

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**National Stalking Awareness Month:** January is National Stalking Awareness Month. Here are some statistics:

- 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States.
- 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.
- 30% of stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- 10% of stalking victims are stalked by a stranger.
- Persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.
- 11% of stalking victims have been stalked for 5 years or more.
- 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.
- 1 in 4 victims report being stalked through the use of some form of technology (such as e-mail or instant messaging).
- 10% of victims report being monitored with global positioning systems (GPS), and 8% report being monitored through video or digital cameras, or listening devices.

Source: [http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/sites/default/files/2010/Stalking%20Fact%20Sheet%202009\\_ENG\\_color.PDF](http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/sites/default/files/2010/Stalking%20Fact%20Sheet%202009_ENG_color.PDF)

**Mayors Announce Plans to Fix Gun Checks:** Mayors Against Illegal Guns launched a [new plan](#) to fix the nation's broken background check system with two common sense steps: 1)

get all of the names of all prohibited purchasers into the background check system; and 2) require background checks for all gun sales.

For the complete proposal, click: <http://www.fixgunchecks.org/news-media/detail/12>

**GOP to Look at Federal Gun Laws:** Staffers from the House Judiciary Committee will meet with Obama administration officials Thursday to examine the effectiveness of federal laws designed to keep guns from the hands of the mentally ill, according to a Republican aide with the panel.

For the complete story, visit: <http://www.fixgunchecks.org/news-media/detail/20>

**Abilities Caucus Survey:** Purpose of survey is to assess the knowledge of domestic and sexual violence; existing training/training gaps for people with varying abilities in disability and deaf/hard of hearing/deaf blind communities. We will utilize survey results to provide basic statistics in guiding the OAESV and ODVN "End Violence Towards People with Varying Abilities" Caucus in training development for Anti-Oppression series in 2011 for Ohio. Through our Abilities Caucus, we endeavor to strengthen the networking system among domestic and sexual violence advocates and agencies serving these aforementioned communities.

Please click onto the link for the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B2RYPP8>

This survey will take about 30 minutes of your time to complete these questions.

Please contact Krystal Martin at [krystalm@odvn.org](mailto:krystalm@odvn.org) and Stephanie Smith Bowman at [ssmithbowman@oaesv.org](mailto:ssmithbowman@oaesv.org) if there are any questions in regards to the completion of this survey.

**House Republicans Searching for Strategy to Cut Spending:** The House is scheduled to take up a bill on Tuesday instructing the House Budget Committee to set out a plan for reducing all non-security discretionary spending to FY08 levels for the remainder of FY11. This follows passage of a bill earlier in the month which allows the Budget Committee to establish new budget caps for the final FY11 appropriations bills. These bills signal the new majority's intent to lower spending by up to \$100 billion in FY11. It is unlikely, however, that the Senate will agree to cut spending by the same magnitude. How the two chambers will reconcile their competing goals for the FY11 bills is unclear, but several procedural options are under discussion. Further complicating matters is the fact that there are fewer than 15 legislative days remaining before the current Continuing Resolution ends on March 4.

Source: <http://ncja.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=22670&brandid=3027&uid=759987652&mi=1043927&ptid=54>

## TRAINING/RESOURCES

### Free Grant Writing Seminars:

OCJS is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2011. OCJS's grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and writing proposals. Federal and state grants available

to criminal justice professionals are discussed. Attendees also receive the OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. Trainings take place on the following dates: Thursday, February 10 and Tuesday, March 22, 2011. All trainings are held from 9 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. in 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 registration form, visit: [http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs\\_TrainingForm.pdf](http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_TrainingForm.pdf)

## TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

**Abuse in Later Life:** This interactive workshop will help participants understand the dynamics of domestic violence in the context of victims age 50 and older who have a trust relationship with the perpetrator. The workshop will examine the similarities and differences between domestic violence in later life, domestic violence among younger populations, and other types of elder abuse, as we move towards a more effective understanding of the unique characteristics of domestic violence in later life.

You will hear a story of a older survivor and her journey, and learn ways in which you can support and empower older survivors, while maintaining a focus on survivor autonomy and respect. Finally, we will discuss safety planning with older survivors of domestic violence, and ways to make our services and agency accessible to survivors of domestic violence.

**When:** February 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To register, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/abuseinlaterlife>

For more information: contact Rachel at [rachelr@odvn.org](mailto:rachelr@odvn.org)

**Free Training Workshop:** Sponsored by HelpLine, this workshop offers 2 free CEU's for counselors and social workers and is open to the public to increase awareness on a local level. Brent Currence, Director of the Ohio Missing Children's Clearinghouse at The Ohio Attorney General's Office, will be the featured presenter as a person on the frontlines of this fight against human trafficking. He has a lengthy law enforcement background and will be talking about how to track down these criminals and prosecution tactics with the newly introduced house bill in Ohio.

**When:** February 1 from 6-8 p.m.

Please call Connections Volunteer Center to register at 740-363-5000.

**Webinar: Trauma-Informed Care - Practical Solutions for Patients, Providers, and Organization:** The impact of violence, abuse, neglect, disaster, war, and other harmful experiences continues long after the traumatic

event has ended. Exposure to trauma is a pervasive issue that has significantly impacted the health and well-being of millions of Americans and nearly everyone seeking services in the public health and social services systems. Understanding how trauma affects the emotional, behavioral, cognitive, social, and physical functioning of the people we care for can improve our services.

This webinar will be presented by Dr. Sheela Raja, Assistant Professor of Dentistry and Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**When:** February 7 starting at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

CEUs will be available. For more information on CEUs, please contact: [pat-timcd@uic.edu](mailto:pat-timcd@uic.edu).

To register, visit: <https://services.choruscall.com/links/womenshealth.html>

## GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**FY 2011 Court Training and Improvements Program Solicitation:** The FY 2011 Court Training and Improvements Program (Courts Program) Solicitation is now open and has been posted on OVW's website ([www.ovw.usdoj.gov](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov)) and Grants.gov.

Applications for the Courts Program are due by March 8, 2011. Pre-application conference calls will be held Feb. 10th and 24th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, EST. Please feel free to direct any applicant questions received about the Courts Program to Krista Blakeney-Mitchell at [Krista.Blakeney-Mitchell@usdoj.gov](mailto:Krista.Blakeney-Mitchell@usdoj.gov).

**Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles FY 2011 Competitive Grant Announcement:**

**Deadline:** March 3, 2011, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Overview:** The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.3 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. There are approximately 94,000 youth in residential confinement within the

juvenile justice system on any given day. Ninety-five percent of all offenders incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. The Second Chance Act will help ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety.

**Award Information:** As required by the statute, any awards made under this program will be made for a period of up to 12 months. Contingent upon the availability of funds, awards of up to \$750,000 each may be made. Pending the outcome of the FY 2011 appropriations process anticipated in March 2011, BJA may make as few as no awards and as many as five awards this fiscal year under this Program.

**Contact:** For assistance with any other requirement of this solicitation, contact the BJA Justice Information Center at (877) 927-5657. The BJA Justice Information Center hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the solicitation close date.

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:** The purpose of OJJDP's FY 2011 Field Initiated Research and Evaluation (FIRE) Program is to support methodologically rigorous research and evaluation studies that inform policy

and practice consistent with the Department of Justice's mission.

OJJDP encourages researchers and evaluators in all relevant disciplines to submit applications.

**Deadline:** Registration with Grants.gov is required prior to application submission. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 7, 2011.

**Contact Information:** For technical assistance with submitting an application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726 or e-mail [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). Grants.gov Support Hotline hours of operation are 24 hours, 7 days a week, except federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, call Karen Bachar, Program Manager, at 202-514-4403 or email her at [karen.bachar@usdoj.gov](mailto:karen.bachar@usdoj.gov) or call Patrick Dunckhorst, Program Manager, at 202-514-4158 or email him at [patrick.dunckhorst@usdoj.gov](mailto:patrick.dunckhorst@usdoj.gov).

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