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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	May 28, September 23	<a href="#">Click here to RSVP</a>
Prosecutors	May 30	<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

### **JUSTICE STRATTON HOSTS FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS OF CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

A national organization devoted to ending homelessness, whose membership includes Supreme Court of Ohio Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, held its May meeting and gathered for a reception yesterday at the Ohio Judicial Center. Established in 1991, the Corporation for Supportive Housing is a nonprofit intermediary whose mission is to help communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness to those most in need: people coping with homelessness and extreme poverty, as well as chronic health conditions such as mental illness and addiction. [More...](#)

### **LAWMAKERS IRATE OVER VA'S 'SHH!' E-MAIL ON SUICIDE**

"Shh!" was a "very unfortunate" title for an internal e-mail about whether to release data on rising suicide attempts among veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs' top mental-health official conceded to a congressional committee yesterday. "I deeply regret the subject line," Ira Katz told the House Veterans Affairs Committee in a hearing on whether the VA has covered up what some members of Congress called an "epidemic" of veteran suicides. [More...](#)

### **MEDICAL KNOW-HOW RAISES SUICIDE RISK FOR DOCTORS**

There's a grim, rarely talked-about twist to all that medical know-how doctors learn to save lives: It makes them especially good at ending their own. An estimated 300 to 400 U.S. doctors kill themselves each year - a suicide rate thought to be higher than in the general population, although exact figures are hard to come by. [More...](#)

### **JUDGES COURT NEW DOCKET**

Lake County Common Pleas Court judges are interested in starting a mental health docket similar to the Mental Health Court Judge John Trebets holds Tuesdays in Mentor Municipal Court. The difference is the common pleas docket would address felony cases where the suspect suffers from mental illness, instead of misdemeanors like in municipal court. "We're still at the beginning stages. I've been working on this for several years - at least six years," Judge Eugene A. Lucci said. [More...](#)

### **JUDGE WANTS TO START OVI COURT**

More than 1,000 drunken-driving offenders appeared in Fairfield Municipal Court in 2006 and 2007. And with more than 200 people who operated a vehicle while impaired having appeared before the court in 2008, Judge Joyce Campbell doesn't see the trend decreasing, so she is working to crack down on the number of OVI offenders. [More...](#)

#### **MAKE ROOM**

Last week, the Ohio House overwhelmingly approved a bill that could go far toward easing the overcrowding of the state's prison system. The Senate ought to do the same. [More...](#)

#### **COURT AIMS TO HELP VETS WITH LEGAL TROUBLES**

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan put renewed focus on the issue of veterans' mental health, a judge in Buffalo, N.Y., has created a special court to assist veterans who wind up in the criminal justice system. [More...](#)

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### THE HEALTH FOUNDATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI

2008 Request for Proposals

#### Business and Operational Planning for School-Based Health Centers

- Deadline for receipt of proposals is May 16, 2008, no later than 12:00 noon (EDT)

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

### 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](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.

### 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](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:**    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](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/>

## **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](mailto: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](#).

## **5<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](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

This is a training offered to specialized docket personnel by the Supreme Court of Ohio Specialized Dockets Section. More information and online registration will be available soon.

**OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK TRAININGS**

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

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**NATIONAL TRAININGS**

**14<sup>TH</sup> 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://www.advocateprogram.com/AACJP)**

**24<sup>TH</sup> 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>**

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

**Dates:** June 9-11, 2008  
**Location:** Denver, Colorado  
**For more information, visit: [www.kinsleyassociates.com/nlectc/reg.asp](http://www.kinsleyassociates.com/nlectc/reg.asp)**

**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<sup>th</sup>, 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)

**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).

**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

**NEW STUDY PROVIDES EVIDENCE TO TAKE DRUG COURTS SCALE**

According to a new study conducted by the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center, "To Treat or Not to Treat: Evidence on the Prospects of Expanding Treatment to Drug-Involved Offenders," 1.5 million drug-involved offenders should be diverted to drug court, saving the American tax payer \$46 billion. The study's findings show that:

- There are about 55,000 individuals treated annually in drug courts, which creates more than \$1 billion dollars in annual savings. Overall, it is estimated that the current adult drug court treatment regime produces about \$2.21 in benefit for every \$1 in costs, for a net benefit to society of about \$624 million.
- The study finds that 1.5 million arrestees who are probably guilty (the population most likely to participate in court monitored substance abuse treatment) are at risk of abuse or dependence.
- Treating that 1.5 million at-risk arrestees through drug court would cost more than \$13.7 billion and return benefits of about \$46 billion. The study finds that this approach would be cost-effective, with a benefit of \$3.36 for every dollar in cost.

“After years of demonstrating that drug courts out perform any other justice strategy, and thus, should be expanded exponentially, we now have the research needed to go to scale,” said NADCP Chief Executive Officer West Huddleston. “I commend the researchers at the Urban Institute for their thorough analysis and ability to quantify the number of individuals before the courts nationally that would benefit from drug court. Armed with this research, every legislator and appropriator in America should demand that drug courts receive ample funding to reach the 1.5 million Americans who need it.”

View the full report [here](#).

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[http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Employment\\_Opportunities/default.aspx](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Employment_Opportunities/default.aspx)

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