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NEWS

NAMI OHIO LAUNCHES THE STIGMA BUSTER

On September 30th, NAMI Ohio launched its inaugural issue of The Stigma Buster, a monthly electronic newsletter devoted to helping eliminate the stigma of mental illness in Ohio. By sharing the personal stories of prominent individuals from around the state who have been affected by mental illness, readers will come to view this illness as no different from any other chronic illness.

To view the most current issue, [click here](#)

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HOPE COURT GIVES OFFENDERS AN ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL TIME

The Healthy Options Promoting Empowerment (HOPE) Behavioral Health Court, is a specialized program designed for non-felony offenders going through both Muskingum County Court and Zanesville Municipal Court. Presiding Judge Eric D. Martin said the program is designed for those who may not have committed a crime if it weren't for a mental illness or behavioral issue. He said The National Institute of Mental Health estimates the economic cost of untreated mental illness is \$300 billion each year and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction reports that 27 percent of Ohio prisoners have mental health problems. [More...](#)

INTERVENTION COURT BRILLIANT IDEA THAT WOULD BENEFIT ALL

An individual's mental illness is not a private matter but a community issue. Confronting those problems head-on is necessary to make communities healthier and safer. That is the basis for an intervention court program under way in Ottawa County. The program grew out of concerns voiced by Municipal Court Judge Frederick when dealing with domestic cases where mental illnesses ended up being a factor. [More...](#)

TRUMBULL COUNTY GETS STATE GRANT FOR FAMILY DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT

A new program in Trumbull County Family Court will work to decrease alcohol and drug dependency and keep families intact. Trumbull County has received a \$40,000 grant from the Ohio Supreme Court to begin a Family Dependency Drug Court in 2009. It is the only county in the state to receive the funding. [More...](#)

FORT HAMILTON HOSPITAL SITE TO GET MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY

Fort Hamilton Hospital will soon be home to a 15-bed facility for people with severe mental illness.

The Butler County Mental Health Board recently allocated about \$420,000 to renovate a building located on the east side of the campus. Construction on the 5,500-square-foot facility, formerly a hospice unit called Vitas, began last month. It will house patients who aren't ready to live on their own, but aren't sick enough for hospitalization. [More...](#)

SUICIDE IS TRAGEDY, BUT WHEN IS IT ALSO NEWS?

Suicides are a delicate topic for all of us. When they happen, those who knew the person are in disbelief. Was it *really* a suicide or an accidental death? Friends and family question whether they should have known about the person's depression, and wonder whether they could have done something - anything - to help. [More...](#)

THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE OF PUBLIC SUICIDE

He lingers in a corner of the balcony, eyeing first the moon and then the street 11 stories below. The handsome man in a yellow shirt shuns others chatting a few feet away. Like him, they have come to admire the upscale condo during an open house. On this near-perfect July night, the Scioto River shimmers with the glow of city lights. Penny Smith and Jaimie Welch, Realtors and friends, can't remember a more spectacular Downtown view than the one stretching out from the North Bank Park condominium. [More...](#)

CASES OF MURDER, SUICIDE UNLABELED

Headlines, police officers and grieving family members state the obvious: When one person kills another and then himself, it's a murder-suicide. But crime statistics fail to capture that reality. "We don't have a special category for it," said Columbus Police Division spokeswoman Amanda Ford. "It's not in the software." Columbus isn't unique. Most law-enforcement agencies don't compile official reports on murder-suicides because the federal Uniform Crime Reporting Program, to which agencies submit their local data, doesn't include murder-suicide as a single or related offense.

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SUICIDES UP FOR MIDDLE-AGE WHITES

More middle-age white people, women in particular, are taking their own lives, and mental-health workers can only speculate as to what might be driving the increase. Among whites ages 40 to 64, the suicide rate rose by 2.7 percent annually for men and 3.9 percent annually for women between 1999 and 2005, according to a new study led by a researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore. Those increases brought suicide rates per 100,000 white people to 26.9 for men and 8.2 for women in that age group. [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

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*.

Training will take place on the following date:

· 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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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.](#)

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BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

RESEARCH

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STUDY DISPELS MYTHS ABOUT GIRLS' DELINQUENCY

The Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) today released a research bulletin, "Charting the Way to Delinquency Prevention for Girls," which reports that despite the rise in female juvenile crime, violence among female youth has not increased.

Following a sharp increase in arrests among female juveniles in the 1990s, OJJDP convened the Girls Study Group (GSG) to gain a better understanding of girls' delinquency and guide policy toward female juvenile offenders. While the majority of delinquent offenders are boys, little research exists on female juvenile delinquency. This first bulletin, part of a forthcoming series, summarizes findings from a comprehensive research project into girls' delinquent behavior.

"The Office of Justice Programs created the Girls' Study Group to fully understand why an increasing number of girls are entering the juvenile justice system and to better understand how to prevent and intervene in girls' delinquency," said Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, Assistant Attorney General for OJP.

Key findings of the OJJDP-sponsored Girls Study Group include the following:

- Girls are not more violent now than in previous years. One of the factors discussed in the bulletin is the unintended impact of relatively new mandatory or pro-arrest policies put in place to protect victims of domestic violence.
- Girls and boys experience many of the same delinquency factors and that, while some risk factors are more gender-sensitive, focusing on general risk and protective factors for all youth is effective.
- Developing and using appropriate risk assessment tools for youth of both genders is crucial to ensuring the best response.
- A concerted effort is needed to address the lack of evidence-based programs for the juvenile justice field overall, as well as the lack of programming for girls specifically.

"By convening the Girls' Study Group, we made understanding girls involvement in delinquency a priority," said J. Robert Flores, Administrator of OJJDP. "We will use the data collected from this study to assist government and community leaders in responding to the needs of girls."

Over the next several months, a series of bulletins will be released highlighting the Girls Study Group findings, each one focusing on specific questions from the study group's research. The questions answered by the bulletins will include:

- Which girls become delinquent?
- What factors protect girls from delinquency?
- What factors put girls at risk for delinquency?
- What pathways lead to girls' delinquency?
- How should the juvenile justice system respond to girls' delinquency?

For more information on OJJDP's programs for delinquent girls, please visit: ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/girlsdelinquency.html

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