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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent CASA Study Finds Adolescent Drug Abuse at Alarming Heights: Illegal drug use by teenagers is an “emerging and epidemic problem” according to a new report from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA). The report finds that more than 75 percent of high school students have used addictive substances such as cigarettes, marijuana, alcohol, and cocaine. Forty-six percent, or 6.1 million of high school students are currently abusers of these substances. Around 90 percent of Americans who meet the established criteria for substance addiction began using before age 18; and 1 in 4 Americans who began abusing substances before age 18 developed an addiction, contrasted to 1 in 25 Americans who started using after age 21.

To continue reading: http://www.casacolumbia.org/templates/NewsRoom.aspx?articleid=631&zoneid=51&utm_medium=email&utm_source=peer360&utm_campaign=COMHSreportdissemination&utm_content=HDCASANews

ACLU Report Shows Number of Women Incarcerated for Drug Offenses Up 888 Percent: The number of women incarcerated for drug offenses has risen 888 percent with more than a million women in the criminal justice system today. There are eight times as many women in state and federal prisons than there were in 1980.

A new report from the American Civil Liberties Union and The Brennan Center at New York University School of Law, “Caught in the Net: The Impact of Drug Policies on Women and Families” examines women offenders with drug related issues. According to the report, when addressing women’s drug involvement through incarceration, instead of medical treatment, the criminal justice system further contributes to the heightening costs associated with drug laws and policies. Researchers found that, “In 1997, incarceration costs approximately \$26,000 per woman per year. When taking account of the expense of placing the children of incarcerated mothers in foster care, the grand total rises immensely.”

Today approximately 2.4 million children have an incarcerated parent. More than 65 percent of women incarcerated in state prison report having a minor child, compared to 55 percent of their male counterparts. Ten percent of children with incarcerated mothers are in foster homes and approximately 79 percent live with grandparents or relatives.

Incarcerated women with drug dependencies not only suffer in prison, but their families are severely impacted as well. When women are detained in a correctional facility, their child is typically placed elsewhere, with a family member or through the state foster care system. The family experiences emotional turmoil while concerned with the wellbeing of their incarcerated family member, their children,

monetary concerns, treatment concerns, and other issues. According to the report, “The loss of incarcerated women’s income, combined with the emotional impact on children from losing their mothers, results in increased stress on family and community members.”

While behind bars, these women can experience sexual and physical violence, separation anxiety from their families, and depletion of their mental and physical health. Studies show that although women of color abuse drugs at a rate equal or less than Caucasian women, they are typically more affected by drug laws. In 1997, 44 percent of Hispanic women and 39 percent of African American women were arrested, convicted, and detained in prison due to drug offenses compared to 23 percent of Caucasian women.

The report argues that instead of incarcerating women with drug offenses, the legal system could help diagnosis of their problem and provide them with the medical treatment they need. By imprisoning these women, the criminal justice system simply adds additional costs to their prisons systems yet does not provide these women with treatment for their drug problem. Instead they face further life complications in prison such as anxiety, depression, abuse, mental and physical harm, and separation from their families.

For the full report: http://www.aclu.org/files/images/asset_upload_file431_23513.pdf

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. Grantwriting 101 trainings take place on the following dates: **July 25, 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. Specialized Grant trainings for the remainder of the year are: *Incorporating Evidence-Based Practices (July 25)* and *Designing an Effective Evaluation Strategy (October 12)*.

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

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Sexting 101 Training Education: Sexting is here to stay and we are seeing these types of cases with both children and adults in Ohio. Sexting 101 is a sexting education program which is meant to inform and guide law enforcement, victim advocates, educators, mental health and other professionals about the issues, policies and procedures we should be aware of when faced with sexting incidents of youth under the age of 18. Specifically, participants will learn:

- Facts, Stats and Definition of Sexting
- How to identify and respond to sexting incidents
- The crime (s) which a youth could be charged with in Ohio
- Alternative Interventions to Sexting Incidents
- Developing and implementing policies and procedures related to sexting

The first training is August 12 at noon, ODOT Auditorium, 1980 W. Broad Street, Columbus. There are several more trainings at different locations throughout the state. Click the link below for additional information.

Register here!

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Enforcement/OPOTA/Course-Catalog/Course-Categories/Investigations-Courses/Sexting-101-Training>

Child Sexual Abuse Training: This two day training module will enhance the knowledge of Law

Enforcement, Social Service Agencies, Child Protective Services and Prosecutors who have the profound responsibility of Investigating, Interviewing, Intervention and Prosecution of Child Sexual Abuse cases. Often times there is no physical evidence to corroborate the victims story and the victim must rely on the interviewing and interrogation skills of the investigator to result in a favorable outcome by the judicial system.

Far too often the victim is victimized several times, once by the perpetrator and again by the judicial system. Because of the belief of many judges and prosecutors that a child is too young or not "competent" to testify, your job becomes much more difficult.

It is important as a provider of services to sexually abused victims, develop good child interviewing skills with an understanding of behavior indicators, society's attitude, social stigma and the myths about molestation. Good interrogation skills will greatly enhance your ability to obtain a confession by the accused perpetrator and lessen the victimizing of the victim.

You will also be provided with the knowledge to recognize the characteristics and the difference between a preferential and a situational child molester. Profiling or an assessment of a pedophile with an

understanding that all child molesters are not pedophiles and all pedophiles are not child molesters.

Terry Hall, a 28 year veteran of the Indianapolis Police Department, will be the instructor.

When: August 2-3

Where: Columbus Division of Police Training Academy, 1000 N. Hague Ave., Columbus

Cost: \$250 includes all training materials and a certificate of completion

To register, visit: <https://www.patc.com/training/register.php?ID=10068>

2011 Public Information Officer (PIO) Symposium: The Ohio Department of Public Safety will be sponsoring the 2011 PIO Symposium on Aug. 26. This [free](#) one-day symposium will provide an opportunity for public information officers across the state to network and receive pertinent knowledge in the field of media relations and communication.

For agenda and registration information, please visit: http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/MR2011/07_13_PIO_symp_registration.pdf

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Developing a Method for Conducting an Internal Evaluation of Gender-Informed Policy and Practice: The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is seeking applications from organizations, groups, or individuals to enter into a cooperative agreement for an 18-month period to develop and pilot a methodology for correctional organizations to conduct an internal evaluation of their current policy and practice for working with women offenders. This methodology must cover a broad range of domains, such as leadership, external collaboration, management and operations, sanctions, assessment and case planning, and programs and services. The methodology must be concise but informative enough to be used by an organization with an understanding of evidence-based practices that incorporate gender-informed research and information. Additional consideration may be given to an applicant who can incorporate into the methodology those elements applicable to institutional and community corrections environments. The methodology should also include supplemental information that addresses an organization's readiness for change and a template that will help organizations initiate an internal strategic planning process. This award will also cover

the piloting of the methodology, which should include both onsite work and use of web-based technology, post-pilot revisions to the methodology based on feedback, and a design for conducting a process evaluation to measure the efficacy of the methodology.

The goal of this solicitation is to create and provide a methodology for organizations to (1) conduct an abbreviated internal evaluation of their policies and practices specific to women and (2) begin to plan strategically to initiate the type of change required within their agency to reach their desired objectives. Information gathered by organizations using this methodology could also form the basis for resource requests from funding entities, formulation of technical assistance requests to external sources, and a vehicle to advance internal quality assurance.

The awardee will work closely with designated NIC staff on all aspects of the project to ensure understanding of and agreement on the scope of work to be performed, and to work with other identified experts as well who are recognized for their expertise and practical experience in working with justice-involved women. To be considered, applicants must

demonstrate, at a minimum: In-depth knowledge of research and practice regarding gender-informed (women) and evidence-based practices, organizational readiness, strategic planning, and process evaluation; In-depth knowledge of the practices, programs, and complexities specific to the operation of women's correctional facilities and awareness of the issues relevant to women on community release and under supervision; In-depth knowledge about the risks, needs, strengths, and capacity for resiliency with justice-involved women; Specific examples of expertise in directing project design and implementation; Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with other experts in the field of gender-informed practices; Ability and capacity to conduct web-based events.

For additional details, visit: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=3PdKTpTjQ5sTS6gyMYtf7YCB16XcG6y3LJw7Fw1JvC1zCmGKw2P!1166104791?oppId=106433&mode=VIEW>

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