The Justice Programs Office at American University wishes you the best this holiday season. If you are in the area on December 22nd, please stop by our Open House at our office, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 508, Washington, DC from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Enjoy some camaraderie, desserts, and other refreshments and see our new office space.

RSVP Here >>

JPO Research Associate Kerwin Henderson Presents at 30th Annual People of Colour Conference

Leaders in the field of addiction treatment and in drug and veterans courts assembled from November 28 – December 3rd to advance multi-cultural approaches to health, healing, and prevention. Kerwin Henderson, who works on JPO’s adult and juvenile treatment court projects, served on several panels and helped facilitate discussions regarding reducing racial and ethnic disparities in treatment courts. The founding and permanent sponsors of the People of Colour Conference are the Human Resources Development Institute of Chicago and State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Leaders in the field of addiction treatment and in drug and veterans courts assembled from November 28 – December 3rd to advance multi-cultural approaches to health, healing, and prevention. Kerwin Henderson, who works on JPO’s adult and juvenile treatment court projects, served on several panels and helped facilitate discussions regarding reducing racial and ethnic disparities in treatment courts. The founding and permanent sponsors of the People of Colour Conference are the Human Resources Development Institute of Chicago and State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Upcoming Webinars Explore Use of Assessments, Key Findings of Veterans Treatment Court Report

The Justice Programs Office at American University will conduct an interactive webinar session entitled Selecting and Using Risk Assessment Tools in Problem-Solving Courts on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will provide a brief introduction to the history of risk assessment, followed by a discussion of risk assessment instruments being used by drug courts and other parts of the justice system. This webinar will be presented by Dr. Sarah Desmarais, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Applied Social and Community Psychology Program at North Carolina State University. Register here>>

And on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. EST, JPO will host the webinar, Veterans Treatment Courts: 2015 Survey Results. In 2015, JPO at AU conducted a survey to provide a closer look into Veterans Treatment Courts. This survey was developed to provide a snapshot of the range of policies, practices, and services in operating VTC programs. The resulting report on this project, Veterans Treatment Courts: 2015 Survey Results, provides a view into these emerging courts. The webinar will discuss key findings and their implications for policy and practice. This report was completed as part of JPO’s work funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance’s (BJA) Adult Drug Court Technical Assistance Project. Register here>>

JPO at AU Winter Holiday

American University offices are closed from December 24, 2016 through January 2, 2017. Hope you have a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to working with all of you in the New Year!