

The OCDP Phases-out of the CCDC I Certification

The OCDP Board would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming elimination of the CCDC I certification. Effective December 23, 2008, the CCDC I certification will no longer be a valid credential and individuals will no longer be permitted to provide services using this designation. This elimination is based on statute that went into effect December 23, 2002 with the passage of HB 496 (124th General Assembly).

Current CCDC I professionals should begin work immediately to meet requirements for the LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC credentials. These requirements and applications can be viewed and downloaded from our website at www.ocdp.ohio.gov or by contacting our office and requesting the appropriate application. Two of the primary hurdles many CCDC I professionals will have to achieve are the completion of an associate's degree or higher in a behavioral science or a non-related bachelor's degree AND successful completion of the CPM oral examination. All CCDC I professionals will have to meet these requirements in order to advance to a higher level regardless of when they entered the certification process. There are no provisions that will allow a CCDC I to grandparent to a higher level without successful completion of an appropriate degree and the oral exam.

Again, be advised that after December 23, 2008 the CCDC I certification will no longer be a valid or acceptable credential for providing services in the field. Individuals who are unable to advance to a higher level in this time frame may apply with the OCDP Board for the status of Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) if they so choose. Individuals will not be awarded this status automatically.

The OCDP Board strongly encourages all CCDC I professionals to review the requirements for LCDC II, LCDC III and LICDC and to begin formulating their plan to successfully complete this process and receive their license before the CCDC I level is eliminated. Additionally, individuals should allow adequate time for application review and testing processes prior to the elimination date. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, feel free to visit our website at www.ocdp.ohio.gov, email our staff at credentialing@ocdp.state.oh.us or contact our office at 614-387-1110.

Drug-Free Communities Grants Workshops

Prospective applicants for the federal Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grants program are invited to attend a series of free workshops sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). General workshops will be held Feb. 16 in Washington, D.C.; Feb. 21 in St. Louis; Feb. 23 in Seattle; Feb. 27 in Las Vegas; and March 6 in New Orleans. On Feb. 28, a special workshop for Native American applicants will be held in Las Vegas. This workshop "will provide an opportunity for coalitions operating on Native American reservations, Urban Indians, Native Alaskans, and those that represent Native peoples living in other areas, to gain an understanding of the DFC application process," noted ONDCP. "Representatives of coalitions from Native American reservations and organizations, including those who have successfully obtained a DFC grant, will be present to provide information about the application process and how the DFC grant can provide substantial assistance to address drug and alcohol problems in a manner that is consistent with Native American beliefs and traditions." Free registration is available online at the [ONDCP website](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/dfc/potentialgrantees.html) at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/dfc/potentialgrantees.html>

Grants to Study Alcohol and Puberty

The National Institutes on Health are offering research grants to study the relationship between youth alcohol use and the hormonal changes associated with puberty, and how each may affect adolescent brain development. NIH will award \$1 million in grants under the R21 mechanism, with each award capped at \$200,000. Separate grants will be made under the R01 mechanism (RFA-AA-07-007). Funding is limited to animal studies. Governments, for-profits, nonprofits, and schools are among those eligible to apply. Application deadline is April 17, 2007. For more details, see the grant announcement online at <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=12146>

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DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Music Drug Awareness

This program will provide information on current alcohol and drug-related trends in music and discuss how many youth may respond to music messages. Understanding some of these issues will give professionals tools for improving how they communicate with youth.

Thursday, February 15, 2007 3:00—4:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center

Stress-Induced Drug Abuse

Learn why stress often leads to substance abuse and how the brain responds.

Thursday, March 15, 2007 1:00—2:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center

Working with Retailers: Self Policing Strategies and Collaborative Initiatives

This presentation will, from the retail perspective, highlight the barriers to gaining participation from the retail community and provide insights into proven ways to increase retail stakeholder involvement and increase self-policing efforts to reduce underage drinking. Participants will also learn strategies for addressing retailers who do not "get on board."

Thursday, March 15, 2007 3:00—4:15 p.m. The Community Partnership Training Center

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fax or mail

- _____ Feb. 15 Music Drug Awareness
- _____ March 15 Stress-Induced Drug Abuse
- _____ March 15 Working with Retailers:

*The marked titles are distance learning courses, there is no charge.

Name _____ Place of Employment _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Mail, fax or e-mail to:

The Community Partnership

5902 Southwyck Blvd., Suite 100, Toledo, Ohio 43614

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No Phone Registrations *please!* For more information or links to other resources, check our web site at www.communityprevention.org



Service Learning Workshop

In preparation for the Greater Toledo Youth Service Day, The Community Partnership with support from United Way of Greater Toledo Volunteer Center and Youth Service America is sponsoring a Service Learning Workshop. This interactive workshop will demonstrate how to turn community service projects into "service learning" projects. Participants will learn of the various components of service learning and techniques to implement each. Youth groups will also have an opportunity to register at the work shop for participation in The Greater Toledo Youth Service Day that is taking place on April 21, 2007. Adult advisors of youth groups in elementary, junior high, high school, college, faith-based and community groups are invited to attend with **two youth leaders**. This workshop is sure to be fun-filled and action packed.

- Topic: Service Learning Workshop
- Presenter: Jennifer Gilbride-Brown, M.Ed. (Ohio Campus Compact),
Patrick Vrooman, Ph.D. (Boys Scouts) and Jane Rosser, Ph.D. (BGSU)
- Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007
- Time: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- Where: The City of Toledo Highland Park Shelter House
2865 Finch
Toledo, Ohio 43609
(To access a map and/or directions visit www.mapquest.com)
- Cost: Free (lunch provided)

Some of the workshop activities will be outdoors and participants are encouraged to dress casually and appropriately for the weather.

RCH's will be available.

Social Worker and Counselor CEU's are pending

Teachers must receive prior approval from their LPDC

Pre-registration is required. The deadline is Thursday, February 22, 2007

To register, please complete the following form and mail or fax it to:

The Community Partnership, 5902 Southwyck, Ste. 100, Toledo, Ohio 43614

Fax: 419.866.3613

Questions? Please call (419) 866-3611 ext. 106

Name: _____ Name (s) of youth 1) _____

2) _____ Ages of youth: 1) _____ 2) _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

