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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.)	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Drug Treatment Counselors	July 10, Oct. 15	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Program Coordinators	July 15, September 16	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Mental Health Clinicians	September 5	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Probation Officers	July 18, September 26	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Case Managers	September 23	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Defense Attorneys	July 25	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Children Services	July 31	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>

## 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

### **JUVENILE COURTS UNSURE HOW TO DEAL WITH DANGEROUS TEENS INCOMPETENT FOR TRIAL**

The 17-year-old with a slash of a scar between his eyebrows frustrates Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Judge Thomas F. O'Malley. The teen leveled a silver handgun, robbing a woman gardening in her yard and drivers delivering milk and chips, police say. Others, like the man pumping gas, he threatened with a pipe. But in the detention center, without a weapon or adults urging him on, he was prey. The other kids were taking his food.

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### **FUNDING FOR DRUG COURT LOST**

A treatment-in-lieu-of-prison drug court for felony offenders in Washington County will close in August because additional funding could not be secured to continue the project. The JuST Program (Judicially Supervised Treatment) was launched in October 2004 in response to a rash of drug-related overdoses and an increase in property crimes, also thought to be drug related.

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### **COMPASSION, COMPULSION AND THE MENTALLY ILL**

The debacle of deinstitutionalization continues to worsen with each passing year. In 1955, there were 559,000 individuals in America's state mental hospitals. By 2005, there were only 47,000 state hospital beds left in the country, a number that continues to fall. Numerous studies have documented the tragic effects of releasing hundreds of thousands of seriously mentally ill individuals from state hospitals while failing to ensure that they receive treatment. [More...](#)

### **N.Y. COURT GIVES VETERANS CHANCE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT**

When police entered Tom Irish's suburban Buffalo home on March 9 responding to a call about a disturbance, the 59-year-old Army veteran says he did not see uniformed officers. He says he was drunk on vodka, suffering from a flashback to his wartime experiences, and saw in his mind the Viet Cong soldiers he fought close to 40 years ago.

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### **MENTAL HEALTH COURT GETS A BOOST: LORAIN COUNTY HAS KEY PIECES IN PLACE, OHIO JURIST NOTES**

Lorain County already has half of what it needs to make a successful mental health court work, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton said here yesterday. "Lorain is actually a marvelous county because unlike many other counties, you already have a very solid CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Program," Stratton said. "You have 140 officers trained here. That's half the picture you need to make a successful mental health docket work, but you're missing the mental health" court. [More...](#)

#### **MENTALLY INCOMPETENT DEFENDANTS ON RISE**

The number of accused felons declared mentally incompetent to stand trial is rising in 10 of the nation's 12 largest states, delaying local prosecutions and swamping state mental health and prison systems, a USA TODAY review finds. These defendants cost hundreds of millions of dollars to treat and house as local governments tighten their budgets because of a slowing economy.

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#### **MENDING UNION COUNTY FAMILIES**

The mother's spiral into addiction led her to Union County Juvenile/Probate Court Judge Charlotte Coleman Eufinger and the judge's newly-created family treatment court. Because of the mother's addiction, her daughter has been removed from the home by the department of Job and family services. The mother was referred to the family treatment court. [More...](#)

#### **TRIAL IN SOMALI'S DEATH TO GO ON**

A civil-rights lawsuit that was filed after Franklin County deputies fatally shot a man who swung a knife at them two years ago can proceed to trial, a federal judge has ruled. But the trial will not center on whether the shooting of Nasir Abdi was justified. The focus will be on whether deputies were properly trained to deal with a mentally ill person when they went to Abdi's home on the Northeast Side on Dec. 29, 2005. [More...](#)

#### **SOLDIER SUICIDES HIT HIGHEST RATE - 115 LAST YEAR**

Army soldiers committed suicide in 2007 at the highest rate on record, and the toll is climbing ever higher this year as long war deployments stretch on. At least 115 soldiers killed themselves last year, up from 102 the previous year, the Army said Thursday. [More...](#)

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## **FUNDING**

### **GRANTS TO TREATMENT (BIRT) FOR JUVENILE COURTS AND JUVENILE DRUG COURTS**

collaboration with juvenile drug courts to implement BIRT and to define and identify the benefits of partnerships between juvenile courts and juvenile drug courts so that all juvenile offenders receive effective and appropriate treatment.

#### **JUVENILE DRUG COURT TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Deadline:** July 3, 2008

OJJDP is seeking a training and technical assistance provider to deliver training and technical assistance to juvenile drug courts and family drug courts that are interested in learning about and implementing Brief Interventions and Referrals to Treatment.

**Funding Link(s)**

Program Announcement [PDF](#)

Performance Measures Web Site [HTML](#)

### **JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT SOLICITATIONS**

**Deadline:** July 2, 2008

**Website:** [www.ocjs.ohio.gov/funding/currentsolicitation.htm](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/funding/currentsolicitation.htm)

The JAG Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. The VAWA Program funds projects that assist units of local government to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies.

### **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.

### **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](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](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.

## **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:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

**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](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/spec_dockets/events/default.asp)

### **CREATING VISIBLE LIGHT: UTILIZING THE SPECTRUM OF PREVENTION TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**Date:** June 26-27, 2008

**Location:** Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio.

**Deadline:** June 20, 2008

This two-day conference will give hands-on examples about how to use all six levels of the Spectrum of Prevention as local and national speakers inspire your work to prevent sexual violence in your community. Other topics include prevention ethics, and secondary trauma, as well as an informational workshop with the Ohio Department of Education. Please go to [www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org) to register for this conference. For conference questions please contact Jill Endres, at 614-781-9651 ext. 234 or [jille@odvn.org](mailto:jille@odvn.org) for registration questions please contact Jasmine Finnie at 614-781-9651 ext. 229 or [jasminef@odvn.org](mailto:jasminef@odvn.org)

### **COLLABORATIVE GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY EFFORTS – CREATING A TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR OHIO**

**Date:** July 24, 2008

**Location:** The Health Foundation Conference Facility

**Deadline:** July 17, 2008

**Cost:** \$20.00

Instructor: Jonas Thom, The Ohio Coordinating Center for ACT. Learning Objectives: Describe the process for stakeholder consensus building; understand the current fiscal and policy barriers to "transforming" the mental health system; identify resources for evaluation of mental health policy effectiveness; identify the current mechanisms for mental health policy collaboration

To register: <http://register.healthfoundation.org>

\*\* Special cancellation fee of \$300 applies; click [here](#) for details.\*\*

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

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

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## **NATIONAL TRAININGS**

### **19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** June 26-28, 2008

**Location:** Boston, Massachusetts

For more information, go to: [www.themeadows.com](http://www.themeadows.com)

### **PARENT TO PARENT TEACHER CERTIFICATION TRAINING!**

**Dates:** June 27-29, 2008

**Location:** Bloomington, Minnesota

For more information, visit:

[http://www.chadd.org/Content/CHADD/Conferences\\_Training/ParenttoParentProgram/BecomeTeacher/default.htm](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](http://www.ncadv.org)

**2008 NATIONAL FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONFERENCE**

**Date:** August 3-5, 2008

**Location:** Louisville, Kentucky

[The National Criminal Justice Association](#) and the [IJIS Institute](#) in conjunction with the Bureau of Justice Assistance are pleased to offer you this unique opportunity to explore partnerships in a neutral setting to share ideas about multi-dimensional prevention strategies to reduce the impact of violent crime in our communities.

For more information about the National Forum including registration information and an agenda, [click here](#).

**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](mailto:btaylor@ndci.org).

**BISC-MI'S 13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** September 17-19, 2008

**Location:** Michigan

**Website:** <http://www.biscmi.org/stp/>

Register will be open soon.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CIT CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** November 4-6, 2008

**Location:** Atlanta, GA

For more information, visit: [www.cit.memphis.edu/2008conf.html](http://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](http://www.themeadows.com)

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**RESEARCH**

**ONDCP LAUNCHES REDESIGNED WEB SITE**

In addition to a great new look, the site has been redesigned to place the information you need at your fingertips. The newly redesigned [ONDCP Web site](#) features information on national drug policy, facts and figures about drugs, state and local resources, a discussion forum and much more. Organized topically, visitors to the site have access to information about:

- **Prevention** – Recognizing that stopping substance use before it ever begins is the best option for a healthy population, this section provides tools and resources to help Americans, and youth in particular, take a stand against drugs.
- **Treatment** – Resources that support the belief that addiction to substances is a treatable disease, and that recovery is possible.
- **Market Disruption** – A balanced approach includes reducing the availability of drugs to the nation. This section offers highlights and examples of programs working to reduce the availability of drugs.

The redesigned [ONDCP Web site](#) also offers a media gallery of anti-drug ads, the latest in press releases and new resources, plus options for staying connected. Visit the new ONDCP Web site to experience the change!

## **PREVENTING YOUTH SUICIDE IN RURAL AMERICA**

Statistics reveal that despite an overall decline in youth suicide in the United States, the suicide rate in rural areas remains unchanged. The continued high suicide rate in rural America is often attributed to (1) the continued concentration of risk factors for suicide in rural areas, (2) the challenges of providing suicide prevention and mental health services in areas with a relatively small population spread over a large area, and, (3) a reluctance to seek out services in a culture that sometimes stigmatizes mental health issues and has a history of individual and family self-reliance.

In summer 2007, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) and the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) convened a Rural Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup to explore how state agencies could more effectively address suicide among rural youth. The resulting report, *Preventing Youth Suicide in Rural America: Recommendations to States*, provides a concise summary of this problem and recommends strategies for addressing youth suicide and related mental health issues in rural areas.

Much of this report is directly relevant to rural SS/HS programs. *Preventing Youth Suicide in Rural America* points out that while rural communities have historically relied on clinical approaches to youth suicide prevention, clinical care and crisis intervention need to be complemented by a variety of strategies, including primary prevention and early intervention. The report suggests that suicide prevention be integrated into the work of educators, healthcare and social service providers, juvenile justice and public safety workers, and others representing key SS/HS partners. The report also makes recommendations for school-based mental health screening and suicide gatekeeping, developing systems of care that include school health clinics, the use of innovative technologies to train professionals in rural areas, and strategies to promote help-seeking behaviors.

*Preventing Youth Suicide in Rural America: Recommendations To States* can be downloaded from the SPRC Web site at <http://www.sprc.org/library/ruralyouth.pdf>.

## **OJJDP BULLETIN EXAMINES VIOLENCE BY TEENAGE GIRLS**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has published "[Violence by Teenage Girls: Trends and Context](#)." The first in a series of publications from OJJDP's Girls Study Group, the bulletin assesses trends of juvenile arrest rates for violent crimes, focusing on simple and aggravated assault. It also examines the context in which girls and boys offend, including the type of victims targeted and environments where offenses commonly occur. Resources: "Violence by Teenage Girls: Trends and Context" is available online only at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=240649>. For further information about OJJDP's Girls Study Group, visit <http://girlsstudygroup.rti.org/>.

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