

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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## U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HOSTS SCHOOL DISCIPLINE & JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING *Seminar First of Its Kind in Nation*

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio coordinated with the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the U.S. Department of Education, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Southern Poverty Law Center and others to host "School Discipline & Juvenile Justice: Supportive Strategies and Better Outcomes for Youth" June 23 at the Columbus Police Academy.



Photo credit: Tom Dodge | Columbus Dispatch  
*Human rights leader Bryan Stevenson, left, and U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart share conversation at the school discipline and juvenile justice event.*

The event was the first in the country to bring together school administrators, school resource officers, counselors, social workers, probation officers, judges and attorneys to discuss pathways to success in the area of school discipline

Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, delivered the keynote address, and challenged participants to consider five key concepts in their work with youth: recognizing their identity, understanding the power of proximity, changing the

narrative about at-risk students, being hopeful, and working outside of their comfort zone.



The event highlighted the [School Climate and Discipline Guidance Package](#) released by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education.

Other resources include the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights' [Civil Rights Data Collection Data Snapshot: School Discipline](#) and The Council of State Governments' [The School Discipline Consensus Report](#).

Read more about the event [here](#).

### U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TEAMS UP WITH CINCINNATI REDS TO PROMOTE CYBER SAFETY

The U.S. Attorney's Office participated in the Cincinnati Reds' annual Weather Day May 15 at Great American Ballpark.

The event welcomes thousands of elementary and middle school students to the ballpark each year for a day of learning and baseball.

Fox19 meteorologists reported live from the field and talked with the students about weather.



Organizations like the U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, Delta

**My Rules for Internet Safety**

- 1 I will tell my trusted adult if anything makes me feel sad, scared, or confused.
- 2 I will ask my trusted adult before sharing information like my name, address, and phone number.
- 3 I won't meet face-to-face with anyone from the Internet.
- 4 I will always use good netiquette and not be rude or mean online.

**NetSmartz Workshop**  
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Airlines and the Cincinnati Children's Museum provided an information fair for the students in The Kroger Fan Zone.

U.S. Attorney's Office staff provided information to students, teachers and families about staying safe online.

### U.S. ATTORNEY, ALVIS HOUSE, FAITH LEADERS TALK REENTRY

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Alvis House President and CEO Denise Robinson hosted Central Ohio faith leaders at a breakfast roundtable April 24.

The U.S. Attorney facilitated conversation about making families stronger and building safer, more vibrant communities. The group talked about addressing public safety, family stability, and individual dignity to ensure that individuals returning to their communities after a period of incarceration transition successfully.

Federal Probation Chief John Dierna and CleanTurn President and CEO John Rush highlighted the importance of reducing barriers to reentry, including promoting employment.

A former Alvis House client shared his experience of reintegrating into society successfully.

Area faith leaders agreed that helping returning citizens find and keep employment is integral to safer communities.

### WHITE HOUSE CELEBRATES REENTRY CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

The White House held a day-long event June 30 to highlight the important connection between employment opportunities for previously incarcerated individuals and successful reentry.

United States Attorney General Eric Holder welcomed honorees from around the country to "Champions of Change: Re-Entry and Employment." He was joined by Piper Kerman, author of the best-selling memoir *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* and inspiration for the comedy-drama series.

The celebration highlighted 16 individuals who are doing extraordinary things to empower and inspire members of their communities in the area of reentry and employment.

"Pathways to Prosperity: How Public and Private Sectors Can Put People with Criminal Records to Work" brought together business leaders to explore how governmental actions can impact private sector efforts to integrate people with criminal records into the workforce. The session, co-hosted with the Council of State Governments Justice Center, also included corrections and workforce development professionals from across the country, who discussed the latest strategies for improving employment outcomes for adults with criminal records and ways to engage business leaders in these efforts.

Roy L. Austin, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for the Office of Urban Affairs, Justice and Opportunity provided opening remarks.

The Honorable Thomas E. Perez, Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor, moderated the panel.

## HOLLYWOOD CASINO HOSTS COLUMBUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Columbus Community Engagement Council (CCEC) gathered for its quarterly meeting April 30 at Hollywood Casino.

Mark Leatherman, Gaming Agent Supervisor for the Ohio Casino Control Commission, explained the law enforcement role of the Commission and their working relationship with Casino security.

He provided the group a behind-the-scenes tour of the Casino and safety measures in place. Leatherman also mentioned measures to identify and combat human trafficking at the Casino.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Hill facilitated conversation on the basic facts and trends of human trafficking. Community faith leaders highlighted the connection between youth at-risk to human trafficking and aging out of the foster care system.

The intent of the CCEC is to build relationships with and learn from community leaders who represent the city's diversity in terms of ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation.



### OUT AND ABOUT

- April 26: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker was awarded at the Black Lawyer's Association of Cincinnati Scholarship and Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, OH.

- May 1: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker and Branch Manager Anthony Springer presented at the Law Day Free Legal Forum at the The Vineyard in Cincinnati, OH.
- May 6: Financial Crimes Chief Brenda Shoemaker and Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Squires presented at the Ohio Auditor 2014 Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation & Prevention Conference.
- May 9: Assistant U.S. Attorney Karl Kadon was awarded at the Police Appreciation Award Ceremony in Cincinnati, OH.
- May 15: Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christy Muncy and Tim Mangan, Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton and Legal Assistant Marianne Shore-Kuhn participated in Weather Day with the Cincinnati Reds in Cincinnati, OH.
- May 22: Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Kelley presented to elementary school students during a Career Day in Columbus, OH.
- May 26: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented to the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association in Cincinnati, OH.
- May 28: Branch Manager Laura Clemmens participated in the Montgomery County Association of Police Chiefs meeting in Dayton, OH.
- May 30: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart threw the first pitch at Federal Employee Night at the Columbus Clippers' game in Columbus, OH.

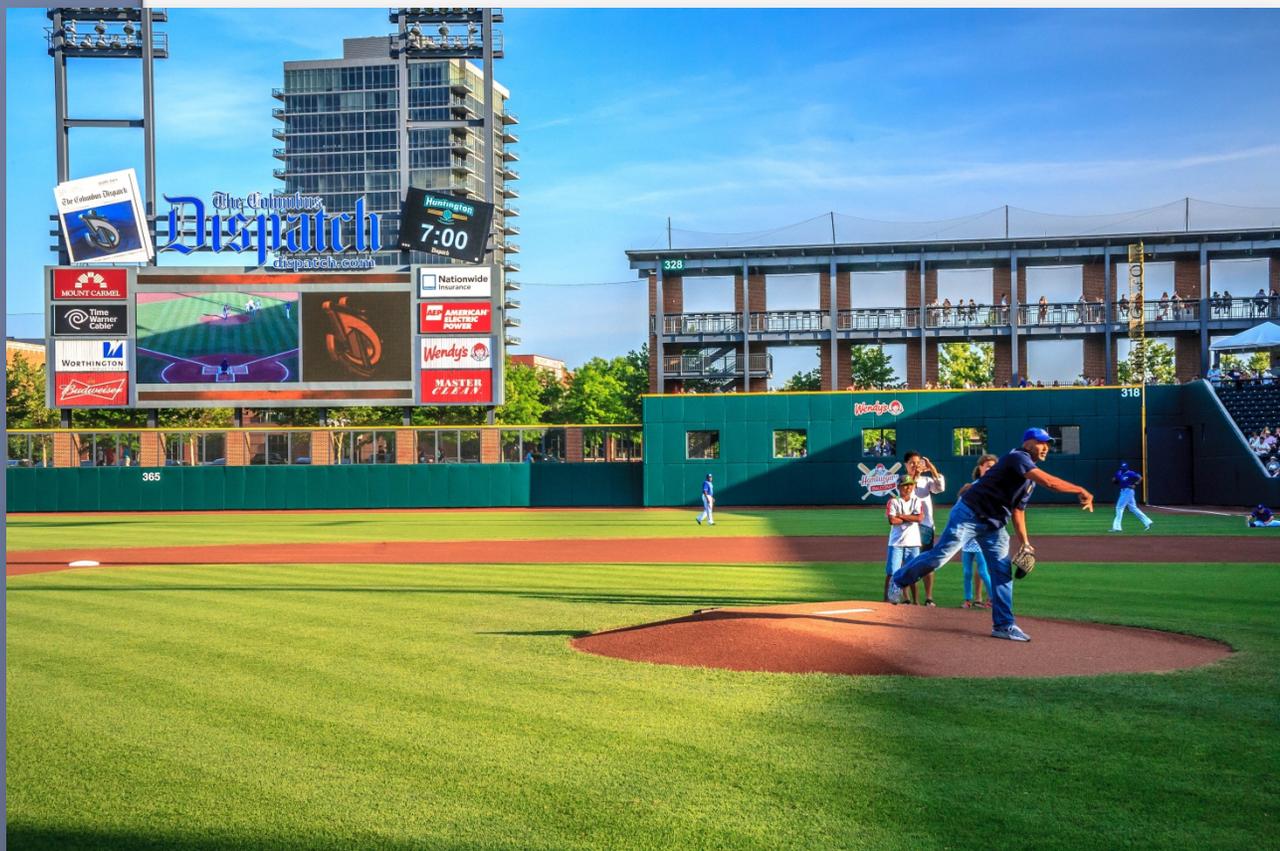


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- June 5: Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Hill and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton attended Human Trafficking: Identification and Response in Juvenile Court in Columbus, OH.
- June 18: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton presented to the Scioto County Reentry Coalition in Portsmouth, OH.
- June 20: Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Hill presented at the Salvation Army's annual human trafficking conference in Columbus, OH.
- June 23: The U.S. Attorney's Office hosted School Discipline & Juvenile Justice: Supportive Strategies and Better Outcomes for Youth in Columbus, OH.
- June 26: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart provided keynote remarks at the Urban League's African American Male Initiative Choose 2 Change and Father 2 Father programs graduation in Columbus, OH.



Photo provided by: Columbus Urban League

- June 27: The U.S. Attorney's Office hosted a delegation of law enforcement officials from Sweden in Columbus, OH.
- June 30: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Pathways to Prosperity and Champions of Change reentry events at the White House in Washington, D.C.
- July 8: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented at the Southern District of Ohio Federal Bar Admission Ceremony.
- July 14: Branch Manager Anthony Springer served as the guest speaker at the University of Cincinnati Law and Leadership Institute in Cincinnati, OH.

- July 19: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Restored Citizens event at Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, OH.

To arrange a presentation for your group, contact Jennifer Thornton at [jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov](mailto:jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov) or 614-255-1570.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2014. 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: **August 5, October 7 and December 2**. 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. To register, please visit the [OCJS website](#).

### NATIONAL FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Registration is now open for the **2014 National Forum on Criminal Justice**. This year's National Forum will take place **August 10-13** in Breckenridge, Colorado. This year's conference will continue to focus on the integration of policy, research and technology to improve public safety.

Workshop sessions will feature speakers from each discipline to showcase innovative programs and highlight how research and technology help drive good policy. To view the current agenda, please visit the [Agenda section](#) of the National Forum website.

NCJA members receive discounted registration rates of \$445 before June 30 and \$495 after. [Register here](#).

The 2014 National Forum will take place at the [Beaver Run Conference Center](#) in Breckenridge, Colorado. Rooms are available for \$92 plus tax per night. To book your room online, [click here](#) and enter the code NCJ5B7.

### BUILDING RESILIENCY IN CHILD ABUSE ORGANIZATIONS (ONLINE TRAINING)

Victim service providers who work with abused children often emphasize the importance of building resiliency in these young victims; however, they sometimes overlook the need to develop resiliency in themselves. This training is intended for victim service providers who work within an agency that is interested in and willing to implement policies, supervisory techniques, and training that support resiliency. The training, developed and offered online by the DOJ's OVCTTAC can be found [here](#).

### THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT (WEBINAR)

*Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET*

This course is designed for law enforcement personnel and others involved in the criminal justice and community response to sexual assault. Participants will learn about the neurobiology of trauma and its application to victims of sexual assault. Not only can this help improve responses to victims and enhance their well-being, but it also has the potential to increase the criminal justice system's ability to hold offenders accountable. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

**ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY (WEBINAR)**  
August 28, September 4, September 11, & September 18 2-3pm

KARAMAH, in partnership with Raksha, Inc., is hosting a four week e-learning with four webinars focused on domestic violence in the American Muslim community. The goal of the training, which is web-based, is to build the knowledge and skills of advocates to effectively serve Muslim victims of domestic violence. Training content will include discussion of culture and community, legal remedies for immigrant victims, as well as practical skills for service providers to assess the services and barriers for Muslim victims. By the end of the training, service providers will have a better understanding of the diversity within the Muslim community.

This training will also address common misconceptions about Islam and Islamic law as it relates to domestic violence— understanding these nuanced issues will help service providers provide appropriate and meaningful service to their diverse clients.

This training is primarily for organizations that received STOP funding. Other OVW grantees can register, but please note that first priority will be given to STOP grantees. Registration for this training will be capped at 40 individuals. Upon receipt of your registration, we will send you an email confirming your spot in the training. A waitlist will be provided for any organization's grant program exceeding 2 individuals.

To register, visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17Ef2fhRWiBQyzyOIDuQYFm4kEZCvLhXnP7H49pLJaJs/viewform> **The registration deadline is August 15.**

Contact: Aisha Rahman, Esq., Executive Director: Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights Tel: 202.234.7302 Fax: 202.234.7304, E-mail: [arahman@karamah.org](mailto:arahman@karamah.org). Presented by the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), in partnership with KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights and Raksha, Inc.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### SIGN UP FOR FEDERAL GRANT ALERTS

To subscribe to federal grant announcements, visit [www.grants.gov/manage-subscriptions.html](http://www.grants.gov/manage-subscriptions.html). Here, you can subscribe to receive email alerts of all grant notices, or you sign up for notices based on criteria such as topic, sub-agency, and funding opportunity number.

### OVW FY 2014 JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MENTOR COURT INITIATIVE SOLICITATION GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=259309>



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](mailto:jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov) or 614-255-1570.