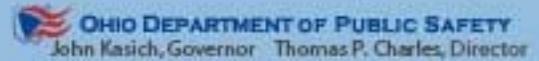




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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCJS Has Joined Twitter: OCJS, and the other divisions of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, recently joined the online networking site, Twitter, to provide timely information to both media and other partners. For more information, please visit: http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/MR2011/04_07_11Twitter.pdf

Administration Announces Change in Approach to Juvenile Justice Funding for FY12: At last week's budget hearing before the House CJS subcommittee, AAG Laurie Robinson announced the Department is amending its proposal for funding juvenile justice programs in its FY12 budget request.

The Administration had proposed consolidating OJJDP's state formula grants and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant programs into a \$120 million competitive program that rewards or incentivizes states for progress in juvenile justice management. Opponents of the plan argued that those are the very funds states use to come into compliance with the JJDP Act and to support the policy goals envisioned by the new incentive program. Robinson announced that, after consultation with the stakeholder community and Capitol Hill, the Administration has developed an alternative proposal.

Of the total, \$110 million would remain as formula funding: \$80 million for Part B JJDP Act formula grants and \$30 million for

JABG. The remaining \$10 million would be for a demonstration program to encourage innovation and juvenile justice system improvements.

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

ODPS Motorcycle Safety Kickoff: The Ohio Department of Public Safety in conjunction with our many safety partners will be having our annual Ride SMART Motorcycle Safety kickoff on April 15th. The event will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The event will start at 2 p.m. and will have guest speakers that will address the motorcycle issues in Ohio and the concept that with fuel prices rising, more Ohio motorists will be turning to two-wheeled transportation as a means of cost savings. In addition, this particular event will focus on wearing the "Right Gear." If you have a motorcycle, you are encouraged to attend and bring your bike. If you don't have a motorcycle, we still encourage you to participate with us at this event.

This kick-off should be over by 3:00 pm. If rain is present, we will have the kick-off in the ODPS Atrium.

DeWine supports creation of 'whistleblower protection law' for Ohio: Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine

announced his support of a state False Claims Act (FCA) being introduced by state Senators Jim Hughes (R-Columbus) and Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton). Often known as a "whistleblower protection law," the proposed legislation would encourage those with knowledge of fraud involving Ohio funds to come forward.

"At a time when every penny counts, we must do all we can to recover as much as possible for Ohio and our taxpayers," said Attorney General Mike DeWine. "By establishing a state law protecting and encouraging those with insider knowledge of fraud to come to us, we can retain critical state funds."

Source: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/NewsReleases>

Submit a Law Enforcement Tip: The Ohio Attorney General's website has a tool which allows the public to submit law enforcement tips for further investigation. Tips such as crystal meth leads, missing kids, sex offender leads, election fraud, public corruption, etc., are welcome.

To take advantage of this service, visit: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Enforcement/Submit-a-Tip>

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.

Ohio's Elder Abuse Training for Law Enforcement: Learn the necessary skills to recognize and investigate elder abuse cases. The Ohio Attorney General's Office will host free two-day trainings for law enforcement on elder abuse - basic and advanced levels offered. Financial assistance will be provided to law enforcement departments in the amount of \$150 per officer that successfully completes the training. Each course is limited to 30 students, so register early to increase chance of enrollment.

Basic Training Dates: May 12 - 13, 2011; July 14 - 15, 2011; and September 8 - 9, 2011.
Advanced Training Dates: June 9 - 10, 2011; August 4 - 5, 2011

Where: Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy; 1650 State Route 56, London, OH 43140
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy; 4055 Richfield Pkwy, Richfield, OH 44286

Complete details available at:
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/elderabusetraining.gov.

Please contact Ursel McElroy at 614-995-5413 or ursel.mcelroy@ohioattorneygeneral.gov with questions.

Addressing Risk Behavior Through Positive Youth Development Strategies: The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools' Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Center will present the third in its series of School Climate Survey Webinars entitled "Addressing Risk Behavior through Positive Youth Development Strategies."

This Webinar will be offered twice to accommodate schedules: Session 1: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. EDT; and Session 2: Thursday, April 14, 2011 11:00 am - 12:30 pm EDT. Please register for one of the sessions at <http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov/index.php?id=9&eid=22>.

Those who successfully register will receive a confirmation email and information on how to connect to each Webinar will be sent to those who register the evening before the event. Space to attend the Webinars is limited, however. Therefore, please register now. The Center will maintain a waiting list and contact those on the list should space become available.

Dr. Peter C. Scales, Senior Research Fellow at the Search Institute and Mr. Clay Roberts, Sen-

ior Trainer for Vision Training Associates will conduct the webinar.

Community Corrections Legislative Reception RSVP and Information: The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections is hosting a Community Corrections Legislative Reception. OJACC is also sponsoring an advocacy training to help participants prepare to speak to their legislators, for those not as familiar with the process.

This training will be held: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Ohio Judicial Center, 65 S. Front Street, Room 281, Second Floor from 1:30 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Time has also been set aside in the afternoon for participants to schedule meetings with legislators.

Please RSVP by April 11. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Taylor at tctaylor@mac.com.

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Justice's OJJDP Announces FY 2011 Funding Opportunities: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following funding opportunities:

*Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program-- <http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=229>

*Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities Initiative <http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=231>

*State Juvenile Justice Formula and Block Grants Training and Technical Assistance Program <http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=230>

Resources: To obtain further information about the above and other current OJJDP solicitations, including eligibility criteria and application deadlines, visit <http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingList.asp>

OJJDP FY 2011 State Juvenile Justice Formula and Block Grants Training and Technical Assistance Program:

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/SRADTA.pdf>

DEADLINE: May 16, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

OVERVIEW: The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) of 1974, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, authorize the Administrator of OJJDP to provide training and technical assistance to states, tribes, and units of local government or nonprofit organizations to support the justice system's response to juvenile delinquency. OJJDP will award a cooperative agreement to an organization that will provide training and technical assistance to state and local juvenile justice formula and block grantees and subgrantees to assist them in planning, establishing, operating, coordinating, and evaluating delinquency prevention and juvenile justice systems improvement projects.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government, federally-recognized tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit and for-

-profit organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education).

AWARD INFORMATION: OJJDP will award one cooperative agreement of as much as \$2 million.

CONTACT: For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the Justice Information Center at (877)927-5657 or JIC@telesishq.com. The Center's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. On the solicitation close date, the Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

Get Started With Grants.com: Federal government agency funding opportunities are now on the Grants.Gov website <http://www.grants.gov/>. It can take five days or more to register with Grants.gov in order to submit applications and fully use the system. Don't wait to register until an announcement has been posted and risk losing your opportunity to apply.

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