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CHRI-CE Integration Implemented in New York State

The CHRI-CE Integration project has been implemented for probation departments throughout New York State. Probation Officers in New York State that utilize the pre-sentence investigation template in Caseload Explorer will have the ability to automatically load the individual’s criminal history information directly into the legal history grid of the investigation report. Arrest, arraignment, and disposition/sentence information will be included in the download. The CHRI-CE Integration will save Probation Officers time in transposing legal history information to the report and improve the accuracy of the information provided to the court. Importantly, the request for the CHRI will also result in the delivery of an electronic version of the rap sheet to the mailbox of the Probation Officer in the IJ Portal. The Probation Officer must carefully review the “rap sheet” and compare it with the CHRI information that has been integrated into the legal history of the investigation report to ensure its accuracy. Undoubtedly, the “rap sheet” will include other information (i.e., warrant, imprisonment, probation and parole revocation information) that will not be included in the download and integration but will be of interest to the court and should be included in the comment section established to appear below each disposition in the download. Lastly, the

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CHRI-CE integration is being programmed to allow Probation Officers, on a case-by-case basis, to determine whether to request the CHRI from DCJS files or pull a recent criminal history record from the CE folders, which may have been updated by Probation Officers in recent weeks/months to include missing disposition information learned from outreach to the courts. This may be particularly helpful for cases where the department has recently produced a presentence investigation report for a particular individual who has now been convicted of another crime. DCJS will be working with AutoMon to schedule a statewide training on this new technology during the month of March.

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What's new with Caseload Explorer?

On Oct. 1, 2022, **Ce Assessments** was implemented and provided departments access to the MAYSI-2, Child Trauma Screen, and the RAPID Indicator Tool. Departments will be provided reports on the utilization of these tools in the future. Certain other assessment tools may also be available to select localities that has pre-existing integrations in place. The DVSI-R assessment is also enabled in Ce Assessment for the NYC Department of Probation, but DCJS is requesting that probation departments continue to complete this in the COMPAS suite. AutoMon, Inc., provided training on the use of Ce Assessments and recordings of those trainings have been posted to the IJP: Resources > Reference Library> Probation > Case Management Tools. Additionally, embedded within Ce Assessments is a Help Center with further guidance. For information and resources regarding the individual tools please refer to State Director's Memorandum #2022-6.

Additionally, on Dec. 1, 2022, **Ce Programs** went live. This functionality allows users to:

- Manage a database of all internal and external providers and their programs, including contact information, available contracted programs, and overall success rating.
- Quickly search for appropriate programs for clients based on client needs, by program type, service type, location, intensity, modality, and more.
- Submit referrals to external providers and view referral status.
- Process enrollments into internal and external programs.
- Log client attendance in program sessions and track attendance compliance.
- Upload and share documents including assessment reports, case plans, consent forms, and certificates of completion.
- Build and download custom queries in Microsoft Excel to meet reporting requirements.

AutoMon Inc., provided training on the use of Ce Programs and recordings of those trainings have been posted to the IJP: Resources > Reference Library > Probation > Case Management Tools. Additionally, embedded with Ce Programs is a Help Center that contains a wealth of information and guidance for using the application. Please note, Ce Planning is under development. When completed, New York Probation Departments will have access to a uniform case plan which is the cornerstone for effective, evidence-based intervention. The new case plan will support and guide client engagement and enhance the motivation to change. Ce Planning will automatically integrate assessment findings into the new statewide uniform case plan, the "MAP" (My Action Plan). Ce Planning will also streamline the case planning process by auto-populating data pulled from Caseload Explorer, Ce Programs and Ce Assessments, while still allowing the Probation Officer to develop goals and action steps that are tailored to the specific needs of the individuals on their caseload.

PSI Repository - Revised Reason Codes for Probation

Effective Feb. 2, a revised set of Reason Codes is available to authorized users of the New York State PSI Repository. Clicking on the “?” found next to the Reason Code field within the IJ Portal will open a PDF, which provides a description of the purpose and authorized use for each of these codes. Pre-Sentence Investigations may only be accessed/shared where statutorily authorized, and use of the PSI Repository is subject to audit. Given the provisions of law governing the proper use of reason codes, OPCA recommends that Departments require authorized users to acknowledge receipt of this instruction with their supervisors.

In the near future, an updated PSI Repository User Guide will become available, reflecting both these new reason codes, as well as some new functionality which is under development. The original PSI Repository User Guide is posted in the IJP as an attachment to State Director’s Memorandum #2009-6.

New program pairs Warren County agencies with private sector to help at-risk youth

Warren County Probation Department, Warren County Department of Workforce Development, the local Big Brothers Big Sisters chapter and local businesses have teamed up to collaborate on a community-based project, which provides supportive internships/mentorships to underserved youth to help them gain experience and confidence. The pilot program has been in place since Fall of 2022 and youth ages 14 and up who are selected take part in an 8-week, after school program that places them with businesses that have agreed to have their staff serve as mentors.

In the program’s first few months, participating worksites included Romeo Toyota, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson’s office, A Pretty Parlor beauty salon, and Sawyer Family Chiropractic. Those overseeing the program reported that the youth have created strong bonds with their business mentors and learned valuable career skills as well. More information can be found [here](#). Spectrum News did a story about the programs return that can be found [here](#).



State Director's Memoranda

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

- State Director's Memorandum #2022-10 Probation Practice and Financial Obligations--Standardized Restitution Forms
- State Director's Memorandum #2023-1 Domestic Incident Reports & Sealing Provisions

Probation Professional Practice Tips

DNA Collection Guidance

Probation Officers are reminded that the DNA Owed Report found on the IJP Reference Library is updated monthly. A DNA owing individual will remain on this list until their DNA submission is uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). An estimated timeline of this process is as follows:

- The NYSP generally receives the DNA submission within a week and forwards it to the DCJS Office of Forensic Services (OFS) the following day. If the submission form is completed appropriately and all required supporting documentation is present, OFS approves the submission within approximately 1-3 days of receipt.
- The DNA specimen analysis can take 30-90 days. Once, complete, the individual's RAP sheet/IPRS will show as "DNA Sample on File in the Databank" (CODIS).

If the DNA collection date is beyond the 45-day mark without upload to CODIS, it is generally a sign there is an issue with the submission. OFS will notify department heads via email in all instances of these types of issues, requesting re-collection or the supporting documentation. It is recommended departments reach out to the OFS for confirmation, after the 45-day mark, if they are unsure of the individual's DNA submission status.

Please note if the "Offender Index" states "Subject Offender," but the individual is legally required to submit DNA as a "Designated Offender," either a new DNA collection must be submitted or the "DNA Sample- Index Transfer Form" must be completed and returned to OFS via one of the following methods:

- Via Email: Forensics@dcjs.ny.gov
- Via Fax: (518) 457-9384
- Via USPS:

DCJS/Office of Forensic Services
80 S. Swan St. 8th Floor, Rm 804
Albany, NY 12210

DNA has proven to be a remarkable tool in the criminal justice system by both positively identifying persons who have committed crimes, as well as exonerating innocent persons who have been accused of crimes. *A great many hits have occurred on DNA samples collected by probation departments over the years, both **Designated and Subject Indices**, including homicides.* It is recommended that DNA Subject Index Collection as a condition of probation when completing Pre-Sentence Investigations for all eligible offenders who are not otherwise required to submit a sample as a designated offender and as you recall Interim Probationers are NOT designated offenders as conviction and sentence are required. Therefore, Subject DNA collection should be recommended to be ordered as a condition of Interim Probation Supervision. DCJS recognizes that DNA Subject Index collection from probationers is a policy issue that extends beyond our probation departments.

Accordingly, OPCA continues to encourage probation directors in jurisdictions where Subject Index collections are not occurring to communicate with representatives of the Judiciary, District Attorney's Office, and other criminal justice policymakers to discuss implementation of this valuable public safety tool. Please refer to State Director Memorandum #2013-13, "Probationer Subject Index DNA Collection," for more information.

Verification is an Essential Part of Investigation

Verification is an essential element of Family Court and/or Criminal Court Investigation's. DCJS Regulation 9 NYCRR §350--Investigations and Reports provides instruction to Probation Officers on Verification. Regulation requires that "every reasonable effort shall be made to verify" various information relevant to the respondent/defendant, as well as "when likely to have a bearing on the recommendation or court disposition/treatment."

It is best practice to give notice to defendants, respondents, parent/guardians and victims, in advance of their interview, that documentation is necessary and provide them with the types of documentation you may require. *Verification should be based on documentation as the purpose of verification is to confirm or substantiate the accuracy or truth of information obtained via interview or correspondence.* Copies of verification documents should be placed in the official case record.

When utilizing Caseload Explorer's PSI/PDI Wizard, Verification is step #7. The method, source, date and by whom the verification was received must be completed here. There is space in the PSI/PDI Wizard to add additional verification types should it be believed the information documented is likely to have a bearing on the recommendation or court disposition/treatment.

Cannabis Use and Graduated Responses

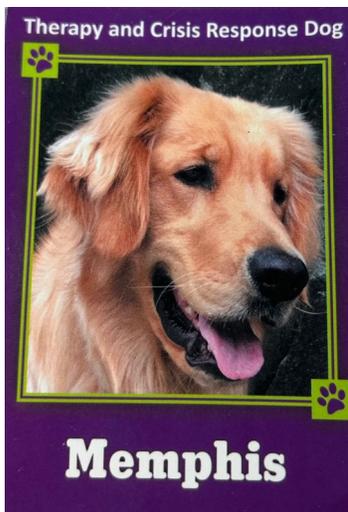
The Marihuana Regulation & Taxation Act was signed into law on Mar. 31, 2021, legalizing adult-use cannabis (also known as marijuana, or recreational marijuana) in New York State. New York State Law (Chapter 7A Article 6 Section 127(6)) states, "A person currently under parole, probation or other state supervision, or released on recognizance, non-monetary conditions, or bail prior to being convicted, shall not be punished or otherwise penalized for conduct allowed under this chapter unless the terms and conditions of said parole, probation, or state supervision explicitly prohibit a person's cannabis use or any other conduct otherwise allowed under this chapter. **A person's use of cannabis or conduct under this chapter shall not be prohibited unless it has been shown by clear and convincing evidence that the prohibition is reasonably related to the underlying crime. Nothing in this provision shall restrict the rights of a certified medical patient.**"

It is recommended that Departments utilize incentives and graduated responses as outlined in DCJS Regulations 9 NYCRR §352.4 and 352.6, in response to individuals on probation who are found to be in non-compliance and unsuccessfully discharged from substance abuse treatment, even if this treatment is focused only on addressing an individual's marijuana use. §352.10 indicates that where a criminal court probationer ceases to participate in or is unsuccessfully terminated from an alcohol or substance abuse treatment program ordered as a condition of probation, the probation officer shall investigate reason(s) for non-compliance and immediately notify the local probation director or their designee. Each director shall, within ninety (90) business days, report the cessation or termination to the court, unless the probationer has resumed participation in an alcohol or substance abuse program with the approval of the director.

Professional Wellness and Peer Support Program Updates

County to County Peer Support Program Collaboration

Rensselaer County Probation was one of the first counties to implement a Peer Support Team (PST) and Officer Wellness program. Presently, their team consists of six staff members—PST Coordinator Christine Miner, Supervisor Phil Gordon, Senior Probation Officer Jackie Meeks, Probation Officers Kate Rose, Mike Ryan, Robert Buckley and Therapy Response Dog Memphis. In an effort to expand their program, Rensselaer County Probation is in the process of adding a Rensselaer County Mental Health professional to their team. Additionally, Rensselaer County has worked in partnership with Schenectady County Probation as they move forward with implementing a Peer Support Team program of their own.



Schenectady County Probation as they move forward with implementing a Peer Support Team program of their own. This type of collaboration is a true example of peer support. OPCA welcomes recently trained Peer Support Team Specialists Schenectady County Probation Supervisor Elizabeth Greathouse and Probation Officer Carrie Schnoop. If you are interested in implementing a Peer Support Team program, please contact Danielle Brendese at Danielle.Brendese@dcjs.ny.gov.

Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and Office of Mental Health Professional Wellness Collaboration

OPCA and the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) are committed to supporting criminal justice and community corrections professionals carry out the important work they accomplish each and every day. Physical, emotional, and mental wellness are interconnected with an individual's total sense of well-being. SAMHSA's Wellness Initiative supports embracing the Eight Dimensions of Wellness – emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social and spiritual for individuals to achieve longevity and an improved quality of life. On Feb. 7, OPCA and OMH collaborated on a very well received webinar which covered the first four of SAMHSA's Dimensions of Wellness.

Part 2 of this Lunch and Learn Series will take place on **Mar. 7** and will provide attendees with an overview of the remaining four (4) of SAMHSA's dimensions (Financial/Occupational/Intellectual/Social). Participants will be provided a summary of each featured dimension and will be given SAMHSA's Creating A Healthier Life--A Step-By-Step Guide to Wellness that assists them in building a personal plan that supports their individual needs with the goal of improving their quality of life. Presenters will be Carrie Ann V. Wong, LMSW and Rana Meehan, LMHC, MPA from the New York State Office of Mental Health. [Pre-registration](#) is required. For any questions, please contact Danielle.Brendese@dcjs.ny.gov.

Mar. 30 Webinar: Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program Overview

OPCA in collaboration with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), is pleased to announce a training webinar for probation professionals regarding the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program which be offered on **Mar. 30, 2023, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.** This presentation is intended to familiarize probation professionals and other IID Monitors with the DRE program and promote familiarity with language and terms when conducting pre-sentence investigations, supervising individuals in the community, and performing other probation services. All probation staff and IID monitors are encouraged to attend this important training. Please note that this webinar will be recorded and posted in the Integrated Justice Portal for the reference of probation professionals who are not able to attend.

For any questions, please contact Michele.Melendez@dcjs.ny.gov or Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov.

Mar. 24: Probation Department Warrant Policy Guidance Webex

As you are aware, DCJS Regulations 9 NYCRR §352.8 requires each probation department to establish written policy regarding the issuance and management of notices to appear and warrants for the arrest of individuals on probation supervision. To assist Probation Directors and Probation Supervisors in further revising/updating their Warrant Policies in preparation for again submitting them with this year's Annual Probation Plan, OPCA has scheduled a Webex where the aforementioned statutory and regulatory requirements, and best practices will be reviewed and discussed. The Webex presentation will be offered **Friday, Mar. 24, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.**

Please note this is not a general staff training, but rather is intended for Probation Directors and their select designees who will be directly involved in the revision of their department's Warrant Policy.

For any questions, please contact Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov.

Training Unit Updates

The OPCA Training Unit hosted its first quarterly Training Committee meeting of 2023 on Feb. 14, which was attended by probation professionals in New York State. Unit staff provided training updates on the next Fundamentals of Probation Practice (FPP) Academy, the Basic Course for Peace Officers (BCPO), New York Probation Academy Directors and anticipated revisions to Part 346-Staff Development Rule. Updates were also provided by each of the local academies on the status of their own FPP and BCPO academies. Each Unit within OPCA delivered important training related information specific to their areas of responsibility. A recording of the meeting will be made available [here](#). The next meeting will be on May 9, 2023.



Congratulations to all of the graduates of the 2023 Instructor Development Course!

Probationer Employment Report and Liaisons

The probation employment report provides a snapshot to reflect the number of individuals on probation supervision employed as a percent of those determined by probation to be employable. Per this report, of the 38,479 individuals on probation supervision identified as employable on 12/31/2021, 71%, or 27,252, were reported as having employment.

Importantly, Probation Employment and Vocational/Education Liaison Officers work in each of the county probation departments and serve as the single point of contact for local employers as well as vocational training and educational services located within their communities. These liaisons may offer support, guidance, and expedited assistance to individuals on supervision regarding employment, vocational and/or educational matters.

NY's IID Program: Monitor Responsibilities

On Jan. 26, over 290 probation professionals CD Monitors attended a training titled New York's IID Program: Monitor Responsibilities hosted by OPCA. With the passage of Chapter 496 of the Laws of 2009—the Child Passenger Protection Act also known as “Leandra’s Law” and subsequent enhancements, as well as the implementation of DCJS Regulation 9 NYCRR §358 “Handling of Ignition Interlock Cases Involving Certain Criminal Offenders,” New York’s IID Program has become a national leader. The mandatory installation of the ignition interlock device in any vehicle owned or operated by an individual convicted of a DWI crime or arrested and ordered to install an IID in advance of sentence, combined with the requirement for court ordered supervision or monitoring sets the New York State law apart from all others. During this presentation, participants were provided with an overview of the New York’s Ignition Interlock program, including a history of Leandra’s Law, regulatory requirements, monitor responsibilities, and funding agreement requirements. Lessons Learned through OPCA’s Quality Assurance efforts, along with IID Non-Installer Enforcement initiatives conducted in the past, were also reviewed. Please note the presentation has been posted in the IJP for IID monitors to review and access for future reference. Also, as an addendum, please note a method to obtain Out-Of-State registration and title information utilizing the integrated justice portal, if the state is not responsive through the traditional method, can be accessed through the following:

NOTIFICATION>BROADCAST>ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE In the Attention line include SPECIAL SEARCH UNIT> Select, CERTIFIED DRIVING RECORD REQUEST FOR O/S DMV (File2) as the message template- and use the agency ORI Number (example: PALIC000) as the out-of-state recipient.

Thank you for your continued efforts to address impaired driving in New York State. For any questions, please contact Michele.Melendez@dcjs.ny.gov and Leonard.Price@dcjs.ny.gov.

OPCA Graduates 13 Professionals as Workforce Development Specialists

The 180-hour virtual 2022-2023 Workforce Development Specialist (WDS) Training class training concluded on Feb. 3 with a virtual graduation ceremony. DCJS graduated 13 professionals from probation departments, Employment-Focused Services programs, and County Re-entry Task Forces across the state. Nicole Sirianni-Lucey is the valedictorian of this class with a 94 overall average and is currently a Probation Officer with the Franklin County Probation Department. Charleen Effinger is the salutatorian of this class with a 91 overall average and is currently a Senior Probation Officer with the Putnam County Probation Department. Both Nicole and Charleen are the first WDS in their respective departments.

All 13 certified WDS will now be able to facilitate the **Ready, Set, Work!** curriculum. **Ready Set, Work!** is a 20-hour employment readiness intervention designed to equip individuals who have criminal records with the necessary skills and tools to obtain and retain quality employment. Emphasis is also placed on career planning and advancement, to encourage longevity in legitimate employment.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

Impact of Cognitive Behavioral Interventions Among Those Incarcerated

Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (CBI) services have demonstrated the ability to improve an individual's understanding of the ways in which thoughts influence behaviors and, ultimately, provide the individual with the skills needed to change thinking and behavior. On January 1, 2019, 15 Jail-Based Cognitive Behavioral Intervention programs funded by DCJS began operations in county jails and will continue to do so after being awarded new funding for 2023. The Jail-Based CBI programs operate in Albany, Broome, Cayuga, Dutchess, Livingston, Monroe, Nassau, New York, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Rensselaer, Rockland, Steuben, Suffolk and Westchester Counties. In the 2022 calendar year, the above-named correctional facilities achieved a combined total of 876 Intake/Assessments, 796 CBI Enrollments, 504 CBI Completions. Thus 91% of incarcerated individuals assessed were enrolled and began a CBI and 63% of incarcerated individuals who were enrolled in a CBI successfully completed the program.

OPCA Lunch and Learn Series

The Vocation/Education, Employment and Reentry unit is partnering with the Alternative to Incarceration unit to deliver five one-hour Lunch and Learn webinars in the months of February - June 2023 covering topics that enrich our skills in the community corrections and probation field. Staff may register [here](#).

Previous Lunch and Learn Webinars can be found on the [DCJS Website](#).

NYSDOL and DCJS Continue Partnership-Creating Opportunities for Justice Involved Individuals

DCJS partnered with the Department of Labor (DOL) to offer a webinar series entitled Creating Opportunities for Justice Involved Individuals. These agencies have a history of partnership, including the collaborative effort to bring the Workforce Development Specialist training to professionals in the community corrections field since 2008. In Part 1 of this series, NYSDOL workforce partners and OPCA program managers shared information on agency operations and workforce development initiatives. Part 2 was intended to inform DCJS funded programs and probation departments about the many workforce development programs and initiatives offered by the DOL. In addition, Probation Departments and ATI/EFS and CRTF programs were able to connect with DOL partners in their regions to discuss service needs, target populations and develop a referral system so that justice involved individuals can benefit from the variety of workforce development initiatives offered by DOL.

NYS DOL and DCJS have joined together once again to **coordinate a third virtual session**, where staff and partners will be able to connect and collaborate to maximize the employment outcomes of the justice involved population. This webinar is being held on Thursday, Mar. 2 and you can register utilizing one of the below links.

Please register for this training via Zoom using the following links:

Session 1: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Flru_93RQvGz4lpv_9r07Q

Capital Region, Long Island, Mid-Hudson, New York City, North Country

Session 2: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PvsGn0xbTV-siwXdYsROwQ

Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, Southern Tier, Western New York

Dutchess County Probation and the Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Children's Action Corps – Probation System Review Initiative

OPCA would like to acknowledge and thank Dutchess County Probation and the Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Children's Action Corps for their successful collaboration in a probation system review and reform initiative that took place from 2019 to 2022. Through their combined commitment to probation excellence, Dutchess County has made great reform efforts that better align with RFK's [Probation System Review Guidebook](#), resulting in improved practices, protocols, and policies to support youth outcomes.

In Feb. of 2023, the RFK Children's Action Corps released their published resources that resulted from this collaboration with Dutchess County, NY, and multiple other jurisdictions around the country. This was titled [Keys to Youth Justice Improvement: Demonstration of Practical, Sustainable, Measurable, and Replicable Solutions](#).

Please take a moment to read about Dutchess County Probation's amazing work and join OPCA in uplifting this great accomplishment.

NYSPOA—July 26-28 in Syracuse

The NYS Probation Officers Association (NYSPOA) Annual Conference will be held in Syracuse, New York July 26-28. The Annual Conference continues to be the premiere training opportunity for probation officers in New York State. OPCA is once again providing scholarships to probation officers, and OPCA will be facilitating again workshops this year.

NYS IID Twelfth Annual Conference – Aug. 8 in Albany

OPCA will be convening the Twelfth Annual Ignition Interlock Program Conference on August 8 in Albany—Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany. Please note that seating is limited and persons who have not pre-registered will not be allowed entry into the conference. Attendees must cover their own costs for travel and/or overnight accommodations. Additional event information and registration will be shared soon.

NYS DCJS 2023 Public Safety Symposium Sept 27-29 in Albany

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) will be bringing together criminal justice professionals from around New York State and beyond for the 2023 Public Safety Symposium. This Symposium will be held in Albany, NY from September 26 – 28, 2023 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. The goal of the symposium is to bring together executives, police command staff, prosecutors, community supervision, crime analysts, researchers, community members and criminal justice practitioners from around the state and country. Over the course of three days, the attendees will share innovative ideas, evidence-based violence reduction practices, as well as updates on police reform and reinvention collaborations.

Research

The Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment (JSAT) published a study in September 2020 titled, Juvenile probation officers' perceptions on youth substance use varies from task-shifting to family-based contingency management. Read more here.

Office of Mental Health Resources

The Office of Mental Health has several resources related to community trauma, grief, and mental health.

Hotlines

If your life or someone else's is in imminent danger, please call 911

[988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#): **988**

988 offers 24/7 access to trained counselors who can help people experiencing emotional distress. If you or someone you know needs crisis support, dial 988 at any time.

[Crisis Text Line](#): **Text GOT5 to 741741.**

An anonymous texting service available 24/7. Starting a conversation is easy.

[SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline](#):: **1-800-985-5990**

Provides 24/7 crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters.

Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-SAFE(7233)

Advocates are available 24/7 to talk to anyone who is experiencing domestic violence, looking for information or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship.

*Addressing Grief***Coping with Grief Reminders**

Reminders for people processing grief.

Helping Others Grieve

Supporting others through grief and trauma.

The Mental Health Effects of Racism

Highlighting the impact that racism has on individuals.

Trauma: What Parents Should Know

Signs and symptoms of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and what parents need to know.

Supporting Your Child in the Face of Trauma

Ways to help your child build resilience if they have experienced trauma.

Racism: Emotionally Supporting Your Child or Teen

Choosing to talk about race with your children is taking action. This resource offers guidance to consider, no matter where you are in your journey.

*Mental Health Resources***National Child Traumatic Stress Network****COVID-19 Resources****Information For Individuals and Families****Information For Healthcare Professionals****Governor Kathy Hochul Announces Significant Progress in State's Fight Against Gun Violence**

On Feb. 28, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York City and communities participating in the state's Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative reported the fewest shooting incidents with injury last month since the first half of 2020. The 20 police departments participating in GIVE reported 50 shooting incidents with injury in January 2023, the fewest since March 2020, while New York City reported 73 incidents, the fewest since May 2020. Read more [here](#).

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