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## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attorney General DeWine Meets With Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Council:

Attorney General Mike DeWine met in July with the Ohio Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Council. The group will advise the Attorney General on prevention strategies and policy solutions, provide a forum to examine Ohio's efforts to combat the problem of prescription drug abuse, and identify and develop working relationships.

"Prescription drug abuse is not a problem in just one Ohio county," said Attorney General DeWine. "It's a problem in every corner of every county in Ohio. And while we are making progress in the fight against it, we continue to seek expert advice from those out in the field for the latest solutions. That's what we hope to find with the Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Council."

The Council is made up of 20 members who are education and outreach professionals, judges, health care experts, lawyers, prevention specialists, peace officers, and poison control professionals.

While today's meeting was the first to work on the mission, the group did have an introductory meeting in June.

"I am anxious to hear what this talented group of people will come up with," said

DeWine. "We are stronger in the fight against prescription drug abuse – which is killing too many Ohioans – when we put our talents to work together."

The Ohio Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Council plans to meet once a month.

Source: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Briefing-Room/News-Releases/July/Attorney-General-DeWine-Meets-with-Prescription-Dr>

### Senate Committee Approves Second

**Chance Reauthorization bill** : Last week the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act. The bill updates and, in some cases, consolidates existing grant programs which are designed to help state and local governments more successfully reintegrate prisoners into their communities and reduce the rate of recidivism. Under the bill, planning and implementation grants would be distributed with an all-state minimum funding formula and focus on using evidence-based methods.

The Reentry Courts and Prosecution Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison programs would be consolidated. The bill also creates an incentive for inmates to participate in rigorous recidivism reduction programming by awarding a credit toward completion of

their sentence for participation in such programs. The bill also repeals several programs that have not been funded or have been completed.

The bill, S. 1231, is sponsored by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Senator Rob Portman (R-OH). A companion bill has not been introduced yet in the House.

To read the bill: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112s1231rs/pdf/BILLS-112s1231rs.pdf>

### House Committee Passes Bill to Encourage Federal Law Enforcement

**Recruitment**: A bill passed the House Judiciary Committee last week which directs DOJ and DHS to establish programs for the recruitment of federal law enforcement and security positions in states that have experienced a high rate of homicides and other violent crimes. Program coordinators would consult with the governor and law enforcement agencies to determine how the additional federal personnel would be utilized. The bill, H.R. 1550, is sponsored by Rep. Pierluisi (D-PR).

To view the bill: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr1550ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr1550ih.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: **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.

Specialized Grant trainings for the remainder of the year are: *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](http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_TrainingForm.pdf)

## TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

### Working with Men and Boys to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence (Webinar):

Working with men and boys is a growing strategy for primary prevention of intimate partner violence. In this interactive web conference, several DELTA programs will share experiences in developing, implementing and evaluating local prevention programs. Join this session to learn from practitioners in the field about the challenges, opportunities and resources to create change in communities.

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Describe several strategies to work with men and boys to prevent IPV.
2. Identify resources and tools used to work with men and boys.
3. Identify ways to overcome challenges to working with men and boys.

**When:** Fri., Aug 19, 2011

**Cost:** Free

For more information and to register: <http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=333&sectionID=248>

### Victim Awareness Facilitator Training:

The Office of Victim Services will be conducting the Victim Awareness Facilitator Training in Cleveland, Ohio. The Victim Awareness Program is an evidence-based program that provides an opportunity for offenders to begin to see crime from a different perspective: from the perspective of the victim. The approved curriculum examines various crimes and looks at the dynamics of each crime and the effects crime has on victims. This training is a 40-hour training and all participants must attend all five days to receive a certificate of completion from the Office of Victim Services.

**Who Should Attend:** All those interested in facilitating the Victim Awareness Program. Community partners are welcome to attend!

#### Training Location:

North Star Resource Center, 1834 E. 55th Street, Cleveland, OH

#### Training Dates:

August 24, 25, 26, 29 and 30

For more information: call 1.888.VICTIM4 or contact Roxanne Swogger at 614.752.1141 or email [Roxanne.swogger@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Roxanne.swogger@odrc.state.oh.us)

### John Schools and Demand Reduction

**(Webinar):** Please join National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the next webinar in a continuing series on evidence based programs, practices and trends in criminal justice field. August's webinar *John Schools and Demand Reduction* is the second in a two part series related to human trafficking and law enforcement efforts to reduce victimization.

**When:** August 24 at 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

To register: [https://ncja.webex.com/mw03061d/mywebex/default.do?service=7&nomenu=true&main\\_url=%2Ftc05051d%2Ftrainingcenter%2Floading.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dncja%26rnd%3D6415198694%26servicename%3DTC%26RT%3DMiMxMQ%3D%3D%26FM%3D1%26HMAC%3Db9524d18385e4202c7f583d1b38db268546527bc%26ED%3D130941932%26UID%3D1104150977%26needFilter%3Dfalse&siteurl=ncja](https://ncja.webex.com/mw03061d/mywebex/default.do?service=7&nomenu=true&main_url=%2Ftc05051d%2Ftrainingcenter%2Floading.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dncja%26rnd%3D6415198694%26servicename%3DTC%26RT%3DMiMxMQ%3D%3D%26FM%3D1%26HMAC%3Db9524d18385e4202c7f583d1b38db268546527bc%26ED%3D130941932%26UID%3D1104150977%26needFilter%3Dfalse&siteurl=ncja)

## 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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