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2009 ACMIC MEETING DATES

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

Monday – February 9, 2009
Monday – April 27, 2009
Monday – July 27, 2009
Monday – 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

OHIO LEGAL RIGHTS SERVICE URGES STATE TO BAN RESTRAINT METHOD AFTER TEEN'S DEATH

A state advocacy group has called on the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to ban the type of restraint that has been linked to the death of 17-year-old Faith Finley last month. Cuyahoga County Coroner Frank Miller said Faith suffocated while being restrained at Parmadale Family Services in Parma. Her death was ruled a homicide. Miller said she had been held in the face-down restraint.

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OHIO'S LACK OF WISDOM, POOR COMMUNICATION COST TEEN HER LIFE – EDITORIAL

The death last month of 17-year-old Faith Finley – who suffocated while being restrained at a center for troubled youth – leaves a trail of clues that lead straight to clueless state policies. No matter whether criminal charges are filed in the case, Faith's death has exposed a lethal level of inefficiency in the state's supervision of agencies charged with the protection and safety of some of Ohio's most vulnerable kids. The number of restraint-related injuries in the state is ambiguous, because no agency collects that data, Plain Dealer reporter Rachel Dissell found. And even though details about serious injuries and deaths are supposed to be reported to whichever agency licenses a facility, that information is not shared with other licensing agencies. [More...](#)

PSYCHOTIC DEFENDANT, THOUGH COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL, CAN'T BE HIS OWN LAWYER

Mentally ill criminal defendants who are found to be competent to stand trial don't automatically have the right to act as their own counsel, a New Jersey appeals court held Wednesday. The ruling, made possible by a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year that gives state courts discretion to decide

such issues, upheld a trial judge who assigned a lawyer to represent an accused thief who proclaimed he was the acolyte of an ancient civilization's princess. [More...](#)

RELEASED CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL INMATES WOULD INCLUDE DRUG-ABUSE, THEFT SUSPECTS, ANALYSIS FINDS

Hundreds of suspected thieves and drug users could be back on the street if Cuyahoga County Sheriff Gerald McFaul follows through with his threat to cut costs by releasing low-level offenders from jail to save money. McFaul, who must pare \$4 million from his \$81 million budget, said he may be forced to stop sending nonviolent criminals to jails in neighboring cities and counties and relieve crowding in the Cuyahoga County Jail. [More...](#)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH

Proposals are now being accepted for the 14th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health to be held November 2-4, 2009 at the Hilton Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Conference is sponsored by the Center for School Mental Health (CSMH) and the IDEA Partnership. The theme of this year's conference is School Mental Health: Promoting Success for All Students. The conference features twelve specialty tracks and offers speakers and participants numerous opportunities to network and advance knowledge and skills related to school mental health practice, research, training, and policy. **The deadline for submissions is February 6, 2009**—all proposals must be submitted online, <http://csmh.umaryland.edu>.

JUDGES' PAY EXAMINED

When Bruce Winters was elected Ottawa County Common Pleas Court judge, he knew he would be taking a pay cut. Winters, currently the common pleas court part-time magistrate who presides over domestic relations cases, will leave behind his private practice and part-time magistrate salary. . . . Judge Fritz Hany of Ottawa County Municipal Court said he doesn't think about whether his salary is large enough. After 18 years on the bench, he said he enjoys the job and the extra things it allows him to do, like adding an intervention court last year for defendants who suffer from mental illness or drug and alcohol dependence and the ability to teach other judges continuing education classes. "It's an honor," Hany said. [More...](#)

JUDGES: WOMAN WHO DROWNED TWO DAUGHTERS INSANE

An Ohio woman who drowned her two young daughters was declared not guilty by reason of insanity Friday after a short trial before three judges. The judges spent four hours considering their verdict before delivering their decision on Amber Hill, 23, of Cleveland, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported. They found that prosecutors offered no real rebuttal of evidence from two experts – one hired by the defense and one court-appointed – that Hill was psychotic. "Justice is not always punishment," Common Pleas Judge John Sutula said. "These killings shocked the conscience of every person including this panel. But the law demands that in order to be convicted of a crime, the defendant know its wrongfulness." [More...](#)

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FUNDING

NEW AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANTS

Information is now available at www.serveohio.org regarding the grant application process for 2009 AmeriCorps Planning Grants. Click on the heading under Funding Announcement or Hot Topics for more information and to review the relevant documents. AmeriCorps is a national service network that provides full- and less than full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to meet local environmental, educational, public safety, homeland security, or other critical needs. AmeriCorps planning grants provide organizations a year to create administrative and programmatic systems; establish/solidify partnerships and service sites; build community support; develop evaluation plans; and plan for program sustainability.

ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST AND ABUSE OF WOMEN LATER IN LIFE PROGRAM

Deadline: January 28, 2009

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=43406>

In Federal Fiscal Year 2009, OVW plans to fund projects that will support a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects will provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities; provide cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; develop or enhance a community coordinated response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

ADULT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCE DRUG COURT GRANTS

Deadline: January 29, 2009

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html>

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that the Adult Implementation and Enhancement Drug Court Fiscal Year 2009 application will open November 24, 2008 and close January 29, 2009.

EVALUATION OF A DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM: DRUG TESTING, CERTAIN AND SWIFT SANCTIONS, AND TREATMENT REFERRAL FOR CHRONIC DRUG USERS UNDER COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Deadline: February 04, 2009

Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=43321>

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and a component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). NIJ provides objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to enhance the administration of justice and public safety. NIJ solicits applications to inform its search for the knowledge and tools to guide policy and practice. NIJ is seeking proposals for research to evaluate the effectiveness of a demonstration program that includes a drug-testing, sanctions, and treatment protocol for chronic drug users under criminal justice supervision in the community. The basic principles of the program must include: (1) frequent drug testing; (2) certain, swift, and proportionate sanctions for failed tests; and (3) access to residential treatment, as appropriate. The purpose of this research is to inform and improve criminal justice and public health policy and practice and to reduce recidivism among chronic drug offenders on pretrial status, probation, or parole.

FAMILY DRUG COURT TRAINING SOLICITATION

Deadline: February 24, 2009

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applicants for its [Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) solicitation. This program is designed to help build the capacity to develop, maintain, and enhance drug courts for substance-abusing adults who are involved with the family court due to child abuse and neglect issues.

2009 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program seeks to increase public safety through innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illness (MI) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (COD) who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking joint justice and mental health applications from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program.

Deadline: March 12, 2009.

Eligibility: State, local, and tribal units of government.

Funds: Category I: planning – up to \$50,000. Project period: 12 months.

Category II: planning and implementation – up to \$250,000. Project period: 30 months.

Category III: expansion – up to \$200,000. Project period: 24 months.

For more information: For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Rebecca Rose, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-514-0726 or rebecca.rose@usdoj.gov. For the full announcement: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09JMHCPsol.pdf>.

2009 DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM REQUEST

Deadline: March 20, 2009

Website: <http://www.ondcp.gov/dfc/>

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), has released the FY2009 Drug Free Communities Support Program Request for Applications (RFA). In addition, a series of applicant workshops will be held between January 29 and February 19, 2009. Presentation materials, audio files and accompanying transcripts will be posted to the ONDCP Web site in late February to accommodate those applicants who are unable to join us in person, or who need additional support in completing the application. Go to the [Drug Free Communities](#) section of the ONDCP Web site to find more information and to register.

HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Ongoing

Website: 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

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.

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.

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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 eight free Grant Writing Seminars in 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:

- Friday, February 27
- Tuesday, April 28
- Tuesday, May 26
- Tuesday, July 28
- Tuesday, August 25
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, 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](#).

OCJS: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Date: March 31, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

This training session will cover information on strategic planning as it relates to infrastructure development and planning that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies.

SAVE THE DATE: "BACK TO BASICS" OCCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 1-3, 2009

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Website: <http://www.occaonline.org/index.asp>

OCJS: LOGIC MODEL

Date: June 30, 2009

Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom

Website: www.ocjs.ohio.gov/specialtrainings.pdf

This training session will discuss and present information on logic-model development as it relates to program planning and development that is specifically tailored for community and local agencies.

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

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.

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

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.

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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.

[2009 Practitioner Training Dates](#)

MONITORING THE CIVIL ORDER FOR PROTECTION WEBINAR

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2009

Location: Online

Join WATCH and advocates from across the country on Thursday, January 29th at 11:30am CST (9:30am PST, 10:30am MST, 12:30pm EST) for a one-hour web seminar on *Monitoring the Civil Order for Protection Process*. This webinar examines ways you can improve your civil order for protection process (also known as restraining order or protection from abuse hearings) through court monitoring. Using WATCH's groundbreaking *2004 Order for Protection Court Study*, we will look at the positive impact WATCH was able to make in the Hennepin County order for protection process. Strategies included monitoring individual cases and working with system personnel to prompt improvement. This is an interactive presentation packed with tips, resources and strategies—you don't want to miss it! The cost is \$35 for *National Association of Court Monitoring Program* members and \$50 for non-members. To register, visit www.watchmn.org

ENHANCING YOUR JUVENILE DRUG COURT

Dates: February 2-5, 2009

Location: Louisville, KY

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1170/315/>

39TH NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Dates: April 6-9, 2009

Location: San Antonio, TX

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/2009_overview

PROCESS ADDICTIONS

Dates: April 22-24, 2009

Location: The Palms in Las Vegas

www.dualdiagnosis.org/events

BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: INTERVENING WITH MEN WHO BATTER

Dates: May 12 - 15, 2009

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

www.bridgingperspectives.org

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>

RESEARCH

STALKING VICTIMIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES

A major national study on stalking, released on January 13, 2009, by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), serves as a wake-up call about a serious and often misunderstood crime, says the National Center for Victims of Crime, the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims and founder of the Stalking Resource Center. *Stalking Victimization in the United States*, the largest collection of data on stalking prevalence and behavior to date, found that 3.4 million persons identified themselves as victims of stalking in a 12-month period.

To see the full study, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/svus.htm>

For more information about stalking, visit www.ncvc.org/src and <http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org> or call (202) 467-8700.

JOB OPENINGS

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http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/employment_opportunities/default.aspx

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