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## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DOJ Proposes Rule to Manage Sexual Abuse in Correctional Facilities:** Late last month, the Department of Justice proposed a rule to prevent and manage sexual abuse in correctional facilities. The proposed rule seeks to establish a series of preventative and responsive sexual abuse standards in four different types of correctional facilities including adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities. The rule establishes a set of standards to address sexual abuse that may occur involving both inmates and employees of correctional facilities.

To prevent sexual abuse in correctional facilities, the rule proposes prohibiting cross-gender strip searches and cross-gender pat-down searches for juveniles, requiring background checks of potential hires and prohibiting hiring past sexual offenders, screening inmates for past sexual abuse convictions and housing them accordingly, and providing a written policy mandating zero tolerance for sexual abuse within correctional facilities.

To manage sexual abuse, the rule establishes standards such as providing inmate victims of sexual abuse access to outside victim advocate services, providing multiple methods for reporting of sexual abuse, and providing medical and mental health care to victims of sexual abuse. The proposed rule also creates a standard of discipline for inmates and employees of correctional

facilities if found guilty of sexual abuse, as well as provide employees preventative and responsive sexual abuse training.

The proposed rule also requires audits of correctional facilities to assess compliance to the established standards. State correctional facilities that do not comply with the standards are subject to a five percent decrease in prison funds, unless certification of future compliance is provided.

Source: <http://ncja.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=22844&brandid=3027&uid=759987652&mi=1057697&ptid=55>

**Senate Homeland Security Committee Names New Members:** Four new senators have been added to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. They are Mark Begich (D-AK), Ron Johnson (R-WI), **Rob Portman (R-OH)**, and Rand Paul (R-KY). They join Chairman Joe Lieberman (I-CT), Ranking member Susan Collins (R-ME), Carl Levin (D-MI), Daniel Akaka (D-HI), Tom Carper (D-DE), Mark Pryor (D-AR), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), John Tester (D-MT), Tom Coburn (R-OK), Scott Brown (R-MA), John McCain (R-AZ), and John Ensign (R-NV).

Source: NCJA

**Resource - Ohio Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force:** This site has been created to provide contacts and information regarding the Ohio Prescription Drug Initiative. Included are links to agencies that may be able to offer assistance in your investigation. Contact information has been provided by the Ohio Task Force Commanders Association, and representatives are listed for each region. These contacts may be used for general questions concerning Prescription Drug Diversion cases. These are working, experienced Prescription Diversion Agents actively working cases in your area.

Resource sheets can also be downloaded which detail bulk amounts and possession/trafficking for prescription drugs in Ohio.

We have also included a training section that will be updated with training announcements across Ohio, and the Grants Funding section will be updated with upcoming funding opportunities.

Please take the time to look through this information to see if any of the resources can help you with your investigative needs. If you would like your upcoming training or funding information included on our site, or have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail Shawn Rowley at: [sdrowley@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:sdrowley@dps.state.oh.us).

Source: <http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/PrescDrugTF/index.html>

## 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: Monday, February 14 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.

### ODVN - Developing and Facilitating Support Groups for Survivors of Domestic Violence:

This training is designed to help domestic violence programs and allied professionals develop and facilitate support groups for adult survivors of domestic violence. In addition to covering the fundamental information needed to develop and conduct support groups, workshop facilitators will assist participants in developing their own facilitation skills. These skills include working effectively with a co-facilitator, responding to challenging group members and avoiding revictimization while enforcing individual and group boundaries. Participants will also leave the training with new ideas on group topics and possible group activities.

CEUs available: 6 for licensed social workers and counselors.

Cost: \$25 for members, \$60 for non-members.

When: March 15 in Springfield, OH

For more information and to register, click: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FL6T3HR>

### Save the Dates - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Regional Trainings:

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are the leading preventable cause of mental retardation. This session will discuss the teratogenic effects of alcohol, a depressant, causing irreversible damage to the developing fetus. Learn what you can do to prevent alcohol related birth defects and receive and practice proven strategies for navigating classrooms, courtrooms and communities to maximize the potential for individuals living with FASD.

Who can attend: Social workers, alcohol and other drug (AoD) professionals, educators, health/behavioral health professionals  
It is the intent of these trainings that the participants will become trainers regarding FASD prevention, intervention and management. Each participant will be equipped with resources and materials to enable him or her to provide future trainings.

Upon completion of this specialized training session, these participants will be asked to provide at least three trainings in the following

year in their respective region of the state. Their names and contact information will be added to the FASD resource bureau directory.

Social Work and Chemical Dependency Profession CEUs were approved for 6.25 hours. Counselor CEUs were approved for 5.75 hours.

Here are the dates:

April 20 — Bowling Green, Ohio (Northwest Region)

April 21 — Elyria, Ohio (Northeast Region) - **Registration is FULL**

April 28 — Lebanon, Ohio (Southwest Region)

April 29 — Athens, Ohio (Southeast Region)

Trainings are free for all attendees.

For questions, please contact ODADAS Training Officer Teri Gardner at (614) 466-7585 or [tgardner@ada.ohio.gov](mailto:tgardner@ada.ohio.gov), or FASD Statewide Coordinator Melinda Norman at (614) 644-8318 or [mnorman@ada.ohio.gov](mailto:mnorman@ada.ohio.gov).

## GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### OVW Fiscal 2011 Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Program:

DEADLINE: March 3, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

OVERVIEW: The Children and Youth Exposed to Violence Program creates a unique opportunity for communities to increase the resources, services, and advocacy available to children, youth and their nonabusing parent or caretaker, when a child has been exposed to incidences of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Collaborative efforts between community-based organizations and governmental agencies serving children and youth, such as domestic violence and sexual assault organizations, child welfare systems, or mental health service providers, can maximize community resources and ensure that children and youth in need of service are identified and referred for the assistance they need.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: (1) a victim service provider, tribal nonprofit organization or community-based organization that has a documented history of effective work concerning children or youth exposed to domestic violence,

dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including programs that provide culturally specific services, Head Start, childcare, faith-based organizations, after school programs, and health and mental health providers; or (2) a state, territorial, tribal, or local unit of government agency that is partnered with an organization described in paragraph (1) of the full solicitation.

AWARD INFORMATION: Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the project proposed and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs. FY 2011 Children and Youth Exposed to Violence Program funds will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

- (1) Up to \$200,000 to provide training, coordination, and advocacy for programs that serve children and youth on how to identify and refer children and families experiencing domestic violence;
- (2) Up to \$300,000 to provide services for children exposed to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, which may include direct counseling, advocacy, or mentoring and must include support for the nonabusing parent or child's caretaker; or
- (3) Up to \$400,000 to provide services for children exposed to sexual assault, domestic

violence, dating violence, and stalking, which may include direct counseling, advocacy, or mentoring and must include support for the nonabusing parent or child's caretaker and provide training, coordination, and advocacy for programs that serve children and youth on how to identify and refer children and families experiencing domestic violence

CONTACT: For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact OVW at (202) 307-6026 or [OVW.CEV.Program@USDJ.GOV](mailto:OVW.CEV.Program@USDJ.GOV)

**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 February 10 and 24 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).

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