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WEBSITES

CONTINUITY OF COURT OPERATIONS: A PLANNING GUIDE

http://ncsconline.org/D_Research/coop

The National Center for State Courts has released a planning guide for continuity of operations for courts. A continuity-of-operations plan can help a court continue its essential functions when normal court operations are impaired because of a natural or man-made emergency. The planning guide includes information on planning for a pandemic.

The web-based planning guide includes hyperlinks that make it easy to navigate; worksheets and templates are provided to guide the planning process. These materials were developed with the assistance of a National Coalition for Emergency Management, representing 16 court and emergency-management

organizations, and the effort was supported by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The planning guide walks users through the process of developing a continuity-of-operation plan with worksheets, a template for a plan, and many links to online resources that provide helpful background. Resources available through links include state continuity-of-operations plans in Arizona and Florida, the Louisiana District Judges Association's 2006 *Disaster Recovery Template* (something they know a lot about), and guidance documents on preparing for epidemics or pandemics from the state courts in California, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

The website will be expanded in the near future to include an online educational program about continuity-of-operations planning. For more information, contact researcher Pam Casey at the National Center for State Courts (pcasey@ncsc.dni.us).



PUBLICATIONS

JUSTICE SYSTEM JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_Comm/Projects/JSJindex/JSJ_TOC/Vol28_3/vol28_3.html

The *Justice System Journal* has published a special issue on judicial conduct and ethics. The issue contains 7 articles describing and criticizing the 2007 ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct. This portion of the issue will be of special interest to judges as the supreme courts of each state review the new ABA Model Code and decide whether to adopt its provisions, either as proposed or with modifications.

The special issue (Volume 28, No. 3) also contains several articles on judicial-campaign speech under *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 536 U.S. 765 (2002). The issue concludes with articles on judicial-ethics education, judicial-conduct commissions, recent litigation, and several notes of recent ethics cases. Current issues of the *Justice System Journal* may be ordered for \$13 from the National Center for State Courts' online bookstore: from the National Center's home page (<http://www.ncsconline.org>), click on "Bookstore."

PRINCIPLES OF DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT: A RESEARCH-BASED GUIDE

National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/PDF/PODAT/PODAT.pdf>

The National Institute on Drug Abuse has a helpful, 56-page review of the 13 principles they have concluded are at the heart of any successful drug-addiction treatment plan. Although published a few years ago, its accessibility on the web and easy-to-use format make it still a helpful resource on research about addiction, treatment, and recovery.

PUBLIC OPINION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

"How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to [see below]: a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?"

	ALL	WHITES	BLACKS	HISPANICS
Do a good job of enforcing the law				
A great deal	42%	47%	21%	34%
A fair amount	31%	31%	34%	28%
Just some	13%	11%	17%	18%
Very little	11%	9%	20%	15%
Unsure	3%	2%	8%	5%
Not use excessive force on suspects				
A great deal	37%	42%	11%	30%
A fair amount	29%	31%	27%	21%
Just some	12%	10%	20%	19%
Very little	14%	11%	28%	17%
Unsure	8%	6%	14%	13%
Treat blacks and whites equally				
A great deal	37%	42%	14%	26%
A fair amount	29%	32%	23%	19%
Just some	11%	8%	17%	21%
Very little	14%	10%	31%	21%
Unsure	9%	8%	15%	13%

Source: Pew Research Center/National Public Radio survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International, Sept. 5-Oct. 6, 2007, as reported in *The Polling Report* (Nov. 12, 2007). N=3,086 adults nationwide, including 1,536 non-Hispanic whites, 1,007 non-Hispanic blacks, and 388 Hispanics.