

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

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U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CO-HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL NEW AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS TOWN HALL

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio coordinated with the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, the Ohio Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Council, and the Columbus Community Relations Commission to host the second annual New American Civil Rights Town Hall April 15 at the Riffe Center in Columbus.



At the first summit in April 2013, community leaders gathered in Columbus to talk about employment, housing, and language rights, hate crimes, and police relations.

In the spirit of continued cultural competency and collaboration, the second annual summit included in-depth discussion of hate crimes and building relations between the community and law enforcement.

Betsy Biffel, a criminal prosecutor with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, served as the keynote speaker. She educated participants on the work of the Division and provided examples of hate crimes cases.

Representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, Ohio Council on American-Islamic Relations, The Ohio State University, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Civil Rights Civil Liberties Section, Columbus Community Relations Commission, Porter Wright, and the Westerville Division of Police served as expert panelists.



The event included a resource fair with officials on hand from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Columbus Police Department, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Civil Rights Bureau.

The event closed with a panel of students sharing their experiences as early childhood arrivals to America.

The goal of the event was to bring together those who have immigrated to Ohio from places all over the world to understand their rights, learn best practices, and work together to create better communities for all.

More information about this year's event can be found [here](#).

Planning for a 3rd event is underway. If you have suggestions or want to take part, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

URBAN INSTITUTE STUDIES UNDERGROUND SEX ECONOMY

The Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center released a study last month examining the size and structure of underground commercial sex economies in eight major cities: San Diego, Seattle, Dallas, Denver, Washington D.C., Miami, Atlanta, and Kansas City.

Through the center's three-year study, which was funded by the Department of Justice, they highlight entrance into the commercial sex business, media portrayal, the role of women, family, and friends, and the influence of the Internet.

The study examines the perception by those involved that the underground sex economy is low-risk.

The researchers also consider the increasing amount of child pornography being produced in the United States, and it's increasingly graphic and violent nature.

Finally, the report names suggestions for policy and practice to help combat trafficking.

Read the entire report [here](#).

FUSION CENTER HOSTS COLUMBUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Columbus Community Engagement Council (CCEC) gathered for its quarterly meeting January 29 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Ohio Homeland Security's Strategic Analysis & Information Center (also known as the Fusion Center) graciously hosted the group. Heather Frient, Jeff Dickey, Tom Gerber, Mustafa Mirza, and Patrick Seaman provided an overview of the Fusion Center and considerations taken regarding privacy rights, civil rights, and civil liberties.

As Heather described using a wheel analogy, the Fusion Center serves as a hub of information, while federal, state, and local government agencies, law enforcement, and private sector partners serve as the spokes. The Fusion Center receives, analyzes, gathers, and shares threat-related information.

The group also discussed the U.S. Department of Justice's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions (HRSP) section. HRSP works with other federal government agencies to identify and prosecute human rights violators. Examples of the types of crimes prosecuted include genocide, torture, war crimes, and the use or recruitment of child soldiers. HRSP asks that if you know of anyone who is now in the U.S. and may have been involved in human rights violations in another country that you call 1-800-813-5863 and leave a message (in any language) or email hrsptips@usdoj.gov. Tips can be left anonymously.

Those in attendance included Kim Welter (Equality Ohio), J.S. Jindal and Abdi Soofe (Community Relations Commission), Un Jung Lim (ODVN), Mahdi Warsama (Masjid-As-Salaamah), and Ken Parker and Jennifer Thornton (U.S. Attorney's Office).

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.

SERVING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OHIO

The Ohio Department of Public Safety has compiled a [Toolkit for Serving Victims of Human Trafficking in Ohio](#), which will serve as a framework for The Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, the Ohio Network of Anti-Human Trafficking Coalitions, and the Ohio Human Trafficking Commission.



The website and toolkit includes awareness campaign materials, information on state and federal laws, funding resources, service standards, media guides, and response models. It also provides an interactive map of anti-trafficking organizations serving victims and raising awareness throughout the state.

President Obama Launches 'My Brother's Keeper' Initiative

In late February, President Obama announced his My Brother's Keeper Initiative. This is a major public-private effort designed to give every boy and young man of color who is willing to work hard and play by the rules the chance to reach his full potential. It's aimed at finding ways that community leaders, businesses, philanthropies, and – of course – government can work together to create opportunities for these young men and send the message that our country wants them to be a full part of this society.

There are two parts to this effort. There's a federal task force set up to evaluate the impact of existing federal programs and lift up what works. The second component is a group of leading foundations that have come together to support the President's call to action. They're joining together to identify the most effective ways of expanding access to opportunity in partnership with non-profit and private sector organizations.

The President's announcement at the White House marked the launch of a 90-day process to examine existing federal policies and programs, evaluate the results, and identify what works and key opportunities for action.

The focus of My Brother's Keeper is on several important areas – youth violence, contact with the juvenile and criminal justice systems, education, and economic mobility. The role of the Department of Justice is preventing and reducing violence among young men of color, addressing their overrepresentation in the justice system, and ensuring that those

“There are a lot of kids out there who need help, who are getting a lot of negative reinforcement. And is there more that we can do to give them the sense that their country cares about them and values them and is willing to invest in them?”

President Obama, July 19, 2013

who are victimized are treated with dignity and respect and have access to services.

To learn more about My Brother's Keeper, visit www.whitehouse.gov/my-brothers-keeper.

U.S. ATTORNEY CARTER STEWART HIGHLIGHTS INTERNET SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart gathered with leaders, educators, and parents at the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati on April 17 to talk about Internet safety.

Stewart educated the crowd on Internet crimes and child exploitation and how to protect their children and themselves online.



His tips to parents included:

- Communicate with your kids! Start early and talk often about Internet safety.
- Establish ground rules and stick to those rules – set parameters of time and acceptable locations for your child to use the Internet.
- Learn how to use parental controls.
- Don't be afraid of the Internet and try to stay current.
- Remind your children that using the Internet is like other privileges that they enjoy. All privileges have rules, safety measure, and consequences when the rules are not followed.

To learn more about Internet safety, visit www.netismartz.org.

OUT AND ABOUT

- Jan. 9: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart participated in the legal panel during Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the Statehouse in Columbus, OH.
- Jan. 11: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the law enforcement panel during the Break Every Chain Human Trafficking Conference in Reynoldsburg, OH.
- Jan. 14: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker participated in the Southern District of Ohio Federal Bar Admission Ceremony in Cincinnati, OH.
- Jan. 21-22: Assistant U.S. Attorney Dave DeVillers addressed community foundations and civic associations regarding current casework in Columbus, OH.
- Jan. 28: The U.S. Attorney's Office co-hosted the seminar Criminal Intelligence Sharing: Protecting Privacy, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Columbus Police Academy.
- Jan. 30: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Symposium in Columbus, OH.
- Feb. 11: The U.S. Attorney's Office hosted Deputy Attorney General James Cole at a cybersecurity roundtable for businesses in Cincinnati, OH.
- Feb. 19: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker and Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt presented on gangs and guns at the Midwest Gang Investigators Association Meeting in West Chester, OH.
- March 19: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan presented at the 2014 Consumer Protection/Healthcare Fraud Forum in Cincinnati, OH.
- March 27: Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt addressed community members at the Neighborhood Affair to Reduce Gun Violence in Dayton, OH.

- April 10: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan presented at Let's Talk: Parents Against Prescription Drug Abuse.
- April 11: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton attended the Federal Probation Restored Citizen reentry event at Christian Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, OH.
- April 15: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented on hate crimes at the New American Civil Rights Town Hall in Columbus, OH.
- April 16: The U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI, Cincinnati Division co-hosted a cybercrime roundtable with business leaders at the FBI office in Cincinnati, OH.
- April 17: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented on the school-to-prison pipeline to criminal justice students at Miami University in Hamilton, OH.



- April 17: Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Young presented at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation/Ohio State Highway Patrol Electronic Surveillance Equipment Symposium in Columbus, OH.
- April 18: The U.S. Attorney's Office hosted international delegates through the U.S. State Department International Leaders Program in Cincinnati, OH.
- April 18: Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt participated in a Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence call-in session in Dayton, OH.

To arrange a presentation for your group, contact Jennifer Thornton at 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: **May 6, June 3, 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. Click [here](#) to register.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

SIGN UP FOR FEDERAL GRANT ALERTS

To subscribe to federal grant announcements, visit 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.

OVC FY 14 VISION 21 VICTIM LEGAL ASSISTANCE NETWORKS

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=254180>

NIJ FY 14 DEVELOPING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT WORKS TO MAKE SCHOOLS SAFE GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=254023>

NATIONAL CENTER FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST AND JUSTICE: IMPROVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM BY ENHANCING PROCEDURAL JUSTICE, REDUCING BIAS, AND SUPPORTING RACIAL RECONCILIATION

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253451>

OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OJJDP FY 2014 SECOND CHANCE ACT TWO-PHASE JUVENILE REENTRY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM: PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253930>

NIJ FY 14 BUILDING AND ENHANCING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCHER- PRACTITIONER PARTNERSHIPS GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=251975>

NIJ FY 14 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON FIREARMS AND VIOLENCE GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252211>

NIJ FY 14 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON DOMESTIC RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252474>

**OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OJJDP FY 2014
HIGH-RISK YOUTH MENTORING RESEARCH GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252949>

**OJJDP FY 14 PRACTITIONER-RESEARCHER PARTNERSHIP MENTORING
CHILDREN GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice
Delinquency Prevention

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=252984>

**OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OJJDP FY 2014
MULTI-STATE MENTORING INITIATIVE GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253071>

OJJDP FY 2014 NATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAMS GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice
Delinquency Prevention

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253170>

**OJJDP FY 2014 SECOND CHANCE ACT COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE JUVENILE
REENTRY SYSTEMS REFORM PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice
Delinquency Prevention

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253176>

**BJA FY 14 SECOND CHANCE ACT COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ADULT
REENTRY PROGRAM UTILIZING MENTORS GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253628>

**BJA FY 14 SECOND CHANCE ACT TWO-PHASE ADULT REENTRY
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM: PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253632>

**BJA FY 14 JOINT ADULT DRUG COURT SOLICITATION TO ENHANCE SERVICES,
COORDINATION, AND TREATMENT GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253492>

NIJ FY 14 INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED RESEARCH: THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=251553>

OVC FY 14 SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253251>

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST AND JUSTICE:
IMPROVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM BY ENHANCING PROCEDURAL JUSTICE,
REDUCING BIAS, AND SUPPORTING RACIAL RECONCILIATION GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253451>

**BJA FY 14 MAXIMIZING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: IMPROVING RECIDIVISM
AND HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253370>

**OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OJJDP FY 2014
COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FIELD-INITIATED
RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROGRAM GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253356>

**OJJDP FY 2014 MENTORING FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION AND DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE GRANT**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice
Delinquency Prevention
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253255>

OVC FY 14 SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253251>

**OVC FY 14 VISION 21: USING TECHNOLOGY TO EXPAND NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO VICTIM SERVICES**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=253249>

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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.