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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. **Justice Mental Health Collaboration Grant Program Commences in Westchester County**

On Dec. 3 and 4, the NYS DCJS Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) began its implementation in Westchester County. The DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives received a federal grant for \$250,000 through the US Department of Justice--Bureau of Justice Assistance which will be used to implement the JMHCP in up to 10 Operation IMPACT jurisdictions in New York. The goal of the grant is to reduce crime and achieve more successful outcomes for individuals with mental illness engaged in the criminal justice system. Monroe, Nassau, Rensselaer and Schenectady are also part of Phase One of the JMHCP. The program implements the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), developed by Policy Research Associates (PRA), which also serves as the primary consultant to the JMHCP. The SIM will engage criminal justice and mental health professionals in each of the county pilot sites to identify opportunities in the criminal justice process, from arrest through disposition and re-entry, to screen, evaluate and engage individuals with mental illness in treatment and more effective supervision and case management. The NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) is partnering with DCJS in implementing the JMHCP, and announced that it will provide \$100,000 in state funding to county mental health departments in the five pilot sites to work on screening, assessment, treatment and pre-release planning for individuals detained and sentenced in local jails. Nearly 50 county leaders and staff were present for this event organized by the Westchester Departments of Probation and Community Mental Health.

The primary components of the JMHCP will include sequential intercept mapping; critical incident training in the Emotionally Disturbed Persons Response Teams curriculum for police, probation and first responders; technical assistance in implementing the Community Care Coordination Program; training in probation/mental health supervision and case management; peer advocacy support and the use of specialized screening and assessment tools at the pretrial services, probation and jail intake stages of the criminal justice system.

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## **2. DP30/30A Workload and Sex Offender Registry Address Confirmation Reports**

AutoMon, Inc. has deployed updates to the DP30/30A workload reports which have resolved the financial reporting issue for counties that allocate their funds at times other than at the time of payment. Additionally, AutoMon has deployed a fix to the Sex Offender Registry Probationer Home Address Confirmation report which will now properly capture those sex offenders who had open supervision cases during the period for which the report was run. Please ensure that all workload reports are uploaded, sequentially, to the DCJS Integrated Justice Portal. Instructions describing the upload process for CE and non-CE counties were issued to each department.

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## **3. Juvenile Justice Translational Research on Interventions for Adolescents in the Legal System (JJ Trials)**

The National Institutes of Health - National Institute of Drug Abuse has selected Columbia, Emory, Mississippi State, Temple, and Texas Christian Universities to implement the JJ Trials Research Program to better assess how juveniles access treatment for mental health services and provide insight into the current state of HIV and substance abuse/mental health delivery systems. Chestnut Health Systems will serve as the coordinating center. This \$5 million, multi-year program will be implemented through cooperative agreements with the five national university sites. Each university has selected a juvenile justice partner; in New York State, Dr. Gail Wasserman of the Columbia University Center for Juvenile Justice and Mental Health selected the DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives as the juvenile justice partner for research. Four NYS county probation partners have been chosen to participate in this project based on an analysis of DP30 Reports and juvenile justice -- YASI data. They are Nassau, Niagara, Onondaga and Schenectady counties. The overall goals of the project will lead to improving delivery of evidence based practices addressing prevention and treatment services (Study Protocols) and advancing implementation science (methods and publications)

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## **4. OPCA Trainings**

OPCA will be presenting several webinars in December, including sessions on COMPAS and Why Gender Matters on Thurs. Dec. 19.

The final week of Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training (OWDS) will be held Jan. 13-17, 2014 at the Department of Labor in Albany. For more information, contact Cynthia Blair at (518) 485-5145 or [Cynthia.Blair@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Blair@dcjs.ny.gov)

OPCA is pleased to announce that the **2014 Probation Executive Leadership Training Program** has been scheduled for Feb. 5-6, 2014. This is required training for new probation directors and is designed to provide comprehensive information on various topics important to new directors. For more information, contact Patricia Donohue at (518) 485-5168 or [Patricia.Donohue@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Patricia.Donohue@dcjs.ny.gov)

The 2014 OSST/Peace Officer/Fundamentals of Probation Practice Training will commence on Mar. 3, 2014. OSST/Peace Officer Training runs Mar. 3-7; FPP runs Mar. 17-21 and

Mar. 24-28. This state-of-the-art training, required for new probation officers, provides an overview of procedures and legal requirements involved in the work of probation with a focus on offender accountability and recidivism reduction. For more information contact Patty Clements at (518) 485-0905 or [Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov](mailto:Patricia.Clements@dcjs.ny.gov)

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## 5. Recent 2013 State Director's Memoranda

No new State Director's Memoranda have been issued this month.

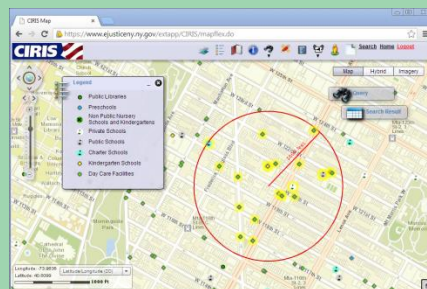
*All State Director's Memoranda are posted to the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal (IJ Portal). To access them, log on to the IJ Portal, click on Resources, Reference Library, Probation and finally, Director's Memoranda.*

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

We are pleased to announce that Yvonne Behan, manager of the ATI and Re-entry units at OPCA, was recently awarded the NYS DCJS Commissioner's Award for Public Service. This award recognizes individuals who have made prominent contributions in support of what DCJS does to enhance the services provided to the criminal justice community. Congratulations Yvonne - well deserved!

Enhancements have been made to CIRIS (Critical Infrastructure Response Information System), the integrated web mapping application that has been available via the New York State Integrated Justice Portal (IJ Portal) since 2009. CIRIS provides on-demand statewide mapping capability and contains easy to access tools for searching, geographic analysis and evaluation. CIRIS is currently used by the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS, county probation departments and social services departments to identify and manage the location of sex offenders, particularly in relation to educational and child-care facilities. Authorized IJ Portal users are able to access CIRIS via the portal web site **Resources >> Mapping** pull-down menu. Requests for CIRIS access are coordinated through agency Terminal Access Coordinators (TAC). More than 2,000 IJ Portal users, predominantly in county and municipal law enforcement, have been authorized for that access. Training for CIRIS will be offered in the Albany area in early 2014. Please contact the CIRIS program team at (518) 242-5029 or [CIRIS.Support@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:CIRIS.Support@dhses.ny.gov) if you have interest in attending a training class or have any questions regarding the CIRIS application.



The American Probation and Parole Association has selected the New York City Department of Probation Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON) for its Excellence in Community Corrections Award! This award is especially meaningful because it comes from peers and fellow community corrections officers. It has been a momentous few months for the DOP and the NeON initiative—they have [opened](#) a new location in Bedford-Stuyvesant; participated in an [inspiring City Council hearing](#) (click "Video" to watch the testimony) on the initiative that featured testimony from 18 supporters; both the [Center for an Urban Future](#) and [United Neighborhood Houses](#) recommended that the next administration build on the NeON model; and last night Commissioner Schiraldi, Stanley Richards from The Fortune

Society, and Benjamin, and East New York NeON client, appeared on NY1's "Road to City Hall" to talk about NeON. Congratulations to all involved, excellent work.

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7. **Practice Tip:** Tailoring supervision to mental illness severity AND recidivism risk will produce better outcomes when working with the mentally ill offender. Jennifer L. Skeem, Ph.D. (*January, 2013-Phoenix, AZ-APPA Winter Institute*)

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8. **Quick Fact:** "Trauma-informed criminal justice responses can help to avoid re-traumatizing individuals and thereby increase safety for all, decrease recidivism and promote and support recovery of justice-involved women and men with serious mental illness. Partnerships across systems can also help to link individuals to trauma-informed services and treatment." - *Trauma Training* [http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/trauma/trauma\\_training.asp](http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/trauma/trauma_training.asp)

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