

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Judiciary Hears Testimony on Epidemic in Prescription Drug Abuse:

The Senate Judiciary Crime subcommittee held a hearing last week on responding to prescription drug abuse, misuse, diversion and fraud. According to the committee, drug related poisonings are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury in one-third of all states. In 2009, about 7 million Americans reported misuse of prescription drugs, and six of the top 10 abused substances among high school seniors are prescription drugs. "The ever-growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse demands sustained attention from law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and Congress," Chairman Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) said.

ONDCP Director Gil Kerlikowske testified about the Administration's recently-released plan which seeks to expand state-based prescription drug monitoring programs, improve disposal methods for unused medications, support education initiatives, and improve law enforcement efforts. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) called for a Federal Medicaid Lock-In program to prevent Medicaid recipients from "doctor-shopping" and "pharmacy-hopping." Other witnesses testified about the merits of community and school-based initiatives, "take-back" days, and other strategies.

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O'Donnell Confirmed as BJA Director:

Denise O'Donnell, the former SAA in New York, has been confirmed as director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). She will begin work shortly after being sworn in. O'Donnell is the former commissioner of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and a former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York. As the former SAA in New York she is very familiar with the role of, and demands on, the SAA as well as the federal funding streams which BJA administers.

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On Social Media, Cops and Reporters

Parry Over Control of Message: The use of social media as a public information tool for law enforcers is fundamentally changing the way some police departments interact with the media and citizens, writes veteran

crime reporter David J. Krajicek at Poynter Online. The ability to reach the public directly through Facebook and Twitter (outside the media's prism) has roused the police and, at times, nettled journalists. "It's much more democratic in a way. Everyone gets to have their say," says Gitte Laasby of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. She adds, "I'm sure it must be empowering for them. It's not quite so empowering for us."

"Law enforcement is realizing that they don't need the traditional media to get their message out anymore," says Lauri Stevens, who consults with police departments about social media through her Boston-based firm, Laws Communications. "You don't ignore them. You can't ever do that. But you don't have to cater to them like you used to... The dissolving of the media filter is definitely going on." Eric Hartley, a reporter for the Capital in Annapolis, Md., says Twitter and Facebook have throttled back information, not opened it up. Hartley wrote in a column that the social media offer "such sketchy information it's impossible to tell what's news and what isn't." He calls its use by police "a façade of openness."

Read more: <http://www.poynter.org/author/dkrajicek/>

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: **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.

Human Trafficking - The Stats, The Trends and The Law Enforcement Response (Webinar):

June 28, 3 - 4 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. Human Trafficking: The Stats, The Trends and The Law Enforcement Response will focus on the prevalence and severity of human trafficking.

Presenters for this webinar will frame the issue of human trafficking by discussing the trends being seen by experts in the 42 federally funded Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces. The presenters will provide both a national and local perspective on how the human trafficking epidemic is af-

fecting law enforcement and communities around the nation. The two presenters for this webinar are Dr. Jack McDevitt, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University and Lt. Derek Marsh of the Westminister California Police Department and the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF).

Register: <http://ncja.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xMTgyOTIyJnA9M-SZ1PTc1OTk4NzY1MiZsaT01MTQwNzk2/index.html>

Meaningfully Engaging Law Enforcement in your Coalition Efforts (Webinar):

Wednesday, June 15 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

The focus of this webinar is to help Ohio

coalitions/groups develop and/or maximize their relationship with law enforcement.

1.5 Prevention RCHs will be provided to those who attend the full length of the webinar. This webinar is FREE.

This webinar is brought to you by Drug-Free Action Alliance's Center for Coalition Excellence in partnership with ODADAS and PIRE's Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center.

To register, click : <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/369059865>

Please contact Kristen Frederick (kfrederick@drugfreeactionalliance.org) with questions.

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OVW Fiscal Year 2011 Engaging Men in Preventing Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program:

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/engaging-men.pdf>

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

OVERVIEW: As the movement to end violence against women continues to evolve, there is increased recognition that developing primary prevention strategies is an essential component of the work. At the same time, many experts agree that it is imperative to involve men and boys in these efforts, if we expect them to succeed. In fact, in a recent national poll, 73 percent of American men said that they think they can help reduce domestic violence and sexual assault. The Engaging Men Grant Program creates a unique opportunity for OVW to support projects that create public education campaigns and community organizing to encourage men and boys to work as allies with women and girls to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Research shows that programs that simultaneously do community outreach, mobilization and mass-media campaigns are more effectiveness in producing behavior change in men and boys. These efforts will be conducted by community-based, state and tribal entities across the U.S.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:

- (1) Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations or coalitions that have a documented history of creating and administering effective public education campaigns addressing the prevention of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; or
- (2) A state, territorial, tribal, or unit of local government entity that is partnered with an organization described in (1)

AWARD INFORMATION: Engaging Men Grant Program funds for FY 2011 will be awarded to selected applicants for up to \$300,000.

CONTACT: OVW at (202) 307-6026

Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adult Offenders with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders FY 2011 Competitive Grant Announcement:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11SCACoOccurringDisordersSol.pdf>

DEADLINE: June 23, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

OVERVIEW: The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to

communities. There are currently over 2.3 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all offenders incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. The Second Chance Act helps to ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: States, units of local government, and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).

AWARD INFORMATION: Awards will be for a period of 24 months. Contingent upon the availability of funds and the number of adult offenders projected to be served, awards of up to \$600,000 each are expected to be made.

CONTACT: BJA Justice Information Center at (877)-927-5657, JIC@telesishq.com, or by live web chat. 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.

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