

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NHTSA Releases Findings on Ignition

Interlock Devices: Driving under the influence is one of the leading causes of traffic fatalities in the United States. Drivers with a high blood alcohol concentration (BAC) are at greatly increased risks for car accidents, highway injuries and vehicular deaths. Drivers previously convicted of driving while intoxicated (DWI) are 4.1 times more likely to be in a fatal car crash. In addition, studies show that 35- 40 percent of those drivers involved in fatal crashes had at least one DWI offense prior to the accident. The penalties for DWIs prior to the 21st century were jail time, suspension of license and/or fine. However, reports show that these efforts weren't enough to reduce recidivism.

With evidence showing that the previous penalties for DWIs weren't reducing recidivism, state authorities and legislatures enacted other means such as, impoundments and immobilization laws. While these methods were effective in reducing recidivism, they also had an adverse impact on the offender's family. Ignition interlock devices, which don't allow a car to start if a driver is intoxicated, were found to be the most effective and the least disruptive way of reducing recidivism.

An ignition interlock device is an electronic breath alcohol analyzer that connects to the vehicle's ignition via the starter system of a motor vehicle. The interlock device

measures the BAC of the driver and prevents the vehicle from being started if the BAC exceeds a pre-set limit. This device was first introduced in 1970 but failed to prevent bypassing and failed to operate properly under all environmental conditions. In the 1990s, a second version of the device included new features to prevent the driver from bypassing the system. These features were:

- Hum tone recognition- which prevented the driver from using a substitute untrained in the system
- Filtered air detection- which prevented blowing through a device that filtered alcohol
- Blow abort-which detected inadequate blowing
- Random running tests- which prevented drinking while the engine was running

A review was conducted to assess the effectiveness of the ignition interlock device in reducing recidivism for *The Guide to Community Preventive Services*. The goal of this review was to figure out how the installation of interlock devices on an offender's vehicle reduces recidivism compared to other penalties.

The Task Force on Community Preventive Services which is developing *The Guide to Community Preventive Services* has made many recommendations on ways to reduce

DWIs. Its findings include strong evidence that suggests the interlock device reduces recidivism rates among offenders. Also, it was noted that the public health benefits were limited because of the small population of participants in the interlock program. It is recommended that more participants use the device, with the hope of impacting the number of alcohol related crashes in a year.

Source: <http://ncja.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=23267&brandid=3027&uid=759987652&mi=1102119&ptid=55>

Designer Drug Bill Introduced in the

Senate: Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) introduced a bill last week designed to combat the rapid increase in designer drugs, products laced with chemicals and marketed to teens and young adults, such as K2 and Spice. The DEA has taken five of the chemical compounds found in K2 temporarily off the market under emergency powers under the Controlled Substances Act.

Grassley's bill would place the chemicals on the Schedule I narcotics list permanently and amend the Controlled Substances Act by doubling the time (from 18 to 36 months) DEA and HHS are allowed to remove dangerous substances from the market.

Source: <http://www.ncja.org/>

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: **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 titles.

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.

Webcast - Ohio's Institutional Juvenile Justice Reform Efforts: For the past three years, Ohio has been undergoing major system changes in the area of juvenile justice. The Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) has undertaken these reforms in collaboration with the research, legal, treatment provider and youth advocate communities, including local juvenile courts and other state agencies. The reforms encompass creating a standardized risk assessment tool, reducing the number of confined youth in state facilities, using outcome based treatment options for youth, and beginning to develop a continuum of care that follows a youth from entry into ODYS through reentry into the community.

Presenters will discuss each of these changes in Ohio, as well as their impact, implications for those working in the Ohio juvenile justice and behavioral health arenas, and hopes for continued reforms. This webcast is designed for juvenile justice stakeholders, especially those working on delinquency issues on a daily basis such as judges, attorneys, behavioral health stake-

holders and treatment providers, probation and parole officers, and youth advocates. The information will also assist public policy advocates in and outside of Ohio gain a better understanding of the current institutional reforms and ongoing efforts to enhance community based options.

When: April 20 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The webcast is free and open to the public. However, space is limited and registration is required. To register go to <http://register.webcastgroup.com/13/?wid=0790420115591> and follow the instructions. Participants will need a computer that has audio capabilities and is connected to the Internet. If you have any questions, email Lauren Litton at llitton@ispconsults.com or contact Children's Law Center at (859) 431-3313.

Bullying Prevention and Beyond - Restoring Community, Repairing Harm:

The keynote speaker will be Lee Rush, who is a trainer at the Safer Saner Schools Initia-

tive of the International Institute on Restorative Practices and Executive Director of Just Community Inc.

When: Wednesday, May 4 from 9am-4:30 p.m. is the pre-conference sessions which will cover: restorative practices, bullying prevention and diversity issues as well as a grant workshop. (Lunch on your own).

Thursday, May 5 is the main conference. It will take place from 10am-4:30pm. (Lunch on your own).

Where: The Riffe Building, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

For more information and to register, please contact Sarah Wallis at 614.752.9595 or email Sarah.Wallis@cdr.state.oh.us

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BJA and OVC FY2011 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Program: This FY 2011 program will fund Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force sites that will take a comprehensive approach to combating all forms of trafficking - sex trafficking and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens (male and female, adults and minors).

Awards are expected to be made by BJA to support law enforcement agencies to coordinate the goals, objectives, and activities of the entire task force in close collaboration with the local U.S. Attorney's Office and victim service provider partner. OVC will make awards to support victim service organizations to coordinate the provision of a comprehensive array of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to all trafficking victims identified within the geographic area impacted by the task force.

Applicants are only eligible to apply if their application is made in conjunction with an application from a law enforcement agency or a victim service organization. Recipients of awards under this solicitation must be located in the community, jurisdiction, or geographic

area specified in the application. Grantees currently receiving human trafficking funding from BJA and OVC are eligible to apply for this funding (except for awardees under this Enhanced Model program in Fiscal Year 2010).

Registration with Grants.gov is required prior to application submission. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 12, 2011. [Applications are due on May 12, 2011.](http://www.grants.gov)

Visit www.grants.gov or contact the grants.gov customer support hotline at 800.518.4726 or email support@grants.gov.

Law enforcement applicants may also contact Deborah Meader, BJA Policy Advisor at 202-305-2601 or by email to Deborah.meader@usdoj.gov. Victim service organizations should contact Bradley Mitchell, OVC Team Lead at 202-514-9069 or by email to Bradley.mitchell@usdoj.gov.

Smart Policing Initiative FY 2011 Competitive Grant Announcement:

DEADLINE: April 21, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

OVERVIEW: This FY 2011 grant

announcement seeks to build upon data-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime within their jurisdictions

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: Applicants are limited to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

AWARD INFORMATION: For law enforcement agencies serving populations of less than 500,000 the maximum award is \$300,000; for law enforcement agencies serving populations greater than 500,000 the maximum award amount is \$500,000. The project period will be 24 months in length

CONTACT: The BJA Justice Information Center at (877) 927-5657 or JIC@telesishq.com. The BJA Justice Information Center hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

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