

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

QUARTERLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS:

Jan. 30: Kenneth L. Parker to speak on hate crimes at Columbus Bar Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Civil Rights Symposium in Columbus, Ohio.

Feb. 6: Visit Opportunities for Individual Change (OIC) of Clark County, Opportunities for New Directions reentry program and Community Alliance for Youth after-school program in Springfield, Ohio.

4TH ANNUAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE



U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart joined Gov. John Kasich, State Rep. Teresa Fedor, local law enforcers, judges, and social service agencies at the 4th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day Jan. 11. Mr. Stewart discussed the role of the federal government in human trafficking cases during a legal panel session. He highlighted labor and sex trafficking cases and talked on the challenges often faced when prosecuting human trafficking cases federally.

SOMALI ADVISORY COUNCIL

Joining the FBI and U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton gathered with Central Ohio Somali leaders in a quarterly community engagement roundtable Jan. 9. The group talked about the role of federal government in engaging community members and empowering local partners to prevent violent extremism. Carilyn Hall, from IRS' Criminal Investigation Unit, presented on common tax fraud schemes. Somali community members raised the issue of radical messages reaching their children through modern technology (iPads, cell phones, computers, etc.) and asked that parents be trained to recognize and prevent this activity.

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The 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

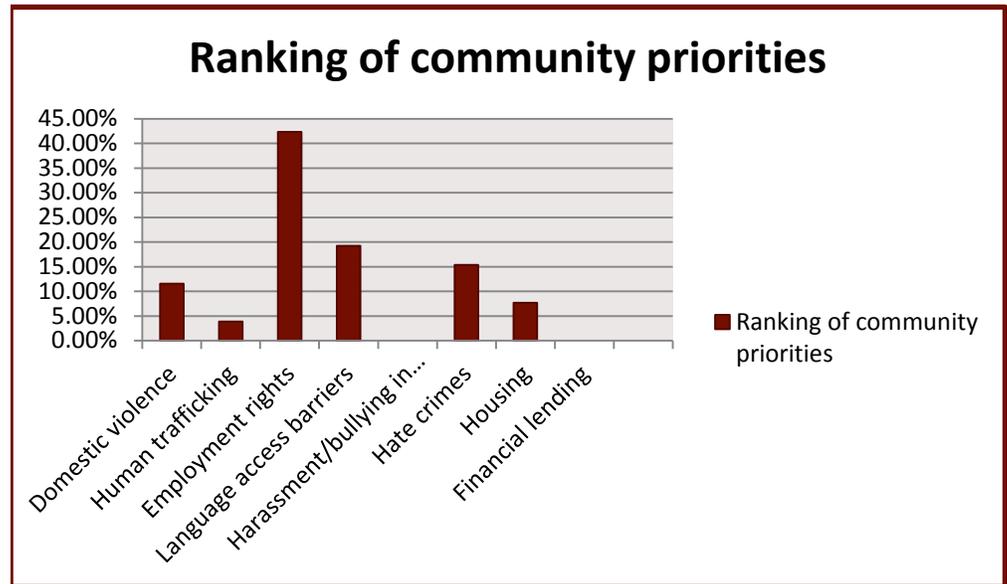
Feb. 7: Black History Month and civil rights discussion with seniors at Gahanna Lincoln High School in Gahanna, Ohio.

March 12: Douglas Squires to present at the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners regional meeting in Nashville, TN

March 13: The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center has moved into a new office. Open house at the new site, 505 Riverside Drive, Dayton, Ohio from 4-6:30 p.m.

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.

NEW AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS TOWN HALL: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



The U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio, is planning a civil rights town hall symposium in coordination with the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission and the Columbus Community Relations Commission New American and African Outreach program.

Planners anonymously surveyed African, Asian, and Hispanic communities statewide, asking participants to rank civil rights issues in order of priority for their community. Results indicate employment rights is the most pertinent civil rights issue, with more than 42% of participants ranking this issue as the most important. Language access barriers received 19.2% of the top rankings; 15.4% of participants ranked hate crimes as number one; and 11.6% of participants ranked domestic violence as the top issue. The event will be scheduled for April 23 at The Riffe Center in Columbus. For more information, contact Jennifer Thornton.

GRANT FUNDING FOR VIOLENT GANG AND GUN REDUCTION PROGRAMS (PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS)

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence, and violent offenders. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each district. The USA is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement gang and gun crime enforcement, intervention and prevention initiatives within the district. Through the PSN task force, the USA will implement the five design features of PSN—partnerships, comprehensive, data-driven approaches to reduce chronic gun and/ or gang violence in their jurisdiction. Applicants must register with Grants.gov in order to submit an application. The deadline is 11:59 p.m. eastern time on March 11, 2013. The PSN point of contact for the Southern District of Ohio is Fred Alverson, who can be reached at 614-469-5715.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

U.S. Attorney's Office Cincinnati Branch Chief, Anthony Springer, presented Jan. 10 at the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council quarterly meeting in Cincinnati. Mr. Springer discussed federal domestic violence laws, specifically the topic of using federal firearms laws to address domestic violence. Social service agencies, court personnel, law enforcement, and probation officials received his message about effective enforcement.

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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.

DOJ DIRECTORY OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) with the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) have created a "Directory of Training and Technical Assistance Resources for Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces and Service Providers." The directory includes training and technical assistance resources for practitioners and task forces working in the anti-human trafficking field and a comprehensive list of anti-human trafficking trainings, including distance learning, in-person training, and training-by-request opportunities. The directory is available [here](#).

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