

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This year's SAAM campaign, *It's time ... to get involved*, explores common, everyday behaviors and offers individuals viable, responsible ways to intervene. In addition to the month-long campaign, the SAAM "Day of Action," on Tuesday, April 5, will highlight nationally coordinated events to raise public awareness about sexual violence and specific ways people can get involved in its prevention.

Sexual violence affects people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds. Nearly 20 percent of the population has experienced some form of sexual assault in their lifetime, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Justice(1). By advocating widespread change, this year's campaign not only focuses on individuals, but also environments, including systems and norms that contribute to sexual violence and oppression. *It's time ... to get involved* aims to engage everyone in sexual assault prevention and establish environments where people are safe and respected in their relationships, families, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities.

Source: [www.nsvrc.org/saam](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam)

### Holder Speaks About Juvenile Justice Reform:

Speaking recently at the National Association of Counties conference, Attorney General Holder spoke of the imperative to change how the nation's juvenile justice system impacts children and how the current system spends resources. Holder spoke of the disproportionate population of African

American youth in the juvenile justice system, the high recidivism rates for young people coming out of the system, and the substantially higher likelihood that abused and neglected children will be arrested for criminal behavior. "Put simply, it's time to broaden our approach to juvenile justice," Holder said. "We know that we must transition from a prosecution-and-punishment model to a prevention-and-intervention paradigm. We also must adopt a comprehensive plan of action – one that engages law-enforcement partners, medical professionals, social services providers, lawyers, parents, teachers, coaches, mentors, and community leaders."

Holder also spoke of the reality that, in many parts of the country, criminal defendants are unable to access legal defense services. "Across the country, too many public defender officers are underfunded and understaffed. And yet the fundamental integrity of our criminal justice system – and our country's faith in it – depends on the effective representation of both sides," Holder said. Speaking to county officials, Holder said that the "best – and most targeted – solutions won't be imposed from on high" but will be "shared solutions" based upon "rigorous scientific evaluation and innovative resource leveraging."

Source: <http://ncja.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=23289&brandid=3027&uid=759987652&mi=1103711&ptid=54>

### Honor an Outstanding Program in Your Area:

The National Criminal Justice Association is seeking nominations for the fourth annual NCJA

Outstanding Criminal Justice Programs Awards. These awards honor innovative and successful criminal justice programs that showcase promising practices to address critical crime-related issues in communities. Programs will be evaluated on the following dimensions:

- Does the program address an important criminal justice issue?
- Has the program demonstrated effectiveness based on program goals?
- Is the program a good example of leveraging federal, state, local or other non-governmental funds and resources?
- Can the program be easily replicated in other jurisdictions?

A panel of criminal justice experts from across the country will select five award winners, one from the Northeast, the South, the Midwest and the West and one tribal program. Awards will be presented at an Awards Luncheon on August 2, 2011 in conjunction with the 2011 National Forum on Criminal Justice & Public Safety.

Nominations for outstanding programs should be submitted to Bethany Broida no later than Friday, March 25, 2011. Nominations will be accepted by email [bbroida@ncja.org](mailto:bbroida@ncja.org), fax (202) 448-1723 or by mail to: NCJA, 720 7th St. NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20001.

Source: [http://www.ncja.org/NCJA/Education and Events/2011 National Forum/NCJA/Navigation/EducationEvents/2011 National Forum.aspx?hkey=2ca75f08-5533-43b6-afb5-d373ce53c159](http://www.ncja.org/NCJA/Education%20and%20Events/2011%20National%20Forum/NCJA/Navigation/EducationEvents/2011%20National%20Forum.aspx?hkey=2ca75f08-5533-43b6-afb5-d373ce53c159)

## 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](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](http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_TrainingForm.pdf)

## TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month Healing

**Garden Event:** In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, sexual assault survivors and co-survivors will be honored at this special event. Please come to view our Clothesline Project, share your story, read a poem, express yourself artistically and simply commune with others.

**When:** Thursday, April 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Grange Insurance Audubon Center, 505 W. Whittier St., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Food and beverages will be provided. ASL interpreters will be provided as well. Parking is free. No RSVP required for survivors and co-survivors. RSVP required on community supporters.

For more information about this event, please contact Stephanie Smith-Bowman at 614.566.3933, videophone at 614.429.1309 or email [sbowman@ohiohealth.com](mailto:sbowman@ohiohealth.com). Webpage: <http://grange.audubon.org/>

**Save the date - Walk A Mile In Her Shoes:** A walk to benefit Gracehaven House which serves as a safe home of hope and healing to victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. The event also

serves as a way to raise awareness around the issue of human trafficking. Both men and women are encouraged to participate.

**When:** Saturday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Mall at Tuttle Crossing

For more information, visit [www.gracehavenhouse.org](http://www.gracehavenhouse.org) or email [info@gracehavenhouse.org](mailto:info@gracehavenhouse.org).

### Pill Mills, Doctor Shopping and Prescription Drug Abuse - How Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Stem the Tide:

April 13, 3:00-4:00 p.m. EST

Mark your calendar for the next webinar in the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) monthly series on evidence based programs, practices and trends in criminal justice - *Pill Mills, Doctor Shopping and Prescription Drug Abuse: How Prescription Monitoring Programs Stem the Tide* (<http://ncja.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMTEyODI2JnA9MSZ1PTc1OT-k4NzY1MiZsaT00NzYzMDUy/index.html>)

This webinar will focus on one of the nation's fastest growing drug problems, the use and abuse of prescription drugs. Panelists will discuss cur-

rent trends in prescription drug abuse, doctor shopping and the phenomena of "Pill Mills." In addition panelists will discuss the proliferation of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and how these federal and state funded programs can be leveraged as a resource for state and local law enforcement, human service and public safety professionals.

Presenters for this webinar include Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D., Science Policy Advisor with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, John L. Eadie, Director of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) at the Center of Excellence at Brandeis University and Rebecca Rose, Policy Advisor and grant contact for the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Before joining the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Dr. Condon was the Associate Director of the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the Director of the Office of Science Policy and Communication. Mr. Eadie is best known for his work co-founding both the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs (ASPMP) and the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA).

## GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Encouraging Innovation - Field-Initiated Programs FY 2011 Competitive Grant:

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

**OVERVIEW:** BJA is seeking proposals from eligible organizations to develop and implement new and innovative strategies that better enable local criminal justice systems to prevent and respond to emerging and chronic crime problems that affect many communities in the United States. Proposals must aim to address a gap in the current base of knowledge about responding to and preventing crime and be developed or implemented in a way that allows other communities or organizations to learn from and potentially replicate the approach.

**ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:** Applicants are limited to public or private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), and units of local and state government. For-profit organizations must

agree to waive any profit or fees for services. **AWARD INFORMATION:** All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

**CONTACT:** The BJA Justice Information Center at (877) 9275657 or [JIC@telesishq.com](mailto:JIC@telesishq.com). The BJA Justice Information Center hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

### National Judicial Reporting Program 2011 Solicitation:

**DEADLINE :** April 25, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

**OVERVIEW:** The Bureau of Justice Statistics is seeking proposals to design, develop, and conduct a data collection for the 2011 National Judicial Reporting Program (NJRP). Historically, the NJRP compiled case-level information on the sentences that felons receive in state courts and on demographics of felony offenders. It excluded federal courts and state or local courts that do not adjudicate

adult felony cases. NJRP surveys were conducted every 2 years from 1986 through 2006.

**ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:** 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.

**AWARD INFORMATION:** All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

**CONTACT:** Tracey Kyckelhahn, BJS Statistician, at (202) 307-0765 or [askbjis@usdoj.gov](mailto:askbjis@usdoj.gov). Include "njrp2011" in the subject line.

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