

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Stakeholder Groups Sign Letter in Support of Byrne JAG

Funding: In partnership with the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, State Administering Agencies (SAAs) are engaged in a concerted strategy to invest Byrne JAG dollars in evidence-based, evidence-generating, and research-supported programs. In tough economic times, it is more important than ever that Byrne JAG grants support proven strategies for steering children away from delinquent behavior, effective incarceration and treatment strategies, and meaningful support services to individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.

Because of these proven strategies, Byrne JAG works. The Bureau of Justice Assistance's performance management tool will provide data on recent accomplishments. Until that data is available, it is useful to note a National Criminal Justice Association survey of 34 state criminal justice agencies which found that in FY07, Byrne JAG-funded initiatives:

- Supported 457 multijurisdictional task forces nationwide
- Made 113,834 arrests
- Dismantled 2,445 meth labs
- Supported 128 specialty and drug courts serving 5,865 individuals

- Funded 596 prevention programs serving over 102,036 youth
- Supported 236 victim service programs helping 184,068 victims of crime

Source: <http://ncja.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMDY2NzQwJnA9MSZ1PTc1OTk4NzY1MiZsaT00NTE2NzIy/index.html>

Criminal Justice Commission Bill

Reintroduced in the Senate: Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) reintroduced his National Criminal Justice Commission Act last week. The bill, S. 306, is virtually identical to last year's version. It would create a commission of 14 members, four of whom will represent state and local concerns, to study and report to Congress on challenges and best practices in the criminal justice system at the federal, state and local level. Webb introduced the bill with 20 co-sponsors. A companion has not yet been introduced in the House. Just as last year, NCJA plans to actively support the bill.

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BJS Releases Tool that Allows Users to Calculate Recidivism Rates:

This analysis tool allows users to calculate recidivism rates for persons released from state prisons.

Recidivism rates may be generated for the entire sample of released prisoners or for released prisoners with specific demographic, criminal history, and sentence attributes. The tool uses data collected by BJS on a sample of persons released from state prisons in 1994 and followed for a 3-year period. These are the most recent recidivism data available until a new BJS study on the recidivism of state prisoners released in 2005 is published in 2012.

The tool defines recidivism in a variety of ways and allows users to choose the measure that best fits their needs or to compare the various measures of recidivism for the same group of releases. A more detailed discussion of the various definitions of recidivism can be found under the Definitions tab.

To view the tool, visit: <http://bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=datool&surl=/recidivism/index.cfm>

Save the Date: The 4th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Conference will take place April 13 from 9:30am - 4pm in Columbus, Ohio. The conference will address teen sexual violence. This event is sponsored by the Central Ohio Sexual Assault Task Force. More information about this event is coming soon.

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: **March 22, April 26, May 3, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 22, October 12, November 7 and December 14**. Please visit http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantTraining_2011.pdf to view class ti-

ties.

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

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SORNA Implementation: What You Need to Know:

The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) in cooperation with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is proud to present *SORNA Implementation: What You Need to Know*, part of a series of webinars that seek to help participants learn from experts and stay connected to trends and practices at all levels of government. During this webinar, which will include SMART Office Director Linda M. Baldwin, and Senior Policy Advisor, Stephanie (LoConto) Carrigg, presenters will discuss the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) and the upcoming deadline. Ms. Carrigg and Ms. Baldwin will be answering questions and discussing both the current status of SORNA implementation and specific assistance the SMART Office is providing to jurisdictions who are working to implement SORNA by the July 2011 deadline. NCJA staff will also be participating to answer questions and offer assistance.

Participants are encouraged to submit any questions they would like answered during this discussion in advance using the box on the registration form. Time at the end of the webinar will be spent responding to these questions. Attendance is limited so register today <http://>

ncja.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMDY4NDI0JnA9M-SZ1PTc1OTk4NzY1MiZsaT0ONTI1NTA2/index.html. Once your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

If you have any technical questions regarding registration for webinar, please contact David Marimon at dmarimon@ncja.org.

What You Should Know About Missing Persons, Juvenile Offenders and Other Vulnerable Populations: This training will provide an overview of missing person's issues, legislative requirements, tools and resources available to assist law enforcement officers handling a missing person investigation. The training will also provide a basic understanding of Domestic Sex Trafficking and the connection to missing children.

This training also provides an overview of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act. The Act provides guidelines for law enforcement agencies on the proper holding of status offenders and delinquent youth. Specific attention will be given to data collection requirements (juvenile holding logs and determin-

ing secure versus nonsecure custody) that ensure compliance with the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act. Brent Currence and Vicki Germann of the Ohio Attorney General's Office along with Wendi Faulkner from the Ohio Department of Youth Services will be the instructors.

These trainings are **free** and there are seven dates/locations to choose from:

March 30 - City of Mason Municipal Building, 600 Mason-Montgomery Rd. Mason, Ohio

April 4 - Ross County Sheriff's Office, 28 N. Pain St., Chillicothe, Ohio

April 13 - Guernsey County Sheriff's Office, 601 Southgate Pkwy, Cambridge, Ohio

April 18 - DYS Training Academy, 7790 Dublin Rd., Delaware, Ohio

April 27 - Mercer County Sheriff's Office, 4835 State Route 29, Celina, Ohio

May 2 - Wood County Sheriff's Office, 1960 E. Gypsy Lane Rd., Bowling Green, Ohio

May 13 - Geauga County Sheriff's Office, 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio

For more information and registration, contact Vicki Germann at 614.466.1711 or Vicki.germann@ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects:
Deadline: March 4, 2010, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Overview: The purpose of Section 101 of the Second Chance Act is to provide support to enable state, local, and tribal governments to develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by prisoner reentry and to reduce recidivism. Within the context of this initiative, "reentry" is not envisioned to be a specific program, but rather a process that begins when the offender is first incarcerated and ends with the offender's successful community reintegration, evidenced by lack of recidivism. This process should provide the offender with appropriate evidence-based services—including addressing individual criminogenic needs—based on a reentry plan that relies on a risk/needs assessment that reflects the risk of recidivism for that offender.

Eligible Participants: Applicants are limited to state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior and published in the Federal Register).

Award Information: Contingent upon the

availability of funds and the number of offenders projected to be served, awards of up to \$750,000 will be made.

Contact: Dr. Gary L. Dennis, Senior Policy Advisor for Corrections, at (202) 305-9059 or gary.dennis@usdoj.gov. For assistance with any juvenile-related requirements of this solicitation, contact Thomas Murphy, Grants Program Specialist, at (202) 353-8734 or thomas.murphy@usdoj.gov

Source: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10BJA_JJ_SecondChanceDemonstrationSol.pdf

SAMHSA Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment for Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts:

Deadline: February 23, 2010.

Overview: The purpose of this program is to expand and enhance substance abuse treatment services in "problem solving" courts which use the juvenile drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment, recovery support services and program coordination to juvenile defendants/defenders. Problem-solving courts are used as an alternative to incarceration; they

quickly identify substance-abusing offenders and place them under strict court monitoring and community supervision as well as provide the participant with effective treatment services.

Eligible Participants: Eligibility is restricted to existing individual juvenile drug courts that have demonstrated relationships and agreements with existing domestic public and private nonprofit entities and community-based treatment providers and units of tribal, state and local governments that submit applications on behalf of an individual juvenile treatment drug court.

Award Information: It is expected that up to 27 grants will be awarded for up to three years. The average annual award amount for each grantee is expected to be up to \$325,000. The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability of funds and the progress made by the grantees.

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Source: <http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/TI-10-004.aspx>

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