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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two Decades of Research About Violence Against Women: From studies on the effect of stalking laws to measuring the effectiveness of protective orders in cases of battered immigrant women, a new publication compiles 18 years of research on violence against women.

The report, issued by the [National Institute of Justice](http://www.nationalinstituteofjustice.gov), breaks research from 1993-2011 into categories, including "Forensics and Investigative Matters," "Victims Services" and "Policy Intervention."

For the complete report: <http://thecrimereport.s3.amazonaws.com/2/0e/4/1158/1/223572.pdf>

Success Stories of Smart Criminal Justice Reform: The report, [Smart Reform is Possible: State Reducing Incarceration Rates and Costs While Protecting Communities](http://www.smartreformispossible.org), highlights six traditionally "tough on crime" states - Texas, Mississippi, Kansas, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Ohio - that recently passed significant bipartisan reforms to reduce their prison populations and budgets.

These states experienced declines in their

crime rates while these new policies were in place. The report also offers a number of recommended ways that lawmakers in other states can reform their pre-trial, sentencing, parole, and probation systems.

To view the entire report: <http://www.aclu.org/criminal-law-reform/aclu-report-highlights-ways-reduce-state-budgets-and-prison-populations>

2012 National Crime Victims' Service Award Nomination: Each April since 1981, OVC has helped lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 National Crime Victims' Service Awards. Each year, OVC recognizes extraordinary individuals, organizations, teams, and programs that demonstrate outstanding achievements in supporting victims and victim services. The recipients are announced just before National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) commences and honored at the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. In 2012, NCVRW will be observed April 22-28, 2012 and the

Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April 20, 2012 in Washington, DC.

New to the 2012 nomination period are the Crime Victims' Rights Award and Crime Victims Financial Restoration Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

To submit nominations: <https://ovcnvrvw.ncjrs.gov/awards/default.html>

Drug Abuse Now Equals Childhood Obesity As Top Health Concern For Parents: Internet safety, bullying and alcohol abuse also made the top ten list according to the fifth annual National Poll on Children's Health.

The poll, conducted by the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, reveals that health concerns vary greatly according to ethnicity. Black adults cited gun related injuries and school violence among their top five concerns, and Hispanic adults cited abuse and neglect as in their top five. White adults rated bullying among their top five.

To view the entire report: <http://thecrimereport.s3.amazonaws.com/2/f5/6/1163/081511toptenreport.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: **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: *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

TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

A SART Approach to Underserved Populations - Making the Pieces Fit:

Thursday, August 25 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Terra Community College
2830 Napoleon Road
Fremont, OH 43420
Cost: Free

The training will include a look at a best practice response to sexual assault cases from a multi-disciplinary approach, with a focus on skill building, collaboration, and increasing victim sensitivity for all responders.

This one day interactive training will help service providers recognize the gaps that exist when an individual from an underserved group is sexually assaulted. When a sexual assault occurs the offender targets individuals unlikely to report, unable to clearly articulate the assault, and/or are disenfranchised from mainstream services.

Using a SART approach, presenters will discuss the impact and implications for victims when, based on their status within the community, they are not taken seriously. Participants will engage in team problem-solving activities dispersed throughout the program that can be practically applied within their own community.

The training curriculum uses real scenarios, interactive exercises, and multiple teaching techniques and tools to facilitate effective learning.

To register: <http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Briefing-Room/>

[events/Trainings/Trainings-for-victim-service-providers](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Briefing-Room/events/Trainings/Trainings-for-victim-service-providers)

SART - Putting it into Practice:

Friday, August 26 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Defiance College – Serrick Banquet Room
701 North Clinton Street
Defiance, OH 43512
Cost: Free

Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)/ Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) come and they go. The question is, how can a community create a high functioning, sustainable SART? Legal Aid of Western Ohio, the Family Justice Center of Northwest Ohio Initiative, and the Ohio Attorney General's Sexual Assault Response Training Team (SARTT) are sponsoring a free one day training to address the barriers communities face in maintaining a long-term SART/MDT. Participants will learn how to overcome inter-agency conflict, determine the function of the group, establish leadership within the SART/MDT, and develop policies and protocols designed to assign responsibility and accountability for its members.

The SARTT recommends that members/agencies interested in working on developing or fine-tuning their local SART/MDT attend the training as a community team (whether established or not) so action steps can be taken afterward.

To register: <http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Briefing-Room/events/Trainings/Trainings-for-victim-service-providers>

Non-Stranger Sexual Assault Response and Investigation Law Enforcement Training:

September 7 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 8 | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest State Community College
22600 State Route 34
Archbold, OH 43502
Cost: Free

September 7 Training: The Non-Stranger Sexual Assault Response and Investigation training provides basic and intermediate information on sexual assault dynamics, law enforcement response, preliminary investigation, victim interviewing and evidence collection and use. This training is ideal for new officers or those with minimal experience in sexual assault investigation and who need to develop core skills and knowledge related to sexual assault response and investigation.

September 8 Training - Identifying Sex Offenders: Tools for Interview and Interrogation provides law enforcement with current research on sex offender typologies within the context of identifying the most effective strategies for interviewing and investigation. This training is ideal for seasoned investigators with experience investigating sexual assault cases. In order to attend this training, you must also attend Non-Stranger Sexual Assault Response and Investigation on September 7.

To register: <http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Briefing-Room/events/Trainings/Trainings-for-victim-service-providers>

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Correctional Health Care Executive Curriculum Development:

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Administration Division is seeking applications for the development of a competency-based correctional health care executive curriculum to train two-person teams comprised of a Warden, Associate Warden, or Jail Administrator and a Health Services Administrator. This project will be for an eighteen-month period. NIC Administration Division staff will direct the project and will participate in curriculum design, lesson plan development, and the creation of related material.

Eligible applicants include any state or general unit of local government, private agencies, educational institutions, individuals, organizations, or teams with expertise in the described areas. Applicants must have demonstrated ability to implement a project of this size and scope.

Review Considerations: Applications received under this announcement will be subject to a NIC review process consisting of a three to five person team. Evaluation will be based on criteria such as:

- clarity of applicant's understanding of project tasks
- background, experience, and expertise of the proposed project staff, including subcontractors
- specific experience with and expertise in local jail and/or prison health care administration;
- innovative approaches, techniques, or design aspects that enhance the project
- experience with curriculum design based on ITIP
- experience in designing, managing, facilitating, or delivering training on correctional health-care-related topics;
- clarity of the description of all project elements and tasks
- technical soundness of the project design and

methodology

- financial and administrative integrity of the proposal, including adherence to federal financial guidelines and processes
- a sufficiently detailed budget that shows consideration of all contingencies for this project and a commitment to work within the proposed budget
- an indication of availability to meet with NIC staff at various points during the project
- design and quality of sample curriculum

Deadline: Applications must be received by **4:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, August 26, 2011.**

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