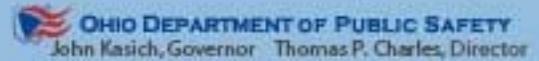




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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominate Outstanding Advocates and Programs for the Promising Practice and Special Achievement Awards: The Ohio Attorney General's Office is now accepting nominations for the "Promising Practice and Special Achievement Awards", to be presented at this year's "Two Days in May" Conference.

The Promising Practice award recognizes programs from across the state that have enhanced their organization or services through projects they have undertaken. This award is meant to showcase and reward the incredible amounts of time, effort, creativity and talent that advocates and staff put into providing the best service they can to the victims they serve.

The Special Achievement award is given to individuals with at least five years of service in the field of victim assistance. Nominees may be serving victims in child advocacy, elder justice, general victim services, or a number of other fields. This is a great opportunity to thank an advocate you work with for their dedication and service to victims.

Nomination information may be found online at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/TDIMAwardNominations.

The awards will be presented Tuesday, May 17, at the Two Days in May Awards Luncheon. For registration information,

please visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/TDIM

Report Highlights Best Practices that Led to Drop in D.C.'s Violent Crime Rate:

From 2008 to 2009 the District of Columbia experienced a 23 percent drop in homicides and a 7 percent drop in all Part I violent crimes: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Overall the city has seen a 12 percent reduction in violent crimes over the last decade. Compared to other cities across the United States, the decline in violent crime in DC has been dramatic.

Many contributing factors caused the decline in violent crimes, the biggest factor being the practices of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The District of Columbia Crime Policy Institute (DCPI) was tasked by the Executive Office of the DC Mayor to understand the practices used by the MPD in crime reduction, prevention and suppression that may have led to the decline in violent crime. Over five months, the DCPI conducted a review of the department procedures to find the best and most effective practices.

The DCPI identified five main categories of policing that have been linked to the decline in violent crime across the city: community collaboration; intra-agency and inter-jurisdictional coordination; data intelligence and technology; and problem solving strategies and initiatives.

To read the full article, visit: <http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/1001491-DC-Police-Dept.pdf>

House Passes FY11 Continuing

Resolution: On Saturday February 19, the House gave final approval to its version of the FY11 Continuing Resolution (CR) funding government programs for the remainder of the fiscal year. The current CR expires on March 4. With Congress in recess this week and the Senate scheduled to consider other bills upon return, it is virtually certain that Congress will be forced to pass another short-term CR which extends the deadline by several weeks. In fact, it is possible that Congress will not pass a final FY11 bill until members vote on raising the national debt ceiling in early May.

Source: <http://ncja.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=22994&brandid=3027&uid=759987652&mi=1074585&ptid=54>

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

TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

3-Day Community Crisis Response Team Training:

This three-day training will equip additional Ohio victim advocates to respond to their respective communities as well as to other areas of Ohio as NOVA-trained members of the Ohio Crisis Response Team (OCRT). Advocates bring their knowledge, skills and abilities as experienced crisis responders to their role as members of the state community crisis response team.

This free training has been made possible by a grant to OVA from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Crime Victim Services and Prevention Section. Registration priority will be given to crime victim advocates on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited and if available, will also be open to allied professionals. Participants must complete all three days in order to receive a certificate.

When: March 22-24

Where: Michael's House Child Advocacy Center, 1016 Rainbow Court, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

For registration information, contact Jeannette at jmadkins84@aol.com.

Cultural Diversity in New Philadelphia, Ohio:

This one day training on March 8 is designed to engage participants in identifying the role that culture plays in our own lives and in the lives of survivors. This highly interactive training involves several exercises to assist participants in defining culture, remembering when they began to learn about the differences between different groups of people, and discussing the history of oppression and how oppression continues to play itself out in society today. As participants become more self-aware of their own beliefs and values, we then discuss how to take this information to improve our advocacy with survivors of domestic violence from all cultures and backgrounds.

5.5 CEU's available for counselors and social workers \$25 members/\$60 non-members register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cdiversity>

For more information, please contact Rachel Ramirez-Hammond at 614.781.9651 ext. 222

or rachelr@odvn.org.

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.

CEU's available: 6 for licensed social workers and counselors.

This ODVN event takes place on March 15 in Springfield, Ohio. To register, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FL6T3HR>

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Surveys of Probation and Parole, 2011-2014 Solicitation:

The Annual Probation Survey and the Annual Parole Survey are two separate data collections (collectively referred to as P&P) through which BJS annually obtains data on adults on probation and post-prison supervision (i.e., parole). The P&P data are obtained from administrative data maintained by state probation and/or parole agencies; municipal, county, or court agencies; and the federal system. Since 1980, BJS has used the P&P surveys to track the growth of and change in the adult probation and parole populations in the United States. Together, these two populations are known as the adult community corrections population. Community corrections data from the P&P collections, data from the National Prison Statistics (NPS) collections (counts of adults incarcerated in federal and state prisons), and jails data from the Annual Survey of Jails (counts of persons in local jails) are used to estimate the total adult correctional population in the United States.

Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortia with demonstrated organization and community-based experience working with

American Indian and Alaska Native communities, including tribal for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, tribal colleges and universities, and tribal consortia.

Deadline: April 12

To apply: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=89phNkgQSR6sBzrdY0QygWMLKykfSWCpPxyVSnN2DMqMN5GYp45!-888343268?oppId=71353&mode=VIEW>

For more information: Lisa Price-Grear, 202.616.3561 or lisa.price-grear@usdoj.gov

OVW FY 2011 Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking:

The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking Program focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing

assistance, and related support services. Successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allow victims to choose the course of action that is best for them.

If you intend to apply for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 funding under this program, we encourage you to submit a letter stating that you intend to apply for funding. **The letter will not obligate you to submit an application.** Please see http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/sample_letter_of_intent.pdf for a sample letter. **The letter should be submitted to OVW by March 3.** You may send the letter to OVW at ovw.transitionalhousing@usdoj.gov. OVW will use these letters to predict the number of peer review panels needed to review the applications. You *may* still submit an application for funding if you do not submit a Letter of Intent.

Application Deadline is March 17. To view the entire solicitation, visit: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/transitional-housing-assist-grants.pdf>

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