



Second Wednesday's

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Stepping Up: Practical Solutions for Shutting the Revolving Door of Jail and Mental Illness

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on September 13 at 9:30 a.m. titled "Stepping Up: Practical Solutions for Shutting the Revolving Door of Jail and Mental Illness".

Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Retired, Project Director for Stepping Up Ohio, will share how this national program is tackling the serious issues of jails being the de facto mental health institutions for those with mental illness. She will explain how this program, and Ohio's version, is trying to change that scenario so that these persons no longer cycle through jail and can be stabilized in the community with services that are far less costly and more effective. The webinar will discuss:

- Background and statistics on the issue of jails and mental illness
- Stepping Up: what is it all about and Ohio's version
- Forming the state and community partnerships to make it work
- Practical tools and solutions, many costing little or no money.
- Lessons learned on how to break the cycle
- Challenge to audience to create their own solutions and how to do so

Speaker

Evelyn Lundberg Stratton retired from the Supreme Court of Ohio after 23 years in the Judiciary to pursue criminal justice reforms, particularly as they relate to mental health, juveniles and veterans. She came to the bench by a very different route. Born to missionary parents in Bangkok, Thailand, Stratton spent her childhood in Southeast Asia. She attended boarding school in South Vietnam at the height of the Vietnam War and later in Malaysia, visiting America on occasion with her parents. At age 18, she returned to America alone with only a few hundred dollars in her pocket. Working her way through school, she earned a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University College of Law. Stratton's most interesting accomplishment was her first-place finish in a college Stampede Girls Goat Tying Competition—a talent she later put to good use as a trial lawyer.

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For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO Managing Director of Research, at 614/220-7981.

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