



Welcome to eFocus, an electronic newsletter produced by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services' Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA). OPCA publishes this newsletter to further its goal of promoting public safety through probation services and other community corrections programs. We welcome your suggestions.

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**1. “Roadside Stop” Initiative is Producing Impressive Results**

~ The Roadside Stop Initiative—Probation Inquiry was implemented on May 15, 2013 and, through July 15, 2013, has produced 94,149 “probation hits” or an average of 1,046 “probation hits” each day. An average of 120,000 inquires into the Probation, Parole, and Warrants System are made by law enforcement each day. The Roadside Stop Initiative is a collaborative effort of the New York State Police and DCJS. Notably, 98% of the hits (91,914) recorded are returning one and only one suspect, validating the accuracy and reliability of the return. This initiative enhances offender accountability and those under probation supervision and provides valuable and timely information to the probation officers who supervise them. Probation Departments are reminded of the importance of maintaining accurate ORI contact information to facilitate communication between police agencies and probation departments regarding these hits. OPCA is interested in learning from probation departments if this initiative has led to an incident or incidents of increased accountability for specific probationers. Please email Colleen Thorn at [colleen.thorn@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:colleen.thorn@dcjs.ny.gov).

**2 OPCA Graduates Sixth NIC OWDS Class**

~ On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, in collaboration with the New York State Department of Labor and County Probation Departments, celebrated the completion of the sixth annual training of the Offender Workforce Development Specialists (OWDS) from its In-State Partnership with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). This year’s class included staff from County Probation Departments, Alternative to Incarceration Programs, 200% of Poverty Programs, County Re-entry Taskforces and the Department of Labor. With the addition of the 24 professionals who successfully completed the 180- hour

training, there are now 138 who have been OWDS trained through the DCJS-OPCA partnership with NIC. Along with the two OPCA sponsored teams that attended NIC's national training, 155 OWD Specialists have now completed the program. Karen Coleman, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, NYS DOL and Robert Maccarone, Deputy Commissioner and Director of DCJS OPCA addressed the graduates. For more information on the next OWDS training beginning September 30, contact Cynthia Blair at [Cynthia.Blair@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Blair@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-5145.

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**3. 2013 Sarah Tullar Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian Awards Presented to Dr. Anne Elliott and Probation Director Robert Burns**

~ In June, two leaders in their respective fields were presented with the 2013 Sarah Tullar Fasoldt Leadership and Humanitarian ATI Award by Deputy Commissioner and Director Robert M. Maccarone. Sarah Tullar-Fasoldt served as the former State Director of the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, and worked to strengthen and improve the field of community corrections. Dr. Anne Elliott, the Executive Director of Greenhope Services for Women, Inc., New York City, was recognized this year. Greenhope's mission is to empower women involved in substance abuse and the criminal justice system to reclaim their lives, reunite with their families, and rebuild their communities. Dr. Elliott received the award before an audience of Greenhope staff and clients at the new Kendake House, a green facility located in East Harlem. Chief Probation Officer Robert J. Burns, of the Monroe County Office of Probation and Community Corrections also received the Leadership and Humanitarian Award for exemplary leadership to a large, complex agency which includes a staff of 190 probation professionals and support staff working out of multiple office locations. As a member of the New York State Probation Commission, he provides expert advice and consultation to the State Director of Probation. He is widely respected as a probation expert with a strong history of providing guidance and mentorship to his fellow Probation Directors. Sarah Tullar-Fasoldt was Robert's Supervising Probation Officer at the Monroe County Department. Please join us in extending our congratulations to Dr. Anne Elliott and Chief Probation Officer Robert Burns!

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**4. OPCA Trainings**

~ The New York State Probation Officer's Association Annual Conference will be held Aug 7 - 9, 2013 at the Albany Hilton Hotel at 40 Lodge Street in Albany. For more information and a conference brochure, please visit [www.nyspoa.com](http://www.nyspoa.com)

~ The NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives is pleased to announce three regional training sessions during August 2013 on the "Stable- 2007 & Acute- 2007" Dynamic Risk Assessment Instruments. The training announcement is posted to the IJ Portal. Click on the Resources tab, select Reference Library and then click on the Probation link. Once there, click Training in the left menu and then click, "2013 Stable and Acute Training Announcement" The Albany and Monroe County classes are filling up but there is plenty of room for the Clinton County location!! For more information, please contact Patty Clements at [Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-0905.

~ The NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives has also scheduled two Cyber Crime Training sessions specifically designed for professionals charged with responsibility for the community supervision of sex offenders. These sessions will occur in September 2013. The training announcement is posted to the IJ Portal. Click on the Resources tab, select Reference Library and then click on the Probation link. Once there, click Training in the left menu and then click, "2013 Cyber Crime Investigations Training Announcement" For more information, please contact Patty Clements at [Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov) or (518) 485-0905.

- ~ OPCA's Nicole Aldi and Colleen Thorn attended the University of Cincinnati's Women's Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA) Train the Trainer training in NYC the week of June 24-28, 2013. As a result of this training, New York State Probation Departments will be given more information regarding reducing women's recidivism rates in the coming months. The purpose of this training was for field personnel to be trained in providing information and instruction to line personnel in their agencies on the use of the WRNA. The focus of the WRNA is on Gender-Responsivity and Trauma and how these issues correlate with the risk that women pose while both in the community and while incarcerated. The WRNA provides insight on how the pathways of women into the criminal justice system differ from those of men.
- ~ On Thursday June 27 a Live Meeting was held to kick off the discussion of DWI Supervision in New York State. The topic of this meeting was DWI Risk and Need Assessments presented by Dr. Sharon Lansing of OJRP, Lori Haggerty of Albany County Probation and Maureen McKeown of OPCA. 115 people attended the meeting and a recording can be found on the Integrated Justice Portal by clicking on the Resources tab, select Reference Library and then click on the Probation link. In the following weeks focus groups will be convened to discuss more aspects of DWI Supervision and OPCA looks forward to partnering with the probation offices in this effort. Any questions about this training can be directed to Maureen McKeown at [Maureen.McKeown@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Maureen.McKeown@dcjs.ny.gov) or at (518) 485-9941.
- ~ Deputy Commissioner and Director, Robert Maccarone was the keynote speaker in the concluding events of Men's Health Week sponsored by Palladia. This year's theme was "Family Issue-Awareness, Prevention, Education and Family". For more information on Palladia or on this event, please visit their website at <http://www.palladiainc.org/Public/>



Richard McGuire and Marcus Daugherty with Deputy Commissioner Robert Maccarone, the keynote speaker at the Starhill Men's Health Week event, on June 14th 2013

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## 5. Recent State Director's Memoranda

SDM 2013-11 – Probationer Gun Related Offenses - Managing the Violent Offender  
*All State Director's Memoranda can be viewed by logging into the eJustice IJ Portal, navigating to Resources, then Reference Library, Probation and finally to Directors Memoranda.*

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## 6. Awards, Events, Additional Trainings, and News

- ~ Research has shown that the restoration of the right to vote can contribute in a positive way to an offender's reintegration into society as a productive, engaged citizen. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the guidance provided on the Integrated Justice Portal by clicking on the "Resources" tab, select "Reference Library" and then click on the "Probation" link. Once there select "Training" and scroll down to and click on the link called *DPCA Announces Release of Voting Rights Training CD*. The link will open up a document called *Voting Rights for People in New York with Criminal Records* prepared by the Legal Action Center in 2008. This document may be disseminated to probationers for their information and/or serve as a training document for departmental in-service.
- ~ The American Probation and Parole Association's (APPA) 38th Annual Training Institute will be in Baltimore, Md. from Sunday, July 28 through Wednesday, July 31, 2013. Register now by clicking [here](#).
- ~ As part of the Annual Plan process, probation departments are required to provide information to OPCA regarding compliance with 9 NYCRR Part 346, which covers training, provided to both new staff and the 21 hours required annually for management and line staff.

For 2012, 49 of 58 probation departments reported achieving 100% compliance with Part 346. This is a compliance rate of 84% for 2012, an increase from 79% compliance for 2011. Probation departments with 100% compliance received training achievements certificates in the mail during June/July. OPCA congratulates these counties!

~ Family Court judges and other decision makers must weigh whether arrested youths are likely to reoffend or fail to appear if allowed to go home prior to their court date. To help guide these decisions, staff from Vera's Center on Youth Justice partnered with juvenile justice stakeholders in New York City to create and implement a research-based detention risk-assessment instrument (RAI) for use alongside a continuum of community-based alternatives to detention. This report describes that process and early results from the RAI's implementation. For more information visit the website at <http://www.vera.org/pubs/juvenile-detention-reform-new-york-city-measuring-risk-through-research-0>

~ July 21-27, 2013 marks Pre-Trial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week. The theme this year is "Changing Lives, Building Futures". This is a chance to express appreciation for all those who work in Community Supervision. For more information visit the APPA website at [http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/Resources/PPPSW\\_2013/](http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/Resources/PPPSW_2013/)

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**7. Best Practices Tip:** Part 351 of Title 9 NYCRR, the Probation Supervision Rule, effective June 1, 2013 requires that probationers be assigned a probation officer within three business days of official notification and have their initial interview appointment within eight business days of assignment. However, it is important for Probation Officers to consider the offense and risk level of the individual, as well as the recommendation to the court included in the presentence investigation report in managing the violent offender. Please see State Directors Memorandum #2013-11 entitled "Probationer Gun-Related Offenses-Managing the Violent Offender" for helpful guidance in probation practice at the pretrial, investigation, supervision and violation stages.

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**8. Quick Fact:** NYCOMPAS Case reviews/reclassification assessments completed more than doubled since 2011, increasing from 7,683 in the first quarter to 16,132 in the second quarter of 2013.

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