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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 37th NOVA Conference - With Liberty and Justice for All Victims:

NOVA is honored to announce that former Oklahoma State Senator Brooks Douglass – the author of more than 20 pieces of victims' rights legislation and a crime victim will be a keynote speaker at the 2011 NOVA Conference.

The story of the Douglass Family, brutally attacked in their rural home in 1979, parents murdered and Brooks and his sister left for dead, caught national attention. Compelled by what happened that day and the days after, Brooks became the youngest state senator in Oklahoma history so that he could take action against the injustices many victims of crime face.

Recently, Brooks has co-written and acts in Heaven's Rain, a motion picture, based on the true events of his family, and rolling out in theaters now. Heaven's Rain is a story of love, faith, and forgiveness triumphing over tragedy.

Brooks will be featured in a special two-hour Dateline NBC episode, Friday, Jan. 7, at 9/8c.

The 37th NOVA Conference, August 14-17, will be at the Marriott Downtown Philadelphia. This Conference will also include a special commemoration with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

For more information, visit: <http://www.trynova.org/conference/37th>

American Correctional Association: The 2011 Winter Conference will be from January 28 to February 2 in San Antonio, Texas. Every resource needed to attend this event can be found by clicking: <http://www.aca.org/Conferences/Winter2011/home.asp>

2009 Criminal Victimization in Ohio: In October 2010, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) released the bulletin *Criminal Victimization, 2009*. Data come from the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), which collects data from a nationally representative sample of U.S. households on nonfatal crimes against persons 12 or older, reported and not reported to the police. The NCVS measures the violent crimes of rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and simple assault, personal theft, and the property crimes of household burglary, motor vehicle theft, and theft.

Violent and property crime rates in 2009 were at their lowest levels since the first victimization estimates from the survey were produced in 1973. During the most recent decade from 2000 to 2009, every type of violent and property crime measured by NCVS declined. The overall violent crime rate declined by 39 percent and the property

crime rate fell by 29 percent during this time period. In 2009, the overall victimization rate for violent crimes was 17.1 per 1,000 persons. The property crime rate was 127.4 victimizations per 1,000 households.

Approximately 22 percent of all violent crimes, and 47 percent of robberies in particular, were committed by an armed (i.e., firearm, knife, other weapon) offender. The presence of a firearm weapon was dependent upon the type of crime committed—28 percent of robberies involved the presence of a firearm, compared to five percent of simple and aggravated assaults.

Sixty-eight percent of females and 45 percent of males were victimized by someone they knew. Intimate partners were responsible for five percent of all violence against males and 26 percent of all violence against females.

Property crime rates were higher in lower-income households than higher-income households. Larger households (those with six or more persons) were about three times more likely to be victims of property crime than single-person households.

A link to the full report can be found on the BJS website: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv09.pdf>.

TRAINING/RESOURCES

Free Grant Writing Seminars:

OCJS is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2010. 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: Thursday, February 10 and Tuesday, March 22, 2011. All trainings will be

held from 9:00 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

TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

Evidence-Based Practices in Criminal Justice - Taking the Next Step: The Bureau of Justice Assistance's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) invites you to participate in January's webinar on evidence-based practices and programs, as a part of our Second Tuesdays at 2 webinar series. There is a growing interest in criminal justice in the identification and use of evidence-based practices and programs (EBPs). While a number of practices and programs have been identified, less is known about the implementation and sustainability of EBPs. The panelists in this webinar will discuss how states and localities can identify, implement, and sustain criminal justice EBPs. The webinar will be moderated by Dr.

Mary Poulin and is supported by the Justice Research and Statistics Association. Panelists include: Mr. Craig Prins, Mr. Roger Przybylski, and Mr. Phillip Stevenson.

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST
Cost: Free
Space is limited!

To register, visit: <http://bjatraining.org/2010/12/14/evidence-based-practices-in-criminal-justice-taking-the-next-step/>

The 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day: This event, presented by Senator Teresa Fedor and co-sponsored by the Salvation Army and NASW, is free and open to the public.

When: January 12 from 9am to 2pm.

Where: Ohio Statehouse Atrium, 1 Capital Square, Columbus 43215

CLE and CEU credits are pending. For details and questions, contact Marta Mudri at marta.mudri@ohr.state.oh.us RSVP by January 7. Call 614.466.5204 until December 31 and 614.644.6017 until January 7.

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Sexual Assault Services Act Program: The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is seeking letters of interest from 501(c) 3 organizations that meet the criteria listed below and are interested to receive funds through the Sexual Assault Services Act (SASA). These funds must be used to provide for direct services to survivors of sexual assault. NOTE: Under the federal legislation authorizing the SASA, government based agencies are not eligible to receive this money.

These funds are to be used to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g. accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, police departments, etc.) support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

ODH will be working with the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and local programs to create a state plan for the future distribution of these funds. For this year only, the funds will be equally divided among all applicants interested in receiving the funds that meet the criteria listed below. The amount of funds per agency will not be known until the eligible agencies are identified, but we estimate approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 will be available for a three or four month project period.

Once the funding amount is known, agencies will be asked to identify which of the activities they will provide. Any combination of the activities may be selected that can be provided within the amount of funds and time available. Funds will be paid on a deliverable basis at the completion and submission of the deliverable.

Funds will be distributed through a contract to each eligible agency to:

- * provide crisis services for up to \$2,000/month;
- * develop and distribute outreach materials for

- up to \$2,500 for the duration of the contract;
- * facilitate a six week support group for survivors of sexual assault for up to \$1,000/group, and
- * provide crisis training for staff and volunteers for up to \$2,000/training.

Criteria for funding:

- 1) Be an Ohio non-profit tax exempt organization as determined by Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, with a current, valid letter of exemption (provide copy of letter).
- 2) Currently funded by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, Office of the Attorney General and/or the ODH (provide a copy of the notice of award).
- 3) Currently has a staff position within the agency funded at a minimum of 15 hours/week to provide rape crisis services to survivors to an identified geographic or specific population (provide name, job description, and qualifications and training to provide sexual assault crisis services for staff member filling this position).
- 4) Specify the population to be served and that your agency is most appropriate to provide sexual assault crisis services to that population. Only one agency serving the same population will be eligible for funding to serve that population. If more than one agency serving the same population indicates meeting the criteria for funding, the agency best able to document providing crisis services to survivors of sexual assault in that population will be deemed eligible. Populations may be geographic or may be community specific (for example, African American, Hispanic, Asian, deaf and hard of hearing, etc.) For example, in one county, one agency may be eligible to serve all residents of that geographic area, while another agency may be eligible to serve a specific population within that area. To be qualified to serve a specific population, the agency must document accessibility to and prior experience working with the community to be served.

- 5) Able to demonstrate publicity of rape crisis services in your agency outreach materials (provide description /examples of publicity).
- 6) Will agree to follow the ODH standards for rape crisis services and to meet all reporting requirements. Program reporting requirements are through the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and include detailed data on services provided by staff, as well as volunteers or interns coordinated/supervised by staff funded through SASP funds. Time spent on the reporting process CANNOT be charged to these funds. Staff will need to participate in an online training on the reporting requirements and will need to report electronically. For a copy of the ODH standards and/or to preview a copy of the report (due annually), contact Debra Seltzer at debra.seltzer@odh.ohio.gov (provide statement of agreement).
- 7) May NOT use these funds to supplant State or local funds. Funds must be used to offer sexual assault crisis services that would otherwise not be available in the community (provide acknowledgement).

If your agency meets these criteria and would like to be issued a contract for services, please submit a letter confirming criteria as detailed above, along with agency contact information and federal tax ID number, on letterhead and signed by the agency director, and return by January 19, to:

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