

# OJACC

Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections

Over 30 Years Promoting and Supporting Effective Community Corrections

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To bring together stakeholders to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety.

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**Let’s Listen to Each Other**

By: Jim Slagle, OJACC Past President

Sixteen years ago, Scioto County Prosecutor Lynn Grimshaw asked me if I would be willing to serve on the OJACC Board as a representative of the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association.

Since then I have served on the OJACC Board as a representative of prosecutors, as a representative of the Attorney General, as a judge, and most recently as a private citizen.

I am now completing a two-year term as OJACC’s President and look forward to Kysten Palmore taking over this position for the next two years. Kysten brings a lot of expertise and passion around reentry issues, which will benefit OJACC.

When I first started attending the OJACC meetings, I had a hard time with some of the views expressed by some other Board members. As a long-time prosecutor, I was used to meeting with other prosecutors, whose views were closer to mine. However, as I listened to other professionals, including judges, corrections officials, treatment providers, and others, it helped give me a broader and more informed perspective.

Different criminal justice disciplines have different views. Judges typically believe they should be given more discretion to make sentencing decisions. Prosecutors often support mandatory sentences and contend that they will use their discretion to prosecute the right people. Treatment providers see the value of getting persons into appropriate treatment. Legislators have to be concerned with the state budget and constituent views.

OJACC is the primary Ohio organization that brings various criminal justice stakeholders together to try to seek common ground. Our recently completed conference is a good example, as it is an annual opportunity for criminal justice professionals from multiple disciplines to come together for training and education. This gives all of us an opportunity to learn from each other.

The truth is that no one discipline has all the answers. Each has a valuable perspective to offer. If we spent more time learning from others, we just might make some progress on solving challenging criminal justice issues, such as how the criminal justice system should address addiction and mental illness and how to reduce our prison population while still ensuring public safety, to name a couple.

As we start a new year, I challenge each of us to make a resolution to listen to each other’s views, so that we can collectively come to better solutions for the public.



Jim Slagle, Former Judge

Marion County  
Common Pleas Court

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## OJACC Hosted Its 33rd Annual Conference

The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) held its 33rd annual conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North in Columbus, Ohio on October 10 and 11, 2019. OJACC provides an annual conference to educate and train on new theories, best practices and evidence-based practices and to create discussion on how we press forward in the ongoing efforts to develop and enhance services while promoting and supporting effective community corrections.



Dr. Brandon Mathews from the Alliance for Criminal Justice Innovation opened the conference Thursday morning by challenging us to consider a radically different two-track approach to the corrections system. One track is geared toward punishment of violent offenders and the other track is focused solely on rehabilitation; each track's purpose is specific and independent of the other. In the rehabilitation track, punishment would end at sentencing and the entire focus would be on rehabilitation. Dr. Mathews argues that this approach will drastically reduce recidivism. Dr. Mathews also presented two workshops on *"Calling it Resistance is Futile! Reframing the Concept of Resistance to Change through Primary Human Goods,"* and *"Culture Eats Your EBPs for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner."*

In the closing general session, Antonio Smith and Roy Hall from CLEAN Enterprises presented *"CLEAN UP! Turn Your Mess Into a Message."* While providing motivation on how all of us can turn any mess in our life into a message to help others, they also explained how CLEAN uses this same concept to help individuals in the criminal justice system better themselves, by encouraging and assisting these individuals to adopt pro-social behaviors that aid in the reduction of recidivism. Mr. Smith and Mr. Hall, along with Dr. Sean Ross, also presented a workshop on *"ELITE – Navigating Organizational Leadership to the Highest Level."* Highlighting commonalities between life and sports, the model shows how the same mindset and techniques used to win on the football field can be applied to create a winning environment within your organization.



We thank Ben Hippensteel, aka Candi, Wantsome?, for providing a very energetic and enthusiastic glimpse into a personal story of *"From Gay Bars to Recovery: Life as a LGBTQ+ Sober Person,"* providing participants with a better understanding of this population. We also thank the many other quality workshop presenters for providing valuable, practical information to assist Ohio in maintaining its position as a leader in community corrections.

New to this year's conference was a CQI/QA track of workshops. We plan to continue this track each year.

Also new this year; a pilot was introduced with the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) providing brief individualized technical assistance around agency-specific questions related to evidence based practices. Topics included: behavioral management systems, continuous quality improvement, staff development and program

design. Agencies receiving this assistance found it very helpful. We thank UCCI for offering their time and expertise for this effort and will look into the possibility of providing this service to a wider audience at next year's conference.

OJACC was honored to continue its partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) as ODRC once again presented The Clifford Skeen Awards in conjunction with the OJACC Achievement Awards luncheon recognizing excellence in community corrections. (Please see the related articles highlighting award recipients.)

Thank you to the OJACC Conference Committee for planning this highly successful conference. Many participants indicated it was the best conference they have ever attended. Thanks also to those who participated in this highly informative conference.

Please mark your calendar for October 8 and 9, 2020 for OJACC's 34th annual conference as we continue our commitment to effective community corrections in Ohio.



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## OJACC 2019 Achievement Awards

OJACC is honored to recognize individuals each year at the annual conference who have shown dedication to the improvement of community corrections. The 2019 OJACC Achievement Award recipients are identified below, along with comments from their nominators.

**The Honorable Keith Spaeth received the *Representative C.J. McLin Award*.**

***The late Representative C.J. McLin, Jr., during his tenure in the General Assembly, actively worked to improve community corrections through funding and legislative change. The award is given to an elected official in Ohio who has worked towards the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.***



Keith M. Spaeth has served as Judge of the General Division of the Butler County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas since April 1999 following his service as Judge of Fairfield Municipal Court. In addition to his regular docket, Judge Spaeth has presided over the Drug Court since 1999 in which non-violent, drug-dependent offenders are provided intense, court-supervised treatment as a condition of probation. In order to graduate from the program, participants must abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs, maintain full time employment, complete their high school education and otherwise demonstrate that they have become rehabilitated and prepared to serve as a positive influence on the community. Judge Spaeth is a member of the Butler County and Ohio State Bar Associations, the Ohio Judicial Conference; and past president of the Butler County Municipal and County Court Judge's Association. Community service affiliations include:

past president of Lindenwald and Fairfield Kiwanis Clubs; former board member of the American Heart Association, Drug Counseling Services, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, Union Township Chamber of Commerce; former president of Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board; former board member of Ohio Association of Drug Court Professionals; and current service on Miami Valley Health Services and Butler County Extension Service Advisory Boards. He served as president of OJACC from 2012-2013 and has continued as a board member and represents OJACC at Ohio Sentencing Commission meetings. Born and raised in Hamilton, Judge Spaeth attended Badin High School and went on to play football for, and graduate from, Purdue University in 1983. In 1986 he graduated from the University of Dayton Law School and was admitted to practice law later that year.

**David Ervin, Director, West Central Community Correctional Facility received the *Bennet J. Cooper Award***

***Dr. Bennett J. Cooper was the first Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. During his lifetime, he has created many improvements in public policy toward corrections. He has worked on a national level to try to institutionalize needed changes. This award is given to a correctional administrator or policy maker who has shown a lifetime commitment to the improvement of community corrections.***



David Ervin began his career in corrections in 1972 working with the APA. He then moved to Green County Probation in 1975 where he served for 15 years in capacities of Probation Officer, Senior Officer, and Director. In 1990, his career change took him to Monday CBCF where he served for 6 years in capacities of Female Section Manager and Program Manager. He then was selected in 1996 as Planner/Executive Director for a CBCF that would be built (West Central Community Correctional Facility). In October 1999, West Central opened its doors and began accepting offenders. In the 20 years since that opening, he has remained in the position of Executive Director. In that time, he oversaw an addition of a female wing, an addition of extra programming space, and the facility is currently undergoing an addition to the bed space and programming space.

In total, he has dedicated 47 years of service to the Corrections Profession and countless lives have been touched because of it (this includes professionals who have worked with him and for him, probationers, and CBCF participants).

Currently, he continues to demonstrate dedication to the field by participating in numerous efforts to improve his organization and the field. He is an active member of eight county community corrections boards and participates in several county coalitions related to opiates and other substances. He is on the state steering committee for the Stepping Up Initiative and has participated in several counties' intercept-mapping events related to mental health and substance use services. He regularly meets with legislators, civic organizations, community members, and

judges to help educate on the services provided by community corrections. He is or has served as a member of CORJUS, OJACC, the Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association, the American Probation and Parole Association, and the Ohio Community Corrections Association.

Finally, he is motivated to build the next group of community corrections leaders. He has worked to develop partnerships with several universities to provide training opportunities for students by presenting classroom talks or hosting visits to the West Central facility. He also has been very supportive of the facility hosting students for internships in the areas of chemical dependency, social work, and criminal justice. Mr. Ervin has shown a willingness to take on a mentoring role to young staff members to help develop their leadership skills for the future. He does this with the understanding that he wants these staff to maintain a high level of integrity and give offenders the best possible chance to succeed. It is clear that he truly exceeds the standard of an individual who has made contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.

**David J. Magura, Jr., Chief Probation Officer, Youngstown Municipal Court Probation received the Dr. Simon Dinitz Award.**



***Dr. Simon Dinitz, through his work at the Ohio State University, has dedicated his life to improving the knowledge base on corrections. He has served on state and national commissions whose purpose was to improve corrections. As an educator he has also been responsible for training many correctional practitioners in the state. This award is given to a community correctional practitioner who has made contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.***

Mr. Magura has served as the Chief Probation Officer for Youngstown Municipal Court since December of 2014. Since assuming this role, Officer Magura has been instrumental in the creation, development and implementation of several specialized services currently being offered at the court. Officer Magura has worked in conjunction with Judges Carla Baldwin and Renee DiSalvo to implement bimonthly Suspended License Intervention Workshops that are designed to educate and assist individuals with overcoming license barriers. During these workshops, individuals are afforded the opportunity to meet one on one with a license restoration specialist to determine whether they are eligible for relief from the burden of suspension. Social service agencies are also present offering assistance with expungement and sealing of records, child support assistance, legal services and employment assistance.

Officer Magura has also been integral in the creation, development, and implementation of Mahoning County's first Pretrial Services Department. On January 1, 2019, Youngstown Municipal Court Judge Carla Baldwin launched the program after working with Officer Magura and Community Corrections Association for several months to implement a plan to establish an effective pre-trial services department. The implementation of this program has assisted the court in making informed bail decisions, reduced the incarceration of low-risk offenders, assisted in identifying individuals who meet criteria for specialized dockets, reduced failure to appear warrants for scheduled court appearances and offered early intervention for those in need of services. In addition to serving as the Chief Probation Officer for Youngstown Municipal Court, Officer Magura is also a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor and serves on advisory boards for the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission and the Mahoning County Corrections Planning Board. He is a group facilitator for the Racial Equity Institute and is a member of the Ohio Chief Probation Officer's Association, Alpha Lambda Epsilon, the American Probation and Parole Association, the Ohio Supreme Court Tech Grant Review Committee, and the Ohio State University Alumni Association Scholarship Review Committee.

Throughout his tenure, Officer Magura's actions have shown a continued dedication both professionally and personally to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.

**Molly Gauntner, Chief Probation Officer, Franklin County Municipal Court Department of Pretrial and Probation Services received the *James Wichtman Award*.**

***Jim Wichtman was one of the founders of the Ohio Community Corrections Organization, now known as the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC). Jim dedicated his career to the progressive development of community corrections with great passion and commitment. In 2006, the OJACC Board of Trustees voted to create an award in Jim's name to honor an OJACC Board Member dedicated to OJACC's mission.***



From Molly's first days as a line probation officer, she has always been passionate about criminal justice and is equally as passionate about pointing out ways to improve the system. She has been and continues to be truly dedicated to evidence-based interventions for probationers wherever she has worked, which highlights her humanitarian focus on improving the lives entrusted to her and her department. Molly brings that same vitality to her services on the board of OJACC. She currently serves as First Vice President and co-chair of the OJACC Conference Committee and has also served as Treasurer. Molly is also the current President of the Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association and many other committees and boards. Because quality probation work is so important to her, as co-chair of the OJACC Conference Committee, Molly works tirelessly to identify quality presenters who can assist conference participants in developing the work they do. With her endless store of positivity and energy, she is always looking to ways that we can be better. Jim Wichtman was known for his passion and commitment to his work. Molly exemplifies that same commitment in her support for the OJACC mission and in all the work she does to advance the field of community corrections.

Congratulations to all award recipients and nominees!

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University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI)



## The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's 2019 Clifford Skeen Awards

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) held the 27th annual Clifford Skeen Awards Ceremony on October 10, 2019, during the annual Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) conference at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus.

This award is given in honor of the late, eight-term Ohio Representative, Clifford Skeen, who sponsored the Community Correction Act passed by the Ohio Legislature in 1979. The purpose of this act was to reduce the number of non-dangerous offenders being sent to state prisons. Representative Skeen was instrumental in obtaining increased funding for many community corrections initiatives. The Clifford Skeen Award was initiated in 1993 to demonstrate commitment to community corrections as a viable alternative to incarceration.

The selection committee was comprised of last year's Cliff Skeen recipients with representatives from Hancock County ISP, Bryan Municipal SP, West Central Community Correctional Facility and Community Corrections Association Halfway House. The selection committee, which also included a representative from the Bureau of Community Sanctions, recommended the award recipients after conducting individual interviews of Ohio's top scoring programs in each category.

The panel selected the following programs as the 2019 Clifford Skeen Award recipients:

**Community-Based Correctional Facility: Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program**

**Halfway House: Oriana House, SHARP**

**Prison Diversion Program: Stark County Adult Probation Department**

**Jail Diversion Program: Canton Municipal Probation Department**

The Department's vision for community corrections is that of a collaborative and cooperative partnership between state and local agencies. The Clifford Skeen Awards highlight our successes in this vitally important area. The award ceremony is just one opportunity for the Department to recognize local programs for the outstanding work they do on a daily basis to provide alternatives to prison and jails and ensure safe communities. Chris Galli, Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions, ODRC at 614-728-9990 or [Christopher.Galli@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:Christopher.Galli@odrc.state.oh.us)



*Northeast Ohio Community Alternative Program*



*Oriana House, SHARP*



*Stark County Adult Probation Department*



*Canton Municipal Probation Department*

# Treatment Advocacy Center Celebrates Groundbreaking CMS Announcement Expanding Access to Mental Illness Care

*First-of-its-kind waiver blunts decades-old discriminatory Medicaid policy  
that spurred nationwide bed shortage crisis*

November 7, 2019



Arlington, VA - The Treatment Advocacy Center celebrated the beginning of the end of discriminatory federal policy yesterday, following a landmark announcement by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS announced that the District of Columbia has been granted a "first-of-its-kind" waiver of the IMD exclusion, a decades-old federal law that hinders states' ability to provide hospital care for mental illness. With their waiver approved, DC may now seek Medicaid reimbursement for care provided in certain mental health facilities defined as "institutions for mental disease."

The Treatment Advocacy Center's #aBedInstead campaign highlights how disastrous the IMD exclusion has been for individuals in psychiatric crisis.

"For decades, the IMD exclusion has stood in the way of desperately-needed hospital care for people with mental illness, forcing them into our jails, emergency rooms and streets," said John Snook, executive director of the Treatment Advocacy Center. "This federally sanctioned discrimination against people with mental illness is medically, legally and morally indefensible. DC's waiver will avert tragedy, promote recovery and point the way forward for a nation that has abandoned its most vulnerable citizens."

HHS Secretary Alex Azar echoed these sentiments in the CMS comment yesterday, stating, "For too long, our system has failed to provide Americans with serious mental illness and their families the treatment and assistance that they need."

The Treatment Advocacy Center's 2016 report *Going, Going, Gone* found that the IMD exclusion catalyzed the elimination of treatment beds nationally, resulting in a mental health system with fewer state hospital beds per capita than at any time since the 1850s, when the need for medical treatment of mental illness was first recognized. The report detailed a host of consequences of this bed shortage, including near-universal "boarding" of psychiatric patients in hospital emergency rooms, widespread waiting lists for hospital admission from jails and prisons and pending or threatened civil rights litigation in numerous states.

The Treatment Advocacy Center is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating barriers to the timely and effective treatment of severe mental illness. The organization promotes laws, policies and practices for the delivery of psychiatric care and supports the development of innovative treatments for, and research into the causes of severe and persistent psychiatric illnesses, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

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## 2nd Round of Federal Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Grants Announced

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the next round of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) federal grant funding.

SAMHSA anticipates making approximately 14 awards, each up to \$1 million per year for a period of 4 years, starting in July 2020. Key points:



- There is an extremely tight timeline for communities to apply! Applications are due January 24, 2020
- Several restrictions associated with the prior round of SAMHSA AOT funding (minimum number of individuals to serve, grant caps based on population, budget limitations by category) have been eliminated this time.
- The requirement that AOT programs be “new” is retained. The grant is for jurisdictions *not currently practicing AOT, but within a state with an AOT law on the books.* (This disqualifies current SAMHSA grantees from re-applying.)
- Cost sharing or a state match is not required.

The Treatment Advocacy Center’s implementation team stands ready to assist communities with their grant applications and to answer any questions on the use of AOT you might have. Visit [www.TreatmentAdvocacyCenter.org](http://www.TreatmentAdvocacyCenter.org)

These grants represent the second round of SAMHSA’s funding of new AOT programs. In 2016, SAMHSA awarded 17 grants to a wide variety of jurisdictions in every region of the country. Most of those grantees are now in the final year of federal funding. Based on their demonstrated success in improving outcomes and reducing treatment costs for individuals with severe mental illness who struggle with treatment engagement, they are preparing to maintain their programs without federal support.

Is your community ready to implement this life-saving essential program? If so, apply for a SAMHSA grant and join the quest to make AOT a routine “tool in the toolkit” of every local mental health system in the nation!

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### HPIO Addiction Evidence Project Policy Scorecard



The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) has created the Ohio addiction policy inventory and scorecard. The inventory identifies policy changes (legislation, rules and state agency initiatives, programs and systems changes) and the scorecard indicates the extent to which Ohio is implementing strategies that are proven effective by research evidence which create opportunities for improvement in public and private sectors. The document recognizes three key findings

for policy makers, which include:

- *Progress toward evidence-informed policies.* Ohio is beginning to move in the right direction by embracing evidence-informed policies, such as Crisis Intervention Teams and specialized dockets that address addiction in law enforcement and criminal justice settings.
- *Systemic issues in the criminal justice system.* National “tough on crime” policies have resulted in high rates of incarceration for addiction-related offenses. In addition, historically discriminatory criminal justice practices have disproportionately impacted communities of color. More can be done to reduce the number of people with substance use disorder in the criminal justice system, decrease spending on incarceration and improve outcomes for Ohioans struggling with addiction.
- *Gaps in data and information.* Policymakers do not have the information they need to comprehensively address addiction and inequities in the criminal justice system because of significant gaps in data collection, analysis and evaluation.

To view the entire report please visit: [https://www.healthpolicyohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/AEP\\_DetailedScorecard\\_LawEnforcement\\_CriminalJustice.pdf](https://www.healthpolicyohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/AEP_DetailedScorecard_LawEnforcement_CriminalJustice.pdf)

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## STEPPING UP - The Ohio Project:

### Ohio Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness

Since 2011, the Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness has focused on finding ways to stop the revolving door of incarceration for people with mental illness and to provide them with treatment.

The task force is co-chaired by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Retired. Attorney General Yost and Justice Stratton, Retired, are committed to issues involving those with mental illness who revolve through the criminal justice system. They lead the AGTF with over 350 members who have the same common interest. Members include consumers, treatment providers, law enforcement, judges, agency representatives, and many others.

The Task Force is divided into 11 committees made up of a diverse group of experts who meet quarterly to work on healthy, long-term solutions for those living with mental illness. The focus this year is on what each committee can do to help the Stepping Up Initiative, which focuses on jails and mental illness, as well as helping implement some of the 75 recommendations of RecoveryOhio. Membership on committees is open. Committees meet in person and by conference call. Visit the Attorney General's website for more information [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims/Task-Force-on-Criminal-Justice-and-Mental-Illness](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims/Task-Force-on-Criminal-Justice-and-Mental-Illness).

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For more information about the Task Force and Committees visit:

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/individuals-and-families/victims/task-force-on-criminal-justice-and-mental-illness>

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For over 30 years, OJACC has brought together Ohio's criminal justice stakeholders to include judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, pre-trial and probation officers, law enforcement officials, corrections officials from adult and juvenile systems, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, and victims' representatives to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety. Few other states have this type of umbrella organization, and ours represents Ohio's collaborative efforts that have led to Ohio's place as a leader in Community Corrections.

Together we:

- Hold a biennial board retreat to focus efforts of the organization and guide our mission.
- Host a biennial legislative reception with OJACC member organizations to educate legislators on issues vital to the improvement of community corrections. OJACC also takes positions throughout the year on pending legislation effecting community corrections and provides input on the development of legislation.
- Work with state agencies on policy affecting community corrections.
- OJACC's Adult Community Corrections Collaborative, comprised of associations providing state-funded community corrections services, work with the ODRC for the overall improvement of these services and assist in preparing an annual Fact Sheet highlighting benefits and cost savings of community corrections.
- Hold an annual conference to educate and inform service providers and stakeholders on issues of importance to community corrections and provide tools to enhance services.

**Please consider membership in OJACC to help support these efforts.**

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\_\_\_ **Government or Private Agency** – Allows governmental or private, not-for-profit agencies to join. Membership extends to the director of the agency or the designated employees. Examples of private agency members are halfway houses, private correctional agencies and child caring agencies. Examples of Governmental Agencies include state agencies, courts, CBCFs, Probation Departments. **Three** members from the agency receive a \$25 discount for annual conference fees. **For agencies with a budget of less than \$500,000, membership is \$150 and agencies with a budget of \$500,000 or greater, membership is \$250.**

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