

# ODA Quarterly NEWSLETTER



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**Latest Deflection News & Information**

## Welcome to our first quarterly Newsletter!

Ohio Deflection Association delivers support around public safety for the health and wellbeing of those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders. Through the development of deflection and pre-arrest diversion strategies, support tools and facilitating the education of community partners providing outreach services. Focusing on real life challenges with real time solutions by providing communities with education, guidance and resources.

## 2024 ODA Summit

The 2024 Ohio Deflection, QRT, & Outreach Summit was 2.5 days full of information and support. 15 states from all across the Nation showed up to learn, teach and show support not only for ODA but QRT programs all across the United States. Some highlights included, having Karhlton Moore; Director of BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance) as a keynote speaker! We were also honored to display a video message from Senator, Sherrod Brown who has been a huge supporter of ODA and the deflection model striving to better our communities and citizens



**2025 ODA  
Summit Planning  
Beginning Soon!**

# Criminal Justice Coordination Center of Excellence (CJ CCoE) Substance Use Deflection Initiative

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence has established a new initiative focused on Substance Use Deflection for the state of Ohio. Through this initiative, the CJ CCoE will coordinate with statewide deflection efforts, provide consultation and technical assistance to Ohio communities for deflection work, and develop resources to supporting efforts across the state. To learn more about the CJ CCoE and the Substance Use Deflection initiative, please visit:

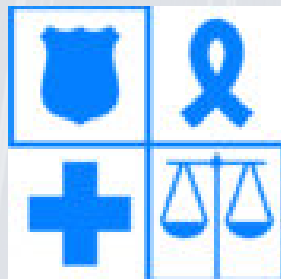
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## QRT Inventory:

We have initiated our Quick Response Team Inventory project. One of our objectives is to learn from teams so that we can help to develop promising and best practices, getting started tools, and technical assistance. We have reached out to our known contacts to invite participation. If you have not heard from us, please reach out to Ashley Morgan, Director of the Deflection Initiative, at [amorgan2@neomed.edu](mailto:amorgan2@neomed.edu)



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## HIRING:

We recently posted for our Substance Use Deflection Initiative Program Coordinator position. This full-time position will work with communities across Ohio to increase and enhance substance use deflection and harm reduction work. To read a full job description and apply, go to :[Northeast Ohio Medical University | Program Coordinator II \(peopleadmin.com\)](https://www.northeastohio.edu/programs/deflection/)

# DEFLECTION ECHO

The Deflection ECHO is a virtual learning community that provides a health-facing response to substance use that engages, deflects, and supports strong community partnerships. This collaborative focuses on bringing justice and treatment systems together for supportive community outcomes. Law enforcement, medical responders, addiction treatment providers, peers, and individuals with lived experience partner to work together to bring evidence-based solutions to substance use crises. The ECHO sessions provide a platform to share programs and strategies between communities. "All teach, all learn" is the philosophy of the ECHO model. Participants have the support of a team and learn from the successes of others with the opportunity to contribute knowledge to the group discussion.

## Upcoming Project Echo events:



**[For more information please visit:  
www.neomed.edu/projectecho/](http://www.neomed.edu/projectecho/)**

## Deflection Email List:

**Deflection Email List: Please join our email list that will be dedicated to deflection efforts and will include information on upcoming events, funding opportunities, deflection news, relevant resources, and other announcements from the CJ CCoE and our deflection partners. Click here to sign up:  
[neomed.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV3mvU9oUrGZZNGBg](https://neomed.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV3mvU9oUrGZZNGBg)**

## Upcoming Schedule

FEB 14

DEFLECTION 101  
DANIEL MELOY

MAR 13

TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSE  
ED JACOUBS

APR 10

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION  
SARAH MANCHAK

MAY 8

WORKING WITH FAMILIES  
MAUREEN CAVANAGH

JUN 12

AMPLIFY THE JOY IN WORK  
NICHOLE AMMON

JUL 10

PHARMACOLOGY IN SUD/AUD  
TREATMENT  
SARA DUGAN

# Operation Bridge

**Bridging Recovery & Interdiction Data Gathering Enforcement.**

**BRIDGE combines the resources of law enforcement and substance use treatment in a coordinated effort, focusing on the reduction of supply and demand simultaneously, prioritizing treatment for those who qualify.**

## **The two components of BRIDGE:**

- Interdiction and Significant Arrest Notification (BRIDGE Notification): The law enforcement agency notifies local outreach programs that a drug dealer has been arrested, or a large quantity of drugs has been diverted from the community. When this occurs, outreach partners should be proactive in their hot spots, as well as supplying these areas with more naloxone and prevention and education information.
- Narcotic Enforcement with Outreach Event (Operation BRIDGE): Federal, state and local law enforcement combine resources for 2-3 days to aggressively enforce drug laws with a special focus on individuals supplying drugs to the communities. At the same time, state and local recovery resources create outreach teams to assist people who are suffering from substance use disorders. Outreach teams establish a community event to provide naloxone, administer prescription take back events; distribute prevention and education resources; and facilitate the admission of individuals into treatment.

Research has shown that when illegal narcotics are diverted from communities or a narcotics dealer is arrested, it has the potential to actually increase overdoses in the community. People suffering from substance use disorders have a tendency to get their narcotics from one or two dealers. When the dealer cannot supply the narcotics, they go to an unknown source or a different drug they are not familiar with- which creates a greater chance of an overdose.

A modified two-process Knox test for investigating the relationship between law enforcement opioid seizures and overdoses. After reviewing the research, BRIDGE was created at the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) and the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center (ONIC).

Ray, B. (2021, June 2). A modified two-process Knox test for investigating the relationship between law enforcement opioid seizures and overdoses. Proceedings Of The Royal Society A, Volume 477 (Issue 2250) <https://doi.org/10.1098/rspa.2021.0195>

## **FUTURE OPERATIONS:**

- Ross County: April 24-25, 2024
- Middletown: May 1-2, 2024
- Lawrence County: May 16-17, 2024
- Scioto County: June 6-7, 2024
- Guernsey County: June 27-28, 2024
- Lorain County: August 1-2, 2024

# Upcoming Conferences & Trainings

Rx and Illicit Drug Summit 2024 April 1-4,  
2024 [www.hmpglobalevents.com/rx-summit](http://www.hmpglobalevents.com/rx-summit)



## Rx and Illicit Drug Summit

Ohio's 2024 Mental Health &  
Addiction Conference- Ohio  
Association of County  
Behavioral Health Authorities  
([oacbha.org](http://oacbha.org))  
June 3-4, 2024

### OHIO CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) CONFERENCE



**KEYNOTE: COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, A BEST PRACTICE  
APPROACH TO CRISIS RESPONSE**  
Ernest (Ernie) Stevens, CSG Justice Center, The Council of State  
Governments



**AFTERNOON PLENARY: Mom, Me, and CIT: A Mother and Son's  
Lived Experience with Mental Illness and Law Enforcement**  
Evan Curtin and Peg Stephens

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- CIT in jails and prisons
- PST self-care
- De-escalation for public safety telecommunicators and law enforcement
- Collaboration between law enforcement and mental health agencies
- Panel Discussion: law enforcement agency/jurisdiction collaboration
- And more...

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024  
9:00AM-4:00PM**

#### QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER IN COLUMBUS

We are excited to announce this year's Ohio CIT Conference at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus! In addition to the Ohio CIT Awards ceremony, the agenda features two keynote speakers and a range of breakout sessions tailored for CIT coordinators, law enforcement, corrections, and public safety telecommunicators.

**Join us for the full-day conference at just \$35!**

[Click HERE to register today.](#)

Lunch will be provided.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MARCH 27, 2024



## Ohio's 2024 Mental Health & Addiction Conference *Building the System of Care*

Highlighting Governor Mike DeWine's Investment in  
the Mental Health & Wellbeing of Ohioans

Ohio's 2024 Mental Health &  
Addiction Conference April 10, 2024  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-ohio-cit-conference-tickets-852968671257?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-ohio-cit-conference-tickets-852968671257?aff=oddtcreator)

# Available Funding Opportunities



[OneOhio+Regional+Grant+RFP.pdf](#)  
[\(squarespace.com\)](#)

[FY24 Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)



[ohiodeflectionassociation.org](http://ohiodeflectionassociation.org)