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DCJS Fully Implements CHRI-CE Integration

In March, DCJS and AutoMon fully implemented the CHRI-CE Integration for Probation Departments in New York, which enables Probation Officers who are completing pre-plea/sentence investigations to automatically download and insert the CHRI file into the legal history grid of the statewide uniform PSI template in Caseload Explorer. The integration results in substantial time-savings for Probation Officers who are required to cut and paste what are often extensive criminal histories into the investigation report. The CHRI-CE integration increases efficiency and accuracy, reducing the potential for error in transposing the information. The integration also automatically requests a criminal history or rap sheet, which is made available in the IJ Portal Mailbox of the Probation Officer. Importantly, Probation Officers must carefully review the rap sheet and compare it with the criminal history, adding information concerning revocations, warrants, and incarceration, which can be entered into the comments section within the legal history section of the report. When the report is complete, a copy is automatically sent to the PSI Repository, which can be accessed by authorized users including probation and the courts.

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DCJS Promulgates Regulation 9 NYCRR Part 349 -- Interstate and Intrastate Transfer of Probation Supervision for Juveniles and Adults

Effective Mar. 29, 2023, DCJS Regulation Title 9 NYCRR Part 349 pertaining to the Interstate and Intrastate Transfer of Probation Supervision for Juveniles and Adults in New York, as amended, was promulgated and published in the New York State Register. The new Part 349 advances professional probation practice in New York State by codifying “temporary supervision” in place of “temporary transfer,” which was a misnomer as legal jurisdiction remained with the sentencing county; it provides a regulatory framework for probation supervision in “conflict of interest cases”; and it greatly simplifies and reduces duplication within the previous regulation. On April 11, 249 probation professionals attended a webinar training to learn more about the changes to Part 349. For questions, please contact OPCA Assistant Director Matthew.Charton@dcjs.ny.gov. The webinar recording can be found [here](#).

Proposed Probation GIVE Model Funding in SFY 2023-24

New York State proposes to increase its financial commitment to fighting gun violence in the SFY 2023-24 budget, including funding to support the various components of the successful GIVE Program, from \$18M to \$36M. Funding to support the Probation GIVE Model is proposed to increase from \$1.8M to nearly \$6M, enabling Probation Departments to focus investigation and supervision strategies for individuals convicted of gun-related crimes. The Probation GIVE Model requires enhanced investigations informed by law enforcement and the regional crime analysis centers, prompt classification of gun, gang, and violence involved individuals as greatest risk for a minimum of one year, the imposition of a stabilization period that utilizes electronic monitoring, and client engagement in cognitive-behavioral interventions and employment. The Probation GIVE Model is consistent with the evidence-based practices including focused deterrence and alignment of resources.

Probation Officers Trained in Understanding the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program.

On Mar. 30, OPCA, in collaboration with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, delivered a training titled, "The Drug Recognition Expert: Program Overview," a special training designed to familiarize Probation Officers with the work and terminology of police trained as Drug Recognition Experts. Over 250 Probation Officers participated in the Webex training.

The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) course for Police Officers was first developed by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in the early 1970s to address the increase in drug impaired driving. In short, a drug recognition expert, or drug recognition evaluator, is trained to observe and recognize signs of impairment in drivers who are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both by using a standardized 12-step process with the goal of improving highway and public safety. Participants were provided with an overview of the DRE program to familiarize Probation and other IID monitors with the language and terms used when conducting pre-sentence investigations, supervising individuals in the community, and performing other probation services.

Training requirements utilized to select a DRE Police Officer were reviewed, along with the program's 12-step process, and DRE assessment reports and summary of drug categories. An overview of the DRE database system created by ITSMR was also discussed.

A recording of the webinar is available on the IJ Portal: Resources > Reference Library > Probation > Training.

For questions, please contact Michele.Melendez@dcjs.ny.gov or by phone at (518) 457-7277; or Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov or by phone at (518) 485-9941.

DCJS Regulation 9 NYCRR §352.8 requires that each probation department establish written policies regarding the issuance and management of notices to appear and warrants for the arrest of individuals on probation who are not compliant with the Order and Conditions of supervision. Over the last several months, the OPCA has reviewed the policies submitted by Probation Departments as part of the 2022 Annual Probation Plan and Application. Through that process, OPCA staff provided feedback to departments regarding their policies considering statutory and regulatory requirements, and certain best practices.

To assist Probation Directors and Probation Supervisors in further revising/updating their Warrant Policies in preparation for the submission of this year’s Annual Probation Plan, OPCA hosted a Webex on Mar. 24, where the aforementioned statutory and regulatory requirements, and best practices were reviewed and discussed.

A recording of the presentation, and a PDF of the slides used, are posted on the IJ Portal: Resources > References Library > Probation > Training.

For questions, please contact Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov or by phone at (518) 485-9941.

Sara Tullar-Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian Award Presented to on Onondaga County Probation Director Philip Galuppi

On April 5, Deputy Commissioner and State Director Robert Maccarone presented the Sara Tullar-Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian Award to Onondaga County Probation Director Philip Galuppi, who was joined by County Executive Ryan McMahan, Deputy County Executive Ann Rooney, and the staff of the Onondaga County Probation Department. Sara Tullar-Fasoldt served as State Director of Probation until 2005.

Director Maccarone recognized Director Galuppi’s more than 35 years of service to improving community safety and outcomes for justice involved individuals in Onondaga County, as well as Director Galuppi’s inspired leadership in implementing the CLASS Program – an effort that utilizes Probation Liaison positions to strengthen the community through food distribution and other supports. Director Galuppi also sustained membership on the Board of the New York State Association of Incarcerated Education Programs (NYSIEP) and was innovative in working with OPCA to implement the Juvenile Justice Technical Assistance and Quality Assurance (JJ/TA/QA) Program.

In presenting the award, Deputy Commissioner Maccarone said this achievement award is given to Philip Galuppi - an outstanding leader and humanitarian in the field of criminal justice and community alternatives who exemplifies Sara Tullar-Fasoldt’s professional and personal commitment to excellence.



Washington County Probation Department

On Mar. 16, Teresa Scanu-Hansen and Nicole Aldi joined Deputy Commissioner Robert Maccarone, Washington County Administrator, Alternative Sentencing Program staff, Probation Department leadership and members of the County Board of Supervisors to discuss the collaborative efforts of Probation, Social Services, and Alternative to Incarceration programs in how best to collaborate and address the needs of justice-involved youth. OPCA presented an overview NY Executive Law Article 13A—the Alternatives to Incarceration/Classification Program that provides a framework for the establishment of Criminal Justice Advisory Boards and Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils. Earlier that morning, Deputy Commissioner Maccarone addressed the staff of the Washington County Probation Department and extended his appreciation to them for their important work and commitment to victim and community safety. District Attorney Tony Jordan and Director Dan Bouchard participated in the discussion with Probation Officers.

Oneida County Probation Department

On Apr. 5, Deputy Commissioner Robert Maccarone and Assistant Director Gary Govel met with the staff of the Oneida County Probation Department. Deputy Commissioner Maccarone presented the advancements in technology with the implementation of CHRI-CE Integration, CE Check-In, and CE Case Planning—important tools to assist and support Probation Officers in their important work. They also met with Youth Part Court Judge Randal Caulden and discussed the recent implementation of the Teen Accountability Court (TAC).

Oneida County Teen Accountability Court Targets Gun Related Crime and Gang Activity

Oneida County has implemented the Teen Accountability Court (TAC)—an intensive Supervision Court designed to effectively manage and support high risk youth, ages 14-17 years, who are convicted/adjudicated of gun related crimes. The TAC was developed to address gun, gang, and felony related incidents that were occurring with this age group in the City of Utica. The Oneida County Teen Accountability Court builds on an intensive supervision model by addressing these problems comprehensively, intensively, and over the long term. The TAC Program supports the Oneida County Youth Part and Family Court to hold juvenile justice involved youth accountable for their behaviors without immediate detention or placement. The TAC utilizes the Swift, Certain, Fair Model by responding to youth who are non-compliant with the Court's Order and Conditions of Supervision. The TAC Model utilizes GPS monitoring, frequent field contacts, weekly judicial reviews, and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention. GPS is an important tool that is utilized in the initial stages of TAC which helps youth disassociate from peers and create a new reality for themselves. Teen Accountability Court also utilized a phase system, a sanction grid, and multiple services providers such as Working Solutions, CNY Health Homes and Oneida County DFCS. TAC Partners include the Probation Department, County Court Judge, District Attorney, County Attorney, Public Defender, Utica Police Department, Oneida County Sherriff, NYSP, Rome Police Department, Mills Police Department, State Preparedness Training Center, Oneida Herkimer BOCES, Oneida County DFCS, United States Department of Justice, the Utica City School District, Oneida County Planning Department, and SUNY Polytechnic Institute's Chief Diversity Officer.

DCJS OPCA and the NYS Office of Mental Health are partnering again to offer an in-person training on May 23 titled, “It’s Not Just Suicide Prevention: Implications of Trauma Exposure & How to Build Resilience” at the New York State Preparedness Center (DHSES) located in Oriskany, New York. This training will provide an overview of the types of trauma, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and the long-term effects of exposure to such experiences and other types of trauma. Understanding ACEs and trauma are essential skills for community correctional professionals, who frequently encounter individuals who have elevated rates of trauma and subsequent adverse outcomes. This presentation will also address secondary trauma which may be experienced by community corrections professionals who deliver adult and youth services. It will also provide information on a variety of wellness strategies, as well as treatment resources. [Pre-registration is required](#). For questions, please contact Danielle.Brendese@dcjs.ny.gov.

Cattaraugus County Probation held a Breakfast and Brushes Wellness event coordinated by Peer Support Team Specialists Amanda Hulbert and Heather Snider. The event was well attended and from what was reported the “laughing was contagious.” If you are interested in implementing a Peer Support Team program, please contact Danielle.Brendese@dcjs.ny.gov or by phone (518) 457-1671.



OPCA ATI Staff Visit Programs in New York City

In April, ATI Staff Nicole Aldi and Darcy Katz-Marra traveled to Manhattan and Queens to visit three programs that receive DCJS funding and provide various services to justice involved individuals. The staff visited the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES) newSTART program, which offers jail-bound individuals in the Manhattan Criminal Court an alternative to incarceration with service commences directly following Court appearance. OPCA also spent the morning in Court, where Judge and attorneys demonstrated a high level of respect for the CASES staff and programming. CASES also operates a Rapid Response Treatment Program within its Manhattan Supervised Release Program whose goal is to increase pretrial appearances and services for individuals with serious behavioral health needs. The program operates in the Manhattan Criminal Court Arraignment Part and provides immediate access to psychiatric assessment and crisis intervention services through a psychiatric nurse practitioner and certified peer specialist. Program staff noted that the severity of behavioral health needs had increased and addressing the service gap at the front-end, immediately engaging individuals following their pretrial release status, was imperative to improving outcomes. The staff also visited the Fortune Society’s Freedom program which provides a traditional Alternative to Incarceration service for individuals facing incarceration in cases before the Criminal or Supreme Courts in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens. Services begin with a referral to a court advocate and completion of a case plan with an ATI case manager. Connections are then made, based on needs, to substance use treatment, behavioral health treatment, cognitive behavioral interventions, education and employment programs, housing services, and care management – many of which are offered in-house by the Fortune Society’s “wraparound” services. A member of the Fortune Society team offered her own story of success – she faced 20 years in prison before being offered the alternative of Fortune’s program. She took advantage of every opportunity and is employed and helping to support others in this program.

State Director's Memoranda

The following State Director's Memorandum are available through the IJP: Resources > Reference Library > Probation > Director's Memoranda

- State Director's Memorandum #2022-2: 2022 IID Annual Report -- Leandra' Law —Issued March 13, 2023
- State Director's Memorandum #2022-3: DCJS Regulation Part 357--Persons in Need of Supervision — Issued March 27, 2023
- State Director's Memorandum #2022-4: DCJS Regulation Part 349 -- Interstate and Intrastate Transfer of Probation Supervision for Juveniles and Adults — Issued March 28, 2023
- State Director's Memorandum #2022-5: NYS Ignition Interlock Program-- Revised "Report of DOCCS Releases" — Issued April 20, 2023

Probation Professional Practice Tips

LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity Resources

The Center of Excellence issues a monthly newsletter with updates and resources on the LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity. The newsletter contains links to webinars, online resources as well as an E-Learning Modules. The April issued contained the below listed resources.



- Four-part webinar series on supporting Native LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit youth
 - Register [here](#).
- New Tool! Supporting Trans & Nonbinary Clients in Experiencing Gender Euphoria
 - Download [here](#).
- Three New E-Learning Modules Now Available
 - Learn more [here](#).
- Newly Updated SOGIE Glossary
 - Download [here](#).

You may subscribe to the newsletter [here](#).

Human Trafficking Resources

Did you know that OCFS makes available various recorded trainings on Human Trafficking through the Human Trafficking channel on the [OCFS YouTube page](#)? Consider using this free, accessible, resource to inform local conversations to best serve trafficked youth.

OPCA Delivers Lunch and Learn Webinar on Procedural Justice

On April 5, more than 80 individuals participated in a Lunch and Learn Webinar titled, “What is Procedural Justice?” DCJS Commissioner Rossana Rosado welcomed the participants and spoke about making communities whole. Participants were provided an introduction to Procedural Justice and on how the Procedural Justice framework can be applied to the Community corrections field to establish trust and build rapport through the four pillars. Procedural justice focuses on the way the courts, police and other legal authorities interact with the public, and how the characteristics of those interactions shape the public’s views of said entities, their willingness to obey the law, and actual crime rates. There are four pillars of procedural justice: Neutrality, Voice, Respect and Trustworthiness. Every phase of the criminal justice system can use the four pillars as guiding principles for practice in their everyday interaction with individuals. The full webinar recording is available [here](#).

The next OPCA Lunch & Learn webinar is scheduled for May 24th titled, “Impact of Trauma on Justice Involved Individuals.” You may register [here](#).

Interactive Journaling Training

OPCA trained Probation Officers and other community corrections professionals as facilitators for the Interactive Journaling cognitive behavioral intervention program “Courage to Change” series. This 2-day in-person training event took place in Albany from Mar. 28-29. A diverse group of 19 professionals across probation, ATI and Reentry programs participated and received certification to facilitate this evidenced-based program. The in-person training was facilitated by accomplished and certified IJ Trainers: Samantha Hollis, Community Corrections Representative II, from the ATI Unit at OPCA and Michele Clarke, Community Corrections Representative III, from the VER Unit at OPCA. OPCA plans to offer additional Interactive Journaling trainings in 2023. If your agency is in need of Interactive Journaling training, please contact the OPCA Training Unit at opcatraining@dcjs.ny.gov for assistance.

New Resource: Gender & Youth Justice Microsite

The NYS Youth Justice Institute recently announced the launch of a new microsite focusing on resources for Gender & Youth Justice. This compilation of Gender & Youth Justice Resources offers youth, state partners, and community justice partners a gender equity resource bank of tools developed within New York State and nationally. The selected tools, including guides, toolkits, webinars, podcasts, scholarly works, and more, have been

selected to provide concrete supports that empower, instruct, motivate, and inspire all of us as we further the urgent work of meeting the unique needs of youth of all gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations. More information can be found [here](#).



Genesee County Probation Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Genesee County Probation Department started with one Probation Officer, Nicholas Figlow in 1947 and now has 17 staff members, increased technology, and a state-of-the-art case management system. Probation Officers meet clients at their home, work, in the community and are out in the field more than ever. They maintain a strong community presence at events such as Stop DWI Night, Stuff the Cruiser and Trunk or Treat. The Director, along with two supervisors, continues to provide guidance and oversight and introduces new policy and procedures. Like many Departments, they are supported by the clerical staff who ensure things run smoothly and efficiently. Over the last 75 years, the Department has morphed and expanded into a high-tech office equipped with technology - something that wasn't widely used 75 years ago!

Read more [here](#).

Research in Brief

Promising Probation Program for Those with Mental Illness

A specialty mental health program in Texas for individuals serving a probation sentence was rated promising for lowering the rates of technical violations and rearrests.

Read more [here](#).

New Initiative to Help Police and Prosecutors in Five Jurisdictions Solve Non-Fatal Shootings and Prevent Retaliatory Gun Violence

On Mar. 24, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a new initiative to help police and prosecutors in five jurisdictions solve non-fatal shootings and prevent retaliatory gun violence. Police departments in Buffalo, Rochester, Schenectady, Troy and Utica and their county district attorneys' offices will share \$866,564 in State funding to implement evidence-based approaches to improve investigations and save lives. Read more [here](#).

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Colleen Thorn, Community Corrections Representative 2

On Mar. 29, Colleen Thorn officially retired after 34 years between Probation and DCJS! Colleen has dedicated her life to the world of probation and continued in her work in the Adult Operations Unit within OPCA, playing an integral role in shaping policies, procedures, and enhancing the processes that probation offices and their staff utilize in their daily work. Congratulations to Colleen and we wish her well in her journey to North Carolina!

Luci A. Welch, Director of Orleans County Probation

This summer, Luci A. Welch, Director of the Orleans County Probation Department officially will retire after 35 years in the field of Probation. She will also step down as president of the New York State Council of Probation Administrators. Director Welch started at the Orleans County Probation Office as a Student Intern in 1989 as part of the Social Work Program at SUNY Brockport. Two years later in July of 1990, she accepted the position of Probation Officer Trainee, and the rest is history! We wish Director Welch well in her retirement! Congratulations on a very successful career!

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