percent compared with 12 percent, said the report by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. "Marijuana is a more consequential substance of abuse than our culture has treated it in the last 20 years," said John Walters, director of the office. "This is not just youthful experimentation that they'll get over as we used to think in the past." [More...](#)

OFFICIAL URGED FEWER DIAGNOSES OF PTSD

A psychologist who helps lead the post-traumatic stress disorder program at a medical facility for veterans in Texas told staff members to refrain from diagnosing PTSD because so many veterans were seeking government disability payments for the condition. [More...](#)

COURT GRADS GET 2ND CHANCE

Graduation from mental health court means a new lease on life for John L. Way Jr. "It's a good thing for me because, if I didn't have this mental health court right now, I would be sitting in jail right now. I'd be sitting in jail, looking out a window," Way said. "I'd be in orange [jail overalls] right now, saying 'Why didn't I make the decision?'" Way observed. Way's graduation from mental health court allows him to clear a major hurdle en route to his chosen profession. [More...](#)

MENTAL HEALTH COURT AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRISON

The county's judges are considering creating a mental health court that would focus on getting the mentally ill treatment instead of sending them to prison. Malcolm Peel, an Ohio board member of the National Alliance of Mental Illness who proposed the idea in Lorain County, said the concept has had great success elsewhere in Ohio and around the nation.

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MENTAL HEALTH COURT SHOULD BE CREATED TO SERVE LORAIN COUNTY

The proposal to create a mental health court in Lorain County is very much welcome. Such a court is much needed and long overdue. Many inmates in Lorain County's jail, and across the nation, have landed there because of behavior related to their mental illness, either directly or indirectly. Bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and depression can take a severe toll on the lives of those who have these disorders. In many cases, prescription medications and other treatment can help those afflicted to recover their lives. [More...](#)

PANEL TO HELP INDIGENT FAMILIES

The Mahoning County Probate Court has established a panel of 14 lawyers who've agreed to represent families of severely mentally disabled or retarded people in need of a guardian without charge to the families. These lawyers have agreed to accept a reduced fee from an indigent guardianship fund, which is funded through the court's filing fees. They will be paid about \$200 to establish a guardianship, compared with the \$800 to \$1,000 normally charged to families by such lawyers for this service. [More...](#)

MENTAL HEALTH COURT SOUGHT

Lorain County leaders are being urged to create a mental health court that would handle cases of defendants with mental illnesses. Dr. Malcolm Peel, of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Lorain County affiliate, is leading the effort. A person with mental health issues convicted of a crime could undergo psychological analysis, receive medication and work with a caseworker and parole officer instead of being sent to jail or prison, Peel explained. [More...](#)

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FUNDING

NEW SAMHSA GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Deadline: May 29, 2008

Website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/apply.aspx>

On March 31, 2008, The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has announced that it is accepting applications for FY 2008 grants for the Development of Comprehensive Drug/Alcohol and Mental Health Treatment Systems for Persons Who are Homeless. (Short Title: Treatment for Homeless Grants.)

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.

READER'S DIGEST FOUNDATION TO DONATE \$1 MILLION BASED ON INSPIRING STORIES FROM THE PUBLIC

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: <http://www.rd.com/jsp/rdcom/makeItMatterLanding.jsp>

The Reader's Digest Foundation has announced that it will donate a total of \$1 million to nonprofit organizations through a new initiative called "Make it Matter." Grants will be inspired by individuals who are taking action and giving back to their communities in significant ways.

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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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, July 29, 2008
- Tuesday, August 26, 2008
- Wednesday, October 1, 2008
- 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](#).

ODVN: LEGAL ADVOCACY CAUCUSES

Dates & Locations: Circleville, Friday, June 13, 2008 (9am-12noon)
 Bowling Green, Friday, June 20, 2008 (9am-12noon)
 Akron, Tuesday, June 24, 2008 (1-4 pm)

No Cost, but pre-registration is required

The topic is Crime Victims Compensation, for all victims, but with a focus on domestic violence/sexual assault victims. **For more information and to register, contact: [Leslie N. Malkin \(614\) 781-9651](#) or lesliem@odvn.org**

JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM DRAFT STANDARDS: PREPARING FOR OHIO CERTIFICATION REGIONAL TRAININGS

As the Ohio Department of Youth Services prepares for certification of programs that provide treatment services to youth who have been adjudicated for sex offenses, eight regional trainings will help to clarify the draft standards and answer questions related to the pending certification process. "*Safe and Effective Intervention and Management Approaches for Juvenile Sex Offenders and Youth with Sexually Abusive Behavior*" will be the main tool as a team of professional trainers leads participants through the content and a review of the Comprehensive Assessment Protocol for a jurisdiction's juvenile sex offender management policies and practices. The trainings are suggested for representatives from sex offender treatment programs, juvenile courts, and other social service agencies that serve adjudicated youth. Trainings are free and six credit hours have been requested for CLEs, CEUs, and RCHs.

For dates, locations, and to register, contact thollett@oacbha.org.

ADOLESCENTS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS: INCREASING AWARENESS & SKILLS FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

Various dates & locations

Co-sponsored by *The Center for Innovative Practices* and *ODADAS*.

For more information, go to: <http://www.cipohio.org/>

YOUTH WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS CONFERENCE

Date: May 12, 2008

Location: Cuyahoga Fall, Ohio

For more information on how to register, contact ssalla@starkmhrs.org

ODADAS: OHIO WOMEN'S WELLNESS SYMPOSIUM

Dates: May 21-23, 2008

Location: Cherry Valley Lodge – Newark, Ohio

Fee: \$75.00.

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

5TH ANNUAL OJC COURT TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Date: May 23, 2008

Location: Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH.

Attendance is free and includes lunch and refreshments.

The Court Technology Conference brings together 30-35 vendors in all areas of court technology for a vendor show. The show is attended by judges, court staff and others from agencies who work with courts. Attendees talk to vendors at vendor booths, and can also attend half hour vendor presentations or brief session on innovative court technology projects from around Ohio. Find out more on our website, www.ohiojudges.org follow the link to the 2008 Court Technology Conference.

EXPLORING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OVERLOOKED POPULATIONS

Date: May 28, 2008

Location: Longaberger Alumni House

This conference is presented in collaboration: The Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence High Risk Perinatal Project "Project S.A.F.E". For more information on how register, contact Corey Ferguson at 614.293.6245 or corey.ferguson@osumc.edu

BLENDING ADDICTION SCIENCE AND TREATMENT: THE IMPACT OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES ON INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Dates: June 2-3, 2008

Location: Cincinnati, OH

For more information go to: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/whatsnew/meetings/blending2008/>

THE GRANT INSTITUTE'S GRANTS 101: PROFESSIONAL GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP

Dates: June 2-4, 2008

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly.

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

CREATING TRAUMA INFORMED SYSTEMS OF CARE *with* DR. JOAN GILLECE

Date: June 6, 2008

Location: Wadsworth, Ohio – Galaxy Conference Center

This is a training offered by the Supreme Court of Ohio Specialized Dockets Section.

For more information, go to: http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/spec_dockets/events/default.asp

MANAGING CASES INVOLVING PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES

Dates: June 9-12, 2008

Location: Reno, NV

Tuition: \$985

Fee: \$235

Who should attend: Judges

This course provides judges with an understanding of mental health issues that affect and are affected by the justice system. After attending this course, participants will be able to identify and assess individuals with mental health disorders and employ judicial strategies to address them effectively. Participants will also be able to: *To register or for more information please contact: The National Judicial College Registrar's Office Judicial College Bldg./MS 358 · Reno, NV 89557 (800) 25-JUDGE or (775) 784-6747 or visit the course's [webpage](#).*

NEUROBIOLOGY OF OFFENDER TRAUMA with Dr. David Lisak

Dates & Locations: June 26, 2008 – Mohican State Park & Resort
June 27, 2008 – Holiday Inn/Fairborn

More information and online registration go to:

http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/spec_dockets/events/default.asp

OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS

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

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NATIONAL TRAININGS

14TH NADCP ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Dates: May 28-31, 2008
Location: St. Louis, Missouri – The America's Center
For more information and to register, [click here](#).

AACJP 3RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dates: May 31, 2008 – June 4, 2008
Location: Miami, Florida
For more information and to register, go to: www.advocateprogram.com/AACJP

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL RURAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Dates: June 1-5, 2008
Location: University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Fourteen in-depth workshop tracks, with additional mini-workshops and special topic sessions. This year's program continues to provide rural specific training and an opportunity to network with rural professionals from throughout our country. **For more information, go to: <http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/nri>**

9TH ANNUAL INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dates: June 9-11, 2008
Location: Denver, Colorado
For more information, visit: www.kinsleyassociates.com/nlectc/reg.asp

19TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE

Dates: June 26-28, 2008
Location: Boston, Massachusetts
For more information, go to: www.themeadows.com

PARENT TO PARENT TEACHER CERTIFICATION TRAINING!

Dates: June 27-29th, 2008
Location: Bloomington, Minnesota

For more information, visit:

http://www.chadd.org/Content/CHADD/Conferences_Training/ParenttoParentProgram/BecomeTeacher/default.htm

**CMHS'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE: *DARE TO TRANSFORM*,
REVOLUTIONIZING MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Dates: July 9-10, 2008

Location: Washington, DC

For more information, go to: <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/nctic/>

**NCADV'S 13TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND 30TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: *BUILDING GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE***

Dates: July 18-23, 2008

Location: Washington, DC

For more information and to register, go to: www.ncadv.org

NDCI: DRUG COURT DEFENSE COUNSEL TRAINING

Dates: August 5-8, 2008

Location: Annapolis, MD

For additional information, contact Bobbie Taylor at 703-575-9400, ext. 16 or btaylor@ndci.org.

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

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RESEARCH

NEW VAWNET APPLIED RESEARCH DOCUMENT NOW AVAILABLE

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE by Larry Bennett and Patricia Bland, which provides an overview of the research on the relationship between substance abuse and woman battering (May 2008).

NOTE: This revised document replaces the 1997 version.

Larry W. Bennett, Ph.D. is from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Patricia J. Bland, M.A. is from the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

On VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1324>

PDF: http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/AR_SubstanceRevised.pdf

HTML: http://new.vawnet.org/category/Main_Doc.php?docid=1324

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