

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

QUARTERLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO VISITS GAHANNA LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL



U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart talks with seniors in Danielle Morrison's class February 7 at Gahanna Lincoln High School.

Mr. Stewart spoke in honor of Black History Month and discussed with the students the role of the Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Movement. He was invited to return to the school March 5 to speak with Jamie Campbell's personal law class. Students learned about the U.S. Attorney's Office, federal sentencing guidelines, and several landmark Supreme Court cases.

REENTRY IN CLARK COUNTY

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, Assistant U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman, and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton met with Clark County's Reentry Coalition to learn about efforts through Opportunities for Individual Change's Opportunities for New Directions program. Stewart and Thornton sat in on "Thinking for a Change" classes, which teach cognitive-behavioral skills to previously incarcerated individuals, and also helped congratulate a group of folks graduating from vocational training.

SERVING SPRINGFIELD AT-RISK YOUTH

While in Springfield February 6, Stewart and Thornton also toured after school programming for at-risk youth. Department of Justice grant recipient, Community Alliance for Youth, is a coalition organized through Wittenberg University that sponsors reading clubs and other after school programming. Since 2008, Community Alliance for Youth has coordinated community efforts to serve at-risk youth in order to decrease juvenile delinquency and increase academic performance.

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UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS:

April 23: Protecting Civil Rights Town Hall: Know Your Rights & Responsibilities

This summit is coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Ohio, the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, the Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Council, and the Columbus Community Relations Commission.

We're joining with the community to discuss civil rights issues most important to New Americans. After surveying folks in New American communities statewide, the agencies developed a format for addressing issues like employment rights, housing rights, hate crimes, and police misconduct.

Register [here](#) for this free event!



U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart narrates a play with students in one of Lincoln Elementary School's reading clubs in Springfield. The clubs are part of the Community Alliance for Youth's programming for at-risk students.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HOSTS DANISH DELEGATION

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio welcomed one dozen officials from The U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen to Columbus on January 31. Karen Haekkerup, Danish Minister for Social Affairs and Integration, along with members of her staff, met with folks in Washington D.C. and Columbus to learn about the American government's efforts in preventing extremism and integrating minority groups. U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters led conversation about hate crimes and civil rights enforcement, national security outreach, integration and citizenship, and active participation with the local Somali community.

REYNOLDSBURG HIGH SCHOOLERS RAISE AWARENESS



Students in Reynoldsburg High School's DECA Club light candles as they share ways that their peers can help shed light on human trafficking.

DECA Club students at Reynoldsburg High School hosted their second annual Human Trafficking Awareness Assembly March 22. Through the support of Reynoldsburg City Councilman Cornelius McGrady, the club members educated others in their school about the realities of human trafficking and also included local, personal testimony on the topic.

OUT AND ABOUT

- Jan 10: Cincinnati Branch Chief Anthony Springer addressed social services agencies, court personnel, law enforcement, and probation officials at the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.
- Jan 30: Criminal Chief Kenneth L. Parker spoke on hate crimes at the Columbus Bar Association's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.
- Jan 31: Criminal Chief Kenneth L. Parker presented to students ages 12-15 at the Value Learning and Teaching Academy in Cincinnati as part of Schools and National Drug Facts Week.
- Feb. 15: Criminal Chief Kenneth L. Parker spoke with local Girl Scouts touring the U.S. District Court in Cincinnati.
- Feb. 19: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Department of Homeland Security's community engagement roundtable in Minneapolis, MN.
- Feb. 25: Assistant U.S. Attorney Christy Muncy presented to law students on a human trafficking panel at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.
- March 8: Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton helped celebrate International Women's Day with the Central Ohio Somali community (pictured below).



- March 8: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart discussed countering violent extremism and Internet safety at the Somali Student Association general body meeting at The Ohio State University.
- March 12: Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Squires presented at the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners regional meeting in Nashville, TN.
- March 15: Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Marous talked to local health officials and law enforcement in Mansfield about environmental crime at a Keep Ohio Beautiful outreach event.
- March 20: Assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica Knight discussed identity theft at a Medicare Fraud and Consumer Protection Forum in Cincinnati.
- March 28: Assistant U.S. Attorney Dave DeVillers talked about organized crime investigations with FBI National Academy Ohio Chapter graduates.
- April 6: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented on a panel at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in honor of the 50th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright* about the need for a strong public defender's office.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2013. 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. Grant Writing 101 trainings take place on the following dates: **February 14, April 9, May 7, June 13, July 11, August 8, October 8, November 7 and December 12**. All trainings are held from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. in the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor. Click [here](#) to register.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OJJDP FY 2013 COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM GRANT

US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=222993>

OJJDP FY 2013 NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAMS GRANT

US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=223013>

DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OJJDP FY 2013 COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION FIRE PROGRAM GRANT

US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=228273>

SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY PROGRAM FOR ADULT OFFENDERS WITH CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS GRANT

US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=228295>

IN MEMORIAM



Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Guerrier passed away March 16 after an extended illness. “I was inspired by her courage in fighting for the safety of communities in our district, her courage in standing up for what she thought was right no matter the cost, and her courage in fighting a disease within her for almost 15 years,” U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart said of her. “Mona will remain part of the fabric of this office in spirit forever.” Mona had worked in the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney’s Dayton office since 1999. Before that, she was an assistant Montgomery County prosecuting attorney. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton and her law degree in 1996 from the University of Cincinnati.

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Outreach event dates are subject to change. If you have questions or suggestions regarding community outreach at the U.S. Attorney’s Office Southern District of Ohio, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

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