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### **OHIO TO RAISE AWARENESS DURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**(COLUMBUS)** – The state of Ohio is once again participating in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness of domestic violence and the impact it has on survivors, friends, family and co-workers and the community at large.

This month of awareness is in coordination with national efforts to bring to light the issue, celebrate those who have survived and continue to encourage advocates of all professional disciplines to work together to provide coordinated services that improve the public's understanding and response to domestic violence.

"OCJS is committed to working with law enforcement and other criminal justice service agencies, as well as victim advocates, to create awareness about domestic violence," said Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Executive Director Karlhlon F. Moore. "We will continue to provide resources to assist in their efforts to end this heinous crime."

OCJS seeks to create a positive social change and healthier communities. In 2011, OCJS provided more than \$8 million in grant funding to programs aimed at addressing the issue of domestic violence in our communities. For information on grants, such as agencies receiving funding, please visit: <http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/grants.stm>

The Ohio Family Violence Prevention Center, housed at OCJS, serves as an information clearinghouse for public and private organizations as they provide assistance to victims and offers a variety of services such as providing victim advocacy/assistance, organizing workshops, giving presentations and conducting research on family violence and its impact on Ohio communities.

OCJS has also developed a Web site that outlines the activities and programs highlighted in October, as well as additional resources. To access the Web page, log onto [http://ocjs.ohio.gov/DVM/DVM\\_Home.html](http://ocjs.ohio.gov/DVM/DVM_Home.html)

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*OCJS, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio. OCJS coordinates and funds the efforts of DUI Task Forces and grants for local law enforcement and safety partners to combat impaired and unsafe driving and promotes educational programs, coalition-building efforts and campaigns focused on highway safety.*